

Houma Restoration District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Noah Lirette	Jason Underwood – absent	Bryan Bunn
Daniel Babin – absent	Tom Hassell	Sondra Corbitt
Nick Hebert	Clarence Williams	Tanner Magee

Others Present:

Cohen Guidry	Brighton Schmill	Carl Lee Harding
Jimmy Wendell	Derick Bercegeay	Michael Billiot

A meeting of the Houma Restoration District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Noah Lirette at 11:00 a.m. on October 1, 2024, at the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Towers, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Tom Hassell led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Sondra Corbitt performed roll call and a quorum was present.

Under Public, none.

A motion was offered by Tanner Magee, seconded by Bryan Bunn to approve the August minutes, as amended. Motion carried.

Financials were presented for the month of August. A motion was made by Sondra Corbitt, seconded by Bryan Bunn, to approve the financials as presented. Motion carried.

New Business: HRD Nuisance Abatement Map was presented. A status update will be presented every month.

HRD Wayfinding Sign List & Replacement Proposal: BJ Schmill presented the sign list and replacement proposal, and the costs associated with replacements. A brief discussion followed whether the board would like to consider this as a new project. A submittal will be made to Commercial Signs for an estimate for designing signs.

Adopting the Main Street Master Corridor Plan: A motion was made by Bryan Bunn, seconded by Nick Heber to adopt the Main Street Master Corridor Plan. Motion carried.

Historical Marker Purchase: Noah Lirette has been working on a historical marker purchase for the gas explosion. Verbiage was presented to the board. A motion was made by Sondra Corbitt seconded by Bryan Bunn, to approve the verbiage and purchase of the historical marker purchase. Motion carried.

Letter to Overlay District Property Owners: Derek Bercegeay drafted a letter to send to property owners explaining the new district and what programs are available, with the new ordinances attached. A motion was made by Noah Lirette, seconded by Bryan Bunn to approve the amended letter. Motion carried.

Dishman Building in the Overlay District: There are illegal activities at this location due to vagrancies. This represents a good opportunity to review the Overlay District ordinance with the owner.

Restore the Night E&D Grant Application: Alex Ward and Jordan Page presented plans to renovate the Boxer and Barrell downtown. They submitted applications for E&D grant funds, as well as Façade grant funds. A motion was made by Bryan Bunn seconded by Sondra Corbitt to approve the E&D grant application contingent upon required changes that need to be made in the amount of \$33,099.00. The façade grant application will be considered at the next meeting.

Old Business: Lighting Project Update: 90% plans and specifications for the electrical work were received. No additional comments or modifications were needed.

A Place for Restoration Contract Renewal: Jeremy Smith reported on the ongoing cleanup of the downtown area. A motion was made by Bryan Bunn seconded by Tom Hassell to renew their contract for another year, provided the Parish provide a driver for their equipment.

Weyl's Sign Update: Bryan Bunn reported Commercial Signs has the Weyl's sign. Should be completed as soon as hurricane work is complete.

Board Members Reappointment Update – Jason Underwood's letter will be sent to the Council.

Bryan Bunn reported the audio/visual equipment has been obtained. Training will occur to operate the sound system. Currently waiting on TPCG IT to meet with the firm to complete the project.

Officers' Report: Sondra Corbitt needs to get the CEA with the State signed. She will check with the State on the new agreement forms to be completed.

The meeting ended at 12:07 p.m. Motion: Bryan Bunn Seconded: Nick Hebert.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024 (change due to Election Day) at 11:00 a.m. at the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Noah Lirette, Chairman

Sondra Corbitt, Secretary