

Drainage District No. 4
Board Meeting
Date: August 5, 2026

Board Members Present: (Line through those not present)

Tim Asher
Emile Henriquez
Carolyn Cavaliere
Michael Arnolie, Jr.
Wendy Bryars

Other Individuals Present: (Line through those not present)

Diana Buras, Bookkeeper
Diana Velez, Attorney
Frank Welsh, Maintenance Foreman
Dee Wild, Office Manager

Meeting called to order: 6:38 P.M.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes approved

Moved to Accept by: Commissioner Henriquez

Seconded by: Commissioner Bryars

Motion Carried: **Y** / N

Treasurer's Report:

For the month of July, the district received \$616 for a total revenue year-to-date of \$303,634 against a budget of \$300,000. July expenditures totaled \$14,171 for a total year-to-date of \$207,042 against an operating budget of \$300,000.

The Board discussed closing out the First Horizon Bank credit cards and obtaining credit cards through Hancock Whitney Bank. The First Horizon credit cards require a guarantor. The previous president of the district was the guarantor on the account. Since he is no longer with the district, we are unable to obtain a new credit card. Hancock Whitney handles many of the parish government credit card accounts. Hancock Whitney does not require a guarantor for governmental agencies. It would be in the interest of the district to obtain credit cards through Hancock Whitney Bank and cancel the First Horizon Bank credit cards once the new cards are received.

MOTION

Commissioner Henriquez made a motion to obtain credit cards through Hancock Whitney. Once the new credit cards are obtained, the First Horizon Bank credit cards will be closed out. Commissioner Arnolie, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board discussed moving the current money market account at First Horizon Bank to Hancock Whitney Bank. The current money market account is earning less than 1% interest. Hancock Whitney Bank is offering a higher interest rate.

MOTION

Commissioner Henriquez made a motion to close out the First Horizon Bank money market and move the funds to Hancock Whitney Bank. Commissioner Arnolie, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moved to Accept Treasurer Report by: Commissioner Henriquez

Seconded by: Commissioner Arnolie, Jr.

Motion Carried:

Y / N

Plant Foreman's Report:

- Legacy Diesel repaired Pump 3.

Maintenance Foreman's Report:

- The pumping station gate would not reopen when the Port-a-let driver was trying to leave. The driver forced the gate open causing damage. Chairman Asher will contact the company regarding the damages caused by their driver.
- RCI cut the levees.
- A homeowner continues to throw debris onto the levee. Efforts will be made to address the issue with the homeowner.

Legal:

Diana Velez stated the proposition verbiage will run four times in The Farmer as required by the law.

Old Business:

The board decided to have 1,000 door hangers printed for the election. The door hangers will provide educational information regarding the operations of the district.

Pristine Ponds will spray the retention ponds within the next two months.

New Business:

The Parish Levee Project will include Drainage District 4. The Parish, Lakeshore Drainage District and Drainage District No 4 will enter into a Cooperative Agreement. The agreement will allow the entities to work together on the proposed changes to the levee system in Slidell. Diana Velez will review the Agreement prior to the District signing.

Adjourn: 7:23 p.m. (Time)

Secretary/Treasurer