



SPARTA GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ West Monroe Convention Center

MINUTES/ MEETING NOTES

CALL TO ORDER: The April 2024 meeting of the Sparta Groundwater Conservation District Commission was called to order by Nick Cox at 2:04 PM, April 24, 2024, at the West Monroe Convention Center in West Monroe, LA, in Ouachita Parish. Members present and not present can be found on the attendance list. It was determined there was a quorum. (Sign in sheets available upon request).

The Invocation and pledge of allegiance was given by Mr. Keith Jeselink.

Welcome and Comments: Mr. Cox welcomes special guests. Guest sign-in sheets are available upon request.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sam Little and seconded by Milton Melton that the April 24, 2024 meeting agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Reggie Skains and seconded by Mr. Mike Carpenter that the October 11, 2023 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Keith Jeselink presented the treasurer's report. The current bank balance is \$93,945.16 as of April-23-2024. Detailed financial statement was submitted for review to the commissioners and the floor was opened for questions and discussions. It was motioned by Mr. Reggie Skains and seconded by Mr. Milton Melton to approve the treasurer's report.

Commissioner's Report:

Sparta Foundation-Jimmy Hand reported on the status of the Sparta Foundation. Mr. Hand reported there had been few expenditures, and he also discussed the Sparta Water Fest on May 13-15 at Corney Lake in correlation with the local 4H club. As of April 23, 2024, the Sparta Foundation has a balance of \$9,726.45. A motion to purchase t-shirts for the Sparta Water Fest was motioned by Mr. Reggie Skains and seconded by Jack Clampit.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director, Lindsay Gouedy, provided her quarterly update. Mrs. Gouedy discussed the EDA project: she has filed an extension due to the delay of data from the USGS. The extension runs through June. Burns and McDonnell will attend the next meeting in Arcadia. What's next? A funding proposal is needed, a surface water component needs to be developed, and economic growth development and water quality metrics to be added. The plan is to replenish the data with new data as time passes. The commission will own proprietary rights to the model. Mrs. Gouedy also discussed the recent legislature updates from Baton Rouge, which included HB 516, SB 432, and HB 810. There is one more funding installment to receive from the EDA.

Public Comment was extended to all in attendance.

Commissioner comments were offered to all commissioners in attendance.

Next meeting is to be held in Arcadia, LA.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 3:10 pm.

Nick Cox