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Minutes

A Regular Session Meeting was held on March 26, 2026, 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.

All members were present.

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 Graham Cowie, the agenda was amended to include a proposal from Pro-Build Construction for the replacement of a damaged channel marker on Issac Creek.

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

Upon a motion by Chad Reeder, duly seconded by Wesley Emerson, the minutes for the December 18, 2025, meeting were approved.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Graham Cowie, the minutes for the January 8, 2026, Special Called meeting were approved.

The financial report was presented by Dwayne Woodard. Upon a motion by Jay Blanchard, duly seconded by Marcus McClung, the financial report was approved.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the March 13, 2026, Engagement Letter and Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire for the annual audit was approved.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Graham Cowie, Resolution 2026-01 – FY 2025 allowing the President, Treasurer, and Secretary to sign documents for the 2025 Legislative Auditor Attestation Questionnaire and any other documents required to complete the submission of the review was approved.

Upon a motion by Jay Blanchard, duly seconded by Graham Cowie, Resolution 2026-02 – FY 2025 allowing the President to sign documents regarding the 2025 Annual Audit Review was approved.

All members were reminded that their annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statements and Legislative Auditor's required Family Interest Forms must be turned in to the secretary. The deadline for filing the Personal Financial Disclosure Statements is May 15, 2026.

All members were reminded of the required Sexual Harassment Training to be completed by December 31, 2026.

All board members were reminded of the required Ethics Training to be completed by December 31, 2026.

The proposal from Pro-Build Construction for the replacement of the Issac Creek channel marker was discussed. The channel marker was damaged due to a boat hitting it and knocking it down. Because of the high cost of transporting and mobilizing a pile driving barge to the lake, David and Kevin Green, with Pro-Build Construction also discussed going ahead and repairing and/or replacing any other channel makers, lights, and/or batteries to keep them all on the same battery life schedule. Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Jay Blanchard, the board agreed to have Kevin present another proposal for the additional maintenance/repairs.

Upon a motion by Jay Blanchard, duly seconded by Wesley Emerson, the board approved a donation of \$5,000 to the Fireworks of Lake Claiborne for the July, 2026 fireworks show.

Upon a motion by Chad Reeder, duly seconded by Wesley Emerson, the board approved a donation \$500 to the LSU AgCenter for their annual Claiborne Parish Waster Festival.

No one was present from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

No one was present from the Louisiana DOTD.

The floor was open for public comments.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by David Nokes, the agenda was amended to add the discussion of this year's stocking program. There will be 8,000 tiger bass and 25,000 coppernose bluegill released. The date of the stocking program will be decided at a later date.

The members and the public were reminded of the next scheduled meeting to be held on June 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Marcus McClung, duly seconded by Chad Reeder, the meeting was adjourned.

David Nokes, President

Marcus McClung, Secretary