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Minutes

A Regular Session Meeting was held on September 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., at the office of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District, located at 507 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana. At this time, the watershed entered into their quarterly meeting.

Chad Reeder was the only member not in attendance.

Jay Blanchard opened the meeting in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by David Nokes.

Upon a motion by Jay Blanchard, duly seconded by Marcus McClung, the agenda was approved as presented.

Upon a motion by Wesley Emerson, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the minutes for the June 27, 2024, meeting were approved.

The financial report was presented by David Nokes. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the financial report was approved as presented.

All board members were reminded of the required Sexual Harassment Training to be completed by December 31, 2024. The police jury will be hosting a training course that the members can attend, if interested.

All board members were reminded of the required Ethics Training to be completed by December 31, 2024.

The board discussed the proposal of passing a resolution regarding guidelines of lights placed in the lake by property owners and/or the public. David Nokes will contact attorneys, Daniel Bays and Jim Colvin, to prepare a resolution stating that all lights must be shaded and directed towards the water. They cannot be shined down the boat roads or towards any residential property. The resolution will also reference the distance between the lights and the docks and the height of the lights. Jay Blanchard made a motion to accept the proposal to have the attorneys prepare a draft of the resolution, duly seconded by Graham Cowie.

The board discussed the proposal of a letter and/or resolution regarding the removal of the containment boom if and when a property owner receives a permit to built on the property that the containment boom sits on or is attached to. Mr. Bill Rainach, as a property owner, expressed his concerns regarding the booms that were put out last year. He would like something in writing stating that the boom(s)

would be removed if the property is developed. Marcus McClung made a motion to accept the proposal of preparing a letter and/or resolution regarding the removal of the containment boom, if we receive a building permit from a property owner, duly seconded by Graham Cowie.

There was no one present from the Louisiana Department Wildlife and Fisheries, so no discussion was presented.

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There was no one present from the Claiborne Parish Lake Patrol, so no discussion was presented.

The floor was opened to the public for commenting. Ronnie Anderson expressed his concerns about the control of the salvinia in the future. He does not believe the containment booms are resolving the issues with controlling the salvinia. The board assured him that the containment booms are successful in the containment of the salvinia. Jerry Whitton wanted to make sure the pier at the public boat launch would be handicapped accessible. A resident expressed his concerns regarding the enforcement of the safety of the lighting that was earlier discussed by the board.

The members and the public were reminded of the next scheduled meeting on December 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the meeting was adjourned.

David Nokes, President

Dottie Palmer, Secretary