

Houma Restoration District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Noah Lirette	Jason Underwood - absent	Bryan Bunn
Tom Hassell	Tanner Magee (11:10)	Nick Hebert
Clarence Williams – absent	Melissa Boudreaux	James Lecompte

Others Present:

Brighton Schmill	Michelle Neil	Ann Picou
Chris Pulaski	Gene Milford	Sara Olivier
Katheryn Barona	Brenda Babin	Steve Layne

A meeting of the Houma Restoration District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Noah Lirette at 11:00 a.m. on January 7, 2025, at the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Towers, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Noah Lirette led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Angela Hidalgo performed roll call and a quorum was present.

Under Public, none. A motion was made by Brian Bunn, seconded by Nick Hebert to close public. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Nick Hebert, seconded by Brian Bunn, to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Financials were presented for the month of November. A motion was made by Brian Bunn, seconded by Tom Hassell, to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

New Business: 2025 Meeting schedule was presented. A motion was made by Nick Heber, seconded by Brian Bunn; motion carried.

2025 Grant and Loan Applications were presented. Note new email address is hrdcommission@gmail.com. Funds for the applications are available until they are exhausted.

RAISE Grant Application/CSRS Update: Chris Pulaski updated the HRD. The cost estimating for the project scope is complete and the benefit/cost analysis is being reviewed. The grant max is \$25 million with no local match. Currently looking into cross street matching work. CSRS draft to HRD on January 24, with application final due January 30. Letters of support are being drafted by Planning & Zoning, HRD, TPCG, South Central Planning, Congressional Delegation, Governor's Office Department of Transportation.

Columbus Town Homes Façade Grant/E&D Loan Application: Gene Milford presented the application to the board describing the planned work. This will be deferred until the next meeting.

Stickies Snack Shack Façade Grant Application and Feed Store Façade Grant/E&D Applications: Deferred until the next meeting.

January Nuisance Abatement Report: Camilla Brown with TPCG Nuisance Abatement department presented the reported to the HRD and the process of how structures get on the nuisance abatement list.

Secretary Position: A motion was made by Brian Bunn seconded by Tanner Magee to nominate Melissa Boudreaux as Secretary; motion carried.

Old Business: Bayouwalk Lighting and Guardrail Project: Noah Lirette reported that front end documents and plans are ready. A prebid meeting will take place next at the Planning & Zoning meeting room.

Overlay District Outreach – Dishman Building: Chris Pulaski discussed the draft letter to Mr. Dishman regarding the new overlay district regulations.

Weyls Sign: No update.

HRD Website: No update.

HRD/Elk's Lodge CEA: Dr. Brenda Babin met with legal counsel to draft a CEA. Need a figure to cap the amount of the CEA specific to this application. The possibility of hiring a consultant to aid in establishing this building on the National Historic Registry is being considered. The estimate to perform the renovations including the quote to hire the consultant would be around \$35k. She discussed other grants the Elk's Lodge is pursuing. This item will be considered at the next meeting.

Treasury Quarterly Reports: Angela Hidalgo provided an update.

Treasury Funding Extension: TPCG is working with legal to file an extension for expending funds.

Officers' Report: Nick Hebert reported that The Bunker is set to open next week.

The meeting ended at 12:12 p.m. Motion: Brian Bunn Seconded: Tom Hassell.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Noah Lirette, Chairman