

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 16th, 2022
8:30 A.M.

Present: Johnny Buckley, Brenda Abercrombie and Ben Bridges. Also present: Laura Hartt, Dakota Hill, Jerry Lazenby, Minor Patton, Jill Hodge, Nathan Wilson, Stephanie Walker, James Wicker, Challana Dean, Mike Rockett and Woody Wilson.

Mrs. Abercrombie called the meeting to order. Mr. Bridges led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda with one addition:

#6 Discuss and take action, if necessary, regarding the request from the Union Parish Sheriff's Office.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to adopt the minutes from the December 15th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding the American Rescