

MINUTES OF THE **ST. BERNARD PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th, 2010 AT SEVEN (7:00) P.M.** IN ST BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA

The Hospital Service District met on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 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 7:10 p.m. and continued with calling the roll.

There were present: Mr. Wayne J. Landry (Chairman), Mr. George Cavnac, Mr. Ron Chapman, Mr. James DiFatta, and Mr. Danny Dysart.

There were absent: None

Also present were: Phil Wendling and Todd Reynolds of Hammes Co., Peter Dougherty, and Frank Folino of FMOL.

Mr. Dysart delivered the invocation.

Mr. DiFatta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Agenda Item #1

On motion of Mr. Cavnac, seconded by Mr. Chapman, it was moved to approve the minutes of the 03/10/2010 HSD meeting.

Mr. Chapman had requested that a change be made to reflect the financial questions he had in relation to HSD's ability to pay invoices.

Mr. DiFatta wanted a correction of a technical term that was used in item #10.

Mr. Dysart recognized a typo in an amount of a previously approved invoice amount on item #5.

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

YEAS: Cavnac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #2

On motion of the Chair and without objection, it was moved to allow the Chairman to give an update.

Mr. Landry wanted everyone aware that the HSD is at a point to begin construction for the hospital. The only thing that the HSD is waiting on is a letter from the Division of Administration to Facilities and Planning fulfilling the Governor's and State's commitment to the \$15M Capital Outlay monies. Mr. Landry spoke to Paul Rainwater, Chief of Staff/Governor's Office, last night and Mr. Rainwater would check status of letter and get back to Mr. Landry. Mr. Landry did receive a message from Mr. Rainwater before tonight's HSD meeting which said that it may be a couple of more days. Mr. Landry had also contacted Barbara Goodson, the Under Secretary to Angele Davis, in an effort to follow up and get the matter resolved.

Mr. Landry also wanted to make the Public and Board aware that he and Mr. Rainwater's conversation last night also included speaking about the item #15 the \$5M –originally for privately owned slab removal from LRA that Council voted 6 : 1 to give to the HSD. Mr. Landry stated that Mr. Rainwater said that those monies could be used for slab removal or given to the hospital and that Mr. Rainwater had spoken to Mr. Taffaro regarding what the monies could be used for.

Mr. Landry wanted to clarify that this slab removal money was not involved in Road Home/Lot Next Door Program slab removal. This money was to be used for privately owned slabs. Mr. Landry did not want the public to be confused as to what the slab removal money was for. Mr. Landry wanted the Public know that the \$5M so the Hospital could leverage that money for NMTC, and help that money grow.

Mr. Chapman asked for clarification that the letter Mr. Landry was referring to was the same one that will release the state money that was committed to the HSD 2 years ago.

Mr. Landry stated that it is, and the money could be moved from Level 5 to Level 1, but in order to close the NMTC by September, the alternative is to get the letter with a commitment to the funds so that the funds do not have to be moved.

Mr. DiFatta stated that the state administration is delaying the project without this letter. Mr. DiFatta also said the longer the HSD is delayed, the HSD is in jeopardy of losing the NMTC. Mr. DiFatta also wanted Mr. Landry to convey his conversation with Mr. Rainwater to Mr. Taffaro.

Mr. Landry is committed to having slabs removed, but reiterated how important it is to have this hospital built at the size it needs to be.

Mr. DiFatta stated that he wanted the public to know that this slab removal is a "gift" to property owners that have had their homes demolished and left the slab. The lots with the slabs are still owned by the public who abandoned them.

Mr. Landry also stated that 80% who have the ability to use ICC grant money to have the slab removed have either not applied for ICC grant monies or have not used the money for slab removal.

Mr. DiFatta wanted clarity that there was a 6 :1 vote from the Council to move the money to the hospital.

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Mr. Landry stated that yes, that was true, and he has been criticized for moving the money to the hospital, but the Parish with its own heavy equipment does have the capability to remove slabs even if it's one slab per day.

No Action Necessary.

