MINUTES OF MEETING

TECHE-VERMILION FRESH WATER DISTRICT

May 20, 2025

 The Board of Commissioners met on the above date at the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District office located at 7644 Hwy 105 N, Krotz Springs, 10:00 a.m. Member’s present were: Mr. Edward Sonnier, Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux, Mr. Keith Hensgens, Mr. Donald Segura, and Mr. Samuel Grimmett. In addition, present were: Mr. Donald Sagrera, Ms. Wendy Dupuis, Mr. Alex Lopresto, Mr. Ivy Thibodeaux, Mr. Dion Broussard, Mrs. Kristy Thibodeaux, Mr. Corey Hulin, Mr. John Istre, Mrs. Amanda Blanchard, Mr. Larry Cramer, Mr. William Graham, Mr. Carl Richard, Mr. Nathan Salzwedel, Mr. Calvin Knott, Mr. Chad Clause, Mr. Justin Centanni, and Mr. Jake Benoit.

 At this time the Public meeting, the Chairman called for any public comment regarding the Agenda. There was no comment.

Upon motion by Mr. Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the minutes of the previous meeting of April 22, 2025, were accepted and approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the Board amended the agenda to move into New Business for Assessor Justin Centanni with Lafayette Parish to present a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for homestead exemption audit services.

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Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board approved Executive Director authorization to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for homestead exemption audit services, once it is reviewed by our attorney. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Hensgens, the Board moved to amend the agenda to move back to Old Business. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux, and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board approved Partial Payment No. 14 from Southern Constructors, LLC in the amount of $320,549.76 (87 % complete) for the Loreauville Canal Navigable Control Structure Maintenance Project. Motion unanimously carried.

Larry Cramer with Sellers & Associates presented an update on Ruth Canal Structure Replacement Project stating the detailed field surveying and boundary survey are processing data. They are continuing to coordinate the geotechnical services with GeoEngineers by refining the expected reactions from the dewatering structure.

The Inlet Channel and Riverbanks Survey at the pump station is complete.

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The Board had a Roll Call Vote with 4 yeas and 0 nays for the Adoption of the 2025 Millage Rate of 1.42 mills.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2025 have been approved and accepted. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Board authorized the Executive Director to invest $1,000,000.00 from the Money Market. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Board moved to approve payment of all bills for May 2025. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, the Board moved to approve all expenses for Commissioners and staff to attend the Louisiana Municipal Association Conference in Lake Charles from July 29-31, 2025. We will have an exhibit at the Conference and will explain how the Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District project works, along with benefits to our municipalities. Motion unanimously carried.

The District pumped 278,500,000 gallons for a total of 4 days in April 2025.

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Upon motion by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board moved to approve a letter of support for the Bayou Courtableau Drainage Structure Study. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon nomination by Mr. Thibodeaux and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board elected Commissioner Keith Hensgens as the Districts’ Treasurer. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board amended the agenda to move into Executive Session to discuss the lawsuit. Motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Segura, the Board amended the agenda to move back into New Business. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board approved June 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. as the next Board meeting date and time.

 Upon motion by Mr. Segura and seconded by Mr. Thibodeaux, no further business was brought forth, therefore, the meeting adjourned.