

St. Tammany Parish Communications District

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Finance Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15th, 2025

Time: 11:00 am.

Location: 28911 Krentel Rd. Lacombe, LA 70445

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am.

A roll call was ordered by the Chairman, report as follows:

Present: Bret Ibert, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon

a quorum was present.

Other Attendees: John Evans, Rodney Hart, Sean Spansel, Stephanie Torres, Athena Walker, Susanne Core, JP Taylor, Jacob Boudreaux

1. Consider approval of December 2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to approve December 2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Support: Martha Cazaubon

Ayes: Bret Ibert, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

2. Consider Approval of December 2024 Financial Statements

Motion: A motion was made by Martha Cazaubon to approve the December 2024 Financial Statements.

Support: Merrick Tassin.

Ayes: Bret Ibert, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

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3. Review, Discuss and Consider Approval for New Facility Change Order Related to DEQ Permit

Rodney Hart informs the Board on the DEQ permit. The permit can not be applied for until you are ready for construction. The first bid came in high. We then went in and adjusted the floor plan and cut down on as many things as we could. One of the things was cutting down the sewerage treatment plant. When Gainey's applied for the DEQ permit, it went back to the minimum DEQ standards for anything that is likely to dispense water into Bayou Lacombe and Lake Ponchartrain. For us to qualify for a permit, we need to increase the size of the sewerage treatment plant. The new requirements are what was originally in the first bid which cost \$200,000.00.

General discussion

Merrick Tassin asks what the additional cost would be.

Rodney Hart replies \$116,300.32.

Bret Ibert asked for the amount that is in the contingency fund.

Rodney Hart replies that due to the facility cost at the time, we only increased it to the total cost of the project. There is no contingency fund. At that time, we agreed that if additional funds were needed, it would be brought to the Board. At this time we would need a motion to approve additional funds.

Bret Ibert says that basically there is no contingency plan built in the project.

Rodney Hart confirms this.

Rodney Hart also states Vaughan has been going back and forth with the Parish about drainage plan. August 2024 was a land use ordinance. We were told to revise the drainage plan to the new drainage ordinance.

General discussion

Bret Ibert says that there will be an increase cost to the drainage that originally budgeted for. What is the ball park amount for this? We are already over the original amount for the project. Now we are additional \$116,000.00 over from that amount.

Bret Ibert requested to be on record stating that we were already over budget before we started this project. We have not broken ground and we are already over \$116,000.00 for what the initial contract was for.

Merrick Tassin asks how this will affect us long term.

Rodney Hart states that \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 will not affect us long term.

Bret Ibert says with the \$116,000.00 and another \$50,000.00 for dirt work, by the end of the project, we could be \$500,000.00 over. We just do not know that. Where do you draw the line? Once we start dirt

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work and concrete we will be at a point of no return. We are going into this blind and do not know what this project will cost at the end of the day.

Martha Cazaubon asks if this is a necessary project.

Bret Ibert says yes, it is great to have but asks at what point does the cost justify the convenience of having it.

General discussion

Rodney Hart says that after talking to Ward, the construction company, they can still build for the contract price. The DEQ is a totally different issue and so is the drainage is the parish.

General discussion

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin for the increase of funds for the sewerage treatment plant .

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Bret Ibert, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon

Absent: 0

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Vice Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

4. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Martha Cazaubon to adjourn at 11:26am.

Support: Merrick Tassin

Ayes: Bret Ibert, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.