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Agenda Item #3

On Motion of Mr. Dysart, seconded by Mr. Cavnac it was moved to have the Chairman sign the completed NOI (Notice of Intent-DEQ-general permit)

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

YEAS: Cavnac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #4

On motion of Mr. Cavnac, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to approve a 16 x 16 sign to be placed on site for the hospital project.

Mr. Wendling received two proposals for the sign from 2 St. Bernard vendors.

Mr. Landry stated that CDBG will not be paying for this sign.

On motion of Mr. Dysart, seconded by Mr. Chapman, it was moved to have Hammes Co. contact Gresham Smith & Partners and the Meraux Foundation to see if they would partner up and be willing to pay for our sign.

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

YEAS: Cavnac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #5

On motion of Mr. Cavnac, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to discuss timing of ground breaking for the hospital project.

Mr. Landry wanted 2 ceremonies: one for sign erection, and one for the actual commencement of work on the site once the contractor is chosen-after the RFP is advertised and chosen.

Mr. Cavnac agreed and stated that he would like to keep the public aware of what's going on (when the sign is erected), but put emphasis and celebration on the actual ground breaking when work commences.

On motion of Mr. Cavnac, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to hold two separate ceremonies-sign erection and actual ground breaking.

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

YEAS: Cavnac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #6

On motion of Mr. Dysart, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to approve Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson Invoice # 224494 in the amount of \$35.00 as recommended by the Finance Workgroup.

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

YEAS: Cavnac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #7

On motion of Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Cavignac it was moved to approve Hammes Co. Invoice #10907A-10 in the amount of \$41,910.34 as recommended by the Finance Workgroup.

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

YEAS: Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #8

On motion of Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Cavignac it was moved to approve Sullivan, Stolier & Resor Invoice #50462 in the amount of \$20,469.98 as recommended by the Finance Workgroup.

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

YEAS: Cavignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #9

On Motion of Mr. Dysart, seconded by Mr. DiFatta it was moved to approve The Times Picayune Invoice in the amount of \$59.53 as recommended by the Finance Workgroup.

Mr. Landry stated the HSD was on a "cash up front" basis with no credit because SBPG has outstanding invoices and he was speaking to Mr. Taffaro about it and also calling the Times Picayune and explaining that we are a separate entity from SBPG.

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Mr. Chapman echoed the same concerns since this could also hinder us from placing advertising for bids etc.

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

YEAS: Cavignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

#10

Agenda Item #10

On Motion of Mr. Cavignac, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to approve St. Bernard Voice Invoice #s 2664, 3272 and statement in the amount of \$758.00 as recommended by the Finance Workgroup.

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

YEAS: Cavignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #11

On Motion of Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Cavignac it was moved to approve Gresham Smith & Partners Invoice # 0637731 reimbursables in the amount of \$8157.41 as recommended by the Finance Workgroup.

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

YEAS: Cavignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

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ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010

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Agenda Item # 12

On Motion of Mr. Cavignac, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to approve Gresham Smith & Partners Invoice #0638260 in the amount of \$134,282.29 by the Finance Workgroup.

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

YEAS: Cavignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010

#13

Agenda Item #13

On motion of Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Cavignac it was moved to approve SBPG Invoice #1 in the amount of \$9227.60 as recommended by the Finance Workgroup.

Mr. DiFatta stated that this was pertaining to the Recording Secretary/Clerk's salary/benefits/phone package for September 24th-December 31, 2009.

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

YEAS: Cavignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010

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Agenda Item #14

On Motion of Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Cavnac it was moved to approve EEI (Engineering Economics Inc.) in the amount of \$5,535.35 pending execution of agreement and availability of funding.

Mr. Wendling stated this is the Commissioning Agents review of design development documents. EEI has prepared a list of checks and balances for the Engineers to go through and make sure everything is included in the design documents to reduce the number of change orders later.

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

YEAS: Cavnac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010

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Agenda Item #15

On Motion of Mr. Cavnac seconded by Mr. DiFatta it was moved to thank SBPG Council Members for the \$5Million that was originally allocated for slab removal and graciously given to the HSD in support of medical services.

Mr. David Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer for the Administration requested to speak and read a letter into the record.

Mr. Dysart read a letter that basically stated the administration was not in favor of turning over the \$5Million to the HSD and he was not allowing the \$5Million to be given to the HSD.

Mr. Landry asked Mr. Dysart if he was suggesting Mr. Rainwater lied to him after his phone conversation last night.

Mr. Dysart said he was not contradicting any of Mr. Landry's prior statements.

Mr. Landry then said that Mr. Taffaro must not respect or adhere to the will of the council, and lastly if the hospital had ample funding, the HSD would not have asked for the money.

Mr. Landry then expressed how inappropriate he felt it was to send Mr. Dysart to read such a letter.

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Mr. Cavnignac stated he appreciated Mr. Dysart entering the President's position, and although his opinion and comments are taken well, it is not the President's call to make that decision-it's a Council call and a Resolution was made. There was only one member that did not vote in favor of moving the money.

Mr. Cavnignac went further to state that he echoed what Mr. Landry stated earlier in regards to many in the local population who have not utilized ICC monies to get their privately owned slabs removed. Mr. Cavnignac also stated that Mr. Dysart should know that the President must come to Council to get the call of where the CDBG monies should be allocated and that the President's name is not on the voting roster as the governing authority of this parish.

Mr. Landry stated that he did not want this discussion to take away from the motion on the agenda-which was to express gratitude to the Council for their support to the most critical recovery project in this parish.

Mr. DiFatta appreciates the President's position, but stated the HSD was fighting for the same thing. Mr. DiFatta stated that the conversation between Mr. Landry and Mr. Rainwater should be shared with Mr. Taffaro.

Mr. Landry stated that he still wanted to adopt a formal resolution thanking the Council.

On Motion of Mr. Cavnignac, seconded by Mr. DiFatta it was moved to adopt a formal resolution thanking Council.

On the motion of Mr. Dysart, seconded by Mr. Chapman, it was moved to adopt:

HSD Resolution 06-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Hospital Service District hereby thanks SBPG Council Members for the \$5Million that was originally allocated for slab removal and graciously given to the HSD in support of medical services.

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

YEAS: Cavnignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010

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Agenda Item #16

On Motion of Mr. Cavignac, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved to authorize the Chairman to approve payment of invoices through HRSA grant monies if eligible.

Mr. Cavignac stated that there was some additional language to add in per the emails received.

Mr. Dysart wanted to make sure that the board was not kept out the loop in approving invoices.

Mr. Landry stated that all invoices HRSA would pay would have already been approved by the board.

Mr. DiFatta stated that the CDBG application was approved and now the ball is set in motion to finally execute contracts that the HSD has been holding, so the invoices that the HSD is speaking of to be paid by HRSA have already gotten board approval.

On Motion of Mr. Cavignac, seconded by Mr. Chapman it was moved amend the language to read:

Motion to authorize the Chairman to approve payment of HRSA grant eligible invoices and reimbursements & applicable program documents.

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

YEAS: Cavignac, Chapman, DiFatta, Dysart

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

And the motion was declared **ADOPTED** on the 24th day of March, 2010.

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Agenda Item #17

On Motion of Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Cavignac it was moved to discuss Old Business.

Mr. DiFatta wanted the board to know that the State Legislative Office received the engagement letter for the CPA firm, and paperwork was in line to continue to move forward with the audit.

No Action Necessary.

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Agenda Item #18

On Motion of Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Cavnac it was moved to discuss New Business.

Mr. Chapman wanted the website to be updated with financials, minutes, general information including the location of the hospital site etc.

Mr. Landry stated that Peter Dougherty of FMOL would be working with the Executive Secretary to download needed software and begin receiving tutorials on updating the website.

No Action Necessary.

There being no further business for discussion, the Chairman, Mr. Landry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14p.m. on this 24^h day of March, 2010.

Gretchen H. Henry

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Recording Secretary

Wayne J. Landry

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Chairman