

Tree Board Minutes of Feb. 18, 2020 meeting .TPCG Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room  
Officers: Trudy Hebert, chair, Diane Theriot, vice chair, Monica Harris, secretary; Members: Melissa Hutchinson, Barton Joffrion, Mike Niette, Jason Serrano; Parish advisors: Linda Henderson, David Luke, and Chris Pulaski

Meeting was called to order at 11:33. All Board members were present. Linda Henderson was absent. Katie Tabor has resigned. David Luke and Chris Pulaski were present. Quorum met. Invocation was said by all. New member Jason Serrano was welcomed to the Board. Chris Pulaski informed members that Katie Tabor has resigned and he is trying to fill her position as soon as possible, but it may take a while. Members were reminded to complete **ethics training** and forward the certificate to Trudy Hebert and Venita Chauvin.

**Minutes: Motion to accept January** minutes as written, was made by Mike Niette. 2nd by Barton Joffrion. Approved by all.

**Financial report** presented by Trudy Hebert. Last month's report was corrected to reflect the carry-over from 2019 was \$14,134.09. Balance last month was \$19,134.09. Expenditures in January were \$100 to Blanchard's Trailers for a trailer to dump debris from the East Tunnel project and \$278.69 to Treelife Farms for 400 saplings for the Arbor Day give-away. Balance is \$18,755.40.

**Earmarked project updates:**

**East Tunnel Blvd** -- porkchop, was cleared of trees and bushes by David's crew. David Luke will try to have his crew grind stumps after Mardi Gras if weather permits.

**Courthouse Oaks**—David Luke will get bids from licensed arborists to prune the oaks after Mardi Gras.

**Dularge overpass**—Chris Pulaski had a phone meeting with Chet Morrison, who wants to work with the parish to make improvements to the interchange. It may be beyond the scope of the Tree Board but we will work on the wetland-friendly tree element of the plan. The drawing of the plan Katie Tabor made will be sent to Board members.

**Arbor Day**—Was held Jan 25. at the main library. 249 container trees and almost 400 saplings were distributed to 119 households. All 13 zip codes were included. Parish sent the report to Apache Corp. Monica reported on the types of trees distributed this year and what residents requested for next year. A few extra trees were given to the animal shelter and we will contact Recreation districts to see if they can use the extra elm saplings.

**Announcements:** Mike Niette will notify Board members when the willow oak from the Tree Board is planted at St Mathew's in memory of Myers McAllister. Trudy Hebert also noted the passing of Margie Jenkins, who has provided the trees for the Arbor Day give-away for the past 14 years. We still need two members.

Next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at the TP Government Tower 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room  
Monica Harris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Niette. All voted in favor.  
Monica Harris, secretary