

MINUTES OF THE **ST. BERNARD PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009 AT SIX (6:00) P.M.** IN ST BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA

The Hospital Service District met on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers pursuant to notice given to each member and posted in the manner required by law.

The Chairman, Mr. Landry, convened the meeting at 6:11 p.m. and continued with calling the roll.

There were present: Mr. Wayne J. Landry (Chairman), Mr. Ron Chapman, Mr. Jim DiFatta, Mr. Danny Dysart.

There were absent: Mr. George Cavignac

Also present were: Phil Wendling and Tom Noble from Hammes Co

Mr. Landry delivered the invocation

Mr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Agenda Item #1

On the motion by Mr. DiFatta, and seconded by Mr. Chapman, it was motioned to select the New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) Consultant.

Mr. DiFatta stated that at last weeks meeting there was a recommendation from the Finance Workgroup Meeting to select Coats and Rose as the New Market Tax Credits consultant.

Mr. Dysart asked Mr. DiFatta to explain the difference between the 2 proposals.

Mr. DiFatta explained the difference between the financial aspects of each firm.

Mr. Chapman wanted clarification on what HSD would net on the NMTC.

Discussion ensued; On a substitute motion by Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to select Coats and Rose and the NMTC Consultant.

Then Chairman, Mr. Landry then asked for the vote on the Coats and Rose as the NMTC Consultants.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Cavnignac

The Chairman, Mr. Landry, cast his vote as **YEA**

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 28th day of October, 2009.

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Agenda Item #3

Without objection the Chairman, Mr. Landry suspended the rules and moved item #3 on the agenda to the current position, in order to cover other agenda items prior to interviewing the Hospital Management Firms.

On the motion by Mr. Chapman, and seconded by Mr. DiFatta, it was motioned to select The Flint Group RFP for Grant Management.

Mr. Landry did make it clear to the board that the only RFP received was for Grant Management was The Flint Group.

Then Chairman, Mr. Landry then asked for the vote on The Flint Group for Grant Management.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** Cavnignac

The Chairman, Mr. Landry, cast his vote as **YEA**

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 28th day of October, 2009.

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Agenda Item #4

Mr. Landry wanted to distribute the Legal Services RFP's in public and requested Phil Wendling of Hammes Co. to distribute the copies while the board moved on.

No Action Necessary

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## Agenda Item #5

On the motion by Mr. Dysart, and seconded by Mr. Chapman, it was motioned to have the Chairman execute the documents for the donation and easement agreement for the Meraux Foundation airport tract property.

Mr. Dysart made it clear that because MF had not heard anymore from HSD, and therefore we should move forward.

Mr. Landry responded that in light of recent information concerning the ingress/egress and asked Mr. Wendling of Hammes Co. to explain the circumstances.

Mr. Wendling stated that LaDOTD needed to meet with MF to negotiate and accommodate the new roadway entrance being that at an earlier meeting LaDOTD would not allow an additional light on Judge Perez Drive.

Mr. Landry wanted confirmation that that Andre Neff from MF explained that there maybe an entire shift of the footprint.

Mr. Wendling confirmed that MF may do that.

Mr. Cavnac is now present. (6:36 p.m.)

Mr. DiFatta responded that at this point he was still in favor of having both documents (easement and donation) executed together.

Mr. Taffaro is now present (6:45 p.m.)

Mr. Wendling responded that MF is willing to do what they need to do in order to get this [donation] done.

Mr. Cavnac stated that he also still wanted clarification on certain aspects of the donation/easement documents, and that he agreed with Mr. DiFatta that both easement/donation should be executed at the same time.

On a motion by Mr. Cavnac, seconded by Mr. DiFatta it was moved to **table** the following item:

Motion to have the Chairman execute the documents for the donation and easement agreement for the Meraux Foundation airport tract property.

Then Chairman, Mr. Landry then asked for the vote on **tabling** the item.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Cavnac, DiFatta,

**NAYS:** Chapman, Dysart

**ABSENT:** None

The Chairman, Mr. Landry, cast his vote as **YEA**

And the motion was declared **TABLED** on the 28th day of October, 2009.

#### Item #5

##### Agenda Item #2

Without Objection, the Chairman and the board retired to Executive Session to interview the Hospital Management Firms at 6:55 p.m.

With no objection the board returned to regular session at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Landry informed the public that the board interviewed and graded both Pacer, and The Franciscan's for Hospital Management, and the results were unanimously in favor of the Franciscans.

Mr. Dysart stated that the Franciscan's never abandoned the parish after Hurricane Katrina, and that the parish was appreciative of their dedication.

Mr. Landry added that he concurred with Mr. Dysart and wanted to also make the public aware that The Franciscan's came here after Katrina and have been operating at a loss ever since, and have been thriving from grant monies to sustain themselves. Mr. Landry expressed his appreciation for their dedicated services to the residents of St. Bernard.

On the motion of Mr. Cavignac, seconded by Mr. Mr. DiFatta it was moved to select The Franciscans for Hospital Management.

Then Chairman, Mr. Landry then asked for the vote on selecting The Franciscans as the Hospital Management firm.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Cavignac, DiFatta, Dysart

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** Chapman

The Chairman, Mr. Landry, cast his vote as **YEA**

Mr. Landry told the public that it was a good day for the parish. Mr. Landry stated that it is a good feeling to move forward with the project now that the management firm had been selected.

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman, Mr. Landry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on the 28th day of October, 2009.

*Gretchen H. Henry*  
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*Wayne J. Landry*  
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Chairman