



SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.

Jackson Parish Community Center
Jonesboro, La

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The January 2023 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Mr. Nick Cox at 2:06 PM at the Jackson Parish Community Center in Jonesboro, LA, in Jackson Parish. Members present and not present can be found on the attendance list. It was determined that there was a quorum. (Sign-in sheets are available upon request)).

The **Invocation** was given by Mr. Keith Jeselink. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mr. Rick Buckner.

Welcome and Comments: Mr. Cox, welcomed special guests including legislative representatives, agency, and other elected officials. Guest sign in sheets are available upon request.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Mike Carpenter and seconded by Mr. Rick Buckner that the January 11, 2023 meeting agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Jimmy Hand and seconded by Mrs. Regina Rowe that the October 12, 2022 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Mr. Jeselink, presented the treasurer's report. The current bank balance being \$87,984.63 as of 12.31.22. Detailed financial statement was submitted for review to the commissioners and the floor was opened for questions and discussion. Mrs. Lindsay Gouedy spoke on donation letters to be issued by the end of January. Mr. Jeselink spoke on 2022 donations that had not been received. It was moved by Mr. Ben Bridges and seconded by Mr. Milton Melton to approve the treasurers report. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports:

Sparta Foundation – Executive Director, Jimmy Hand, discussed the Legends Festival that was held in Homer, LA on October 22, 2022. He explained that people were very receptive to the Sparta Foundation and its cause. He also discussed the Lion's club visit made by Lindsay Gouedy. He also stated the public was very appreciative of the current groundwater model that is being generated. The current Sparta Foundation bank balance is \$8,811.68 as of 10.6.22.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director, Lindsay Gouedy, provided her quarterly update. Mrs. Gouedy spoke upon the donation letters, and the fact she represented at the Water Resource commission meeting in November of 2022. Senate Bill 153 was discussed. She also discussed the Burns and McDonnell update, in which the model was to be expected to be built within the next quarter. Mrs. Gouedy discussed the EDA reimbursement submissions and the attempt to get them consistently reimbursed.

Susan Robbins-Spoke on Act 98 regarding water systems in the state. There is a new grading system, and preliminary grades are to be published this month. In June, the final grade will be posted at the LDH website. She

also discussed an EPA Grant that's available for private water well owners for help upgrading their system, training for maintenance, etc.

Tommy Clark of SW energy, a natural gas provider, discussed their work in the Haynesville Shale, LSU Studies, and their pledge to reduce Green House Gas Emissions by 50% by 2035.

Motion: Approval on CPA to complete the 2022 Report for Legislative Auditor was moved by Ben Bridges and seconded by Regina Rowe.

Motion: Approval on LRWA and ORVA membership was motioned by Rick Buckner and seconded by Mike Carpenter.

2023 Goals were discussed, and a motion for approval of committee appointments and bank signers was put forth by Regina Rowe, and seconded by Jimmy Hand.

Public Comment was extended to all in attendance.

-Ben McGee discussed preliminary water usage numbers for the Sparta Aquifer that are being compiled, and by the end of the month the numbers should be available from the USGS. Rolland Tollett discussed aquifer stratigraphy and location of the Sparta outcropping.

Commissioner comments were offered to all commissioners in attendance.

Next meeting April 12, 2023 in Union Parish, Louisiana

Meeting Adjourned just after 4:00 PM.

Nick Cox, President .

Regina Rowe, Secretary