

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING
OF THE HOWARD BEND LEVEE DISTRICT**

August 13, 2019

The annual meeting of the landowners of the Howard Bend Levee District was held at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Road, Maryland Heights, Missouri, at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2019, pursuant to notice duly published and mailed to the landowners. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Warren Stemme, President of the District. Warren Stemme introduced the other Supervisors present at the meeting as Gary Hente, Jim Carver, Tom Ott and Ed Ortmann. Also present at the meeting were Karen Frederich of Horner & Shifrin, the engineers for the District, Suzanne Gaal-Chabloz, the accountant for the District, and David Human of Husch Blackwell LLP, attorney for the District.

The following landowners in the District were also present: Calvin F. Dierberg, Judith Dierberg, Connie Cournoyer, Kathleen Kurtz Tuttle, Thomas J. Neuner, Fern Ridge Trust, Frank Genovese, Peter Kinsella, Jamie Gilley, Cordell Queathem, Bradley Brown, Michael Moeller, Mayor of Maryland Heights, Jim Krischke, Dan Devereux, Steven Dussault, Robert Cameron, Cathy Dierberg, Jim Schmittel, Mike LeTrello, Laura Dierberg Ayers, Kent Clark, Carl Schaffner, Dan Mueller, Frank Kerner, Carol Kerner, William H. Kientz, Jim Johnson, Randy Beckemeir, George Andre, Jon Thayer, Guy Litzinger, Diana Litzinger, John Groeneveld, Mike Ziegler, Jon Nuckolls, Dale Boggs, Carol Boggs, Claire E. Newton, Jon B. Brady, Mark Branstetter and Wilroy Schaftner. Also present were Dan Peters, and Howard Paperner.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the District, Warren Stemme and he presented the affidavit of publication of the notice of the meeting as published in the newspaper as required by statute.

Upon motion by Darel Knobbe, seconded by Gary Hente, all present were in favor of Warren Stemme acting as Chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the last Annual Landowners' Meeting held on August 21, 2018 were presented and, upon motion by Gary Hente, seconded by Ed Ortmann, all present voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Next, the floor was opened to landowner comments. Dan Devereux stated he believed that the professional fees being paid by the District were high. Dan Devereux, and other landowners, raised concerns that the District had not done enough to prioritize development in the District. Dale Boggs raised concerns about interior storm water drainage issues in the District and how development throughout the watershed required certain landowners within the District to receive inordinate amounts of storm water and about the flood fighting efforts, particularly how efforts to keep the Maryland Heights Expressway may have damaged his property. Claire Newton asked for clarification on SB 108 and asked to be provided more financial information about the District. Owners of hangers in the Airport expressed concern about the recent flooding of their hangers. Further concerns were raised regarding the District's debt. Multiple landowners expressed concern that the District had not done enough to pay down outstanding debt.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., Warren Stemme stated it was time to hold elections for positions on the Board, explained the rules of voting and asked for nominations. Warren Stemme explained that one five-year Board position for the position currently held by Tom Ott was up for election. David Human then explained the rules of voting. Upon motion of Gary Hente, seconded by Darel Knobbe, Tom Ott was nominated. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Upon motion of Ed Ortmann, seconded by Dale Boggs, nominations were closed and Tom Ott was elected to the Board.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of the financial report for 2019. Warren Stemme reported that the financial report had been printed for circulation at the meeting. Suzanne-Gaal Chabloz, the accountant for the District, explained the year's financial report and answered questions.

Next, David Human, counsel for the District, gave the District update. David Human discussed ongoing efforts to seek reimbursement for the District's flood fighting expenses for the most recent flood fight, the next year's assessments and the potential of financing a pump station early through the use of District Bonds.

Finally, Warren Stemme discussed the ongoing high-water event noting that the long length of the high-water event had led to significant seepage. To address this, the District had acquired and run four diesel pumps throughout the high-water event. Now that the water level is falling, the District's gravity system should begin to drain water outside of the District. Warren Stemme discussed a number of necessary repairs and the need to clean debris from the flooding. Warren Stemme also discussed the Pump Station Committee formed by the District to work on engineering and financing an additional pump station.

There being no further matters to come before the meeting, on motion by Gary Hente, seconded by Ed Ortmann, all present were in favor of adjourning the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Gary Hente, Secretary