

**Audubon Regional Library
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting**

Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

5:30 P.M.

**East Feliciana Parish Police Jury Building
Clinton, LA 70722**

- A. Call to Order at 5:33 p.m. by President, Martin Macdiarmid**
Invocation-Roderick Matthews
Roll Call-Present were Lisa Brabham, D.V.M., Larry Freeman, Faye Talbot, Roderick Matthews and Martin Macdiarmid.
Absent-Major Coleman.
Also present were Jim Moss, CPA and Paul Morvant of Holly & Smith, Architects.
Approval of the Agenda-A motion was made by Roderick Matthews to approve the agenda. Larry Freeman seconded and all approved.
- B. Old Business**
- 1. Approval of Minutes from previous special meetings: April 13, 2022, April 29, 2022, May 27, 2022, June 24, 2022 and August 4, 2022 (regular meeting)**
The President explained that since he and two of the current board members were not on the board prior to the August 4, 2022, meeting, he understood that they would have reservations about approving the minutes. However, it had to be addressed. Faye Talbot motioned to accept the previous four special meeting minutes. Lisa Brabham seconded. Larry Freeman opposed. Roderick Matthews abstained. However, they all agreed to approve the August 4, 2022, meeting minutes.
- C. New Business**
- 1. Clinton Bank Street Renovation Project presented by Paul Morvant, Holly & Smith, Architects.**
Paul Morvant presented the plans and total cost analysis of the project and answered numerous questions from the board and Jim Moss, CPA.

Some of the questions presented were concerning change orders, the roof, security at exit doors, finishes, furniture, lights, window opening between the circulation area & vestibule, and the interior ceiling tiles in the Sanctuary. He also explained the construction document phase, bid process, pre-bid meeting, and the construction phase to the board.

- (a) A motion was made by Faye Talbot and seconded by Roderick Matthews to accept the document presented by Paul Morvant dated August 5, 2022, Opinion of Probable Cost-Design Development, Total Construction Cost (excludes Alternates) in the amount of \$684,495.00. All present agreed.**
- (b) A motion was made by Larry Freeman and seconded by Faye Talbot to pay the invoices as presented for asbestos and lead abatement. All approved.**
Roderick Matthews spoke to the board about LDEQ's Brownfields Program.

2. Jackson-Jackson Square Plaza

- (a) A motion was made by Faye Talbot to pay Unity Fiber for phone/internet cabling to the new Jackson Square Plaza location. Roderick Matthews seconded this motion and all approved.**
- (b) A motion was made by Roderick Matthews to seek bids for moving of the contents of the Jackson branch library. Lisa Brabham seconded, and all were in favor.**

3. St. Helena-Greensburg branch

- (a) Faye Talbot gave an update to repairs made and further repairs at the Greensburg branch. Roderick Matthews suggested contacting the St. Helena Parish Police Jury to see what they might be able to do. In the discussion, Roderick Matthews gave a status report on the Capital Outlay Grant for the new St. Helena Parish Library.**

D. Public Comments

There was one public comment stating the person was happy to see the board working together and the Clinton Project moving forward.

E. Adjournment

Martin Macdiarmid stated the date and time of the next meeting will be October 20, 2022, at 5 p.m. in Clinton, LA. Roderick Matthews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Brabham seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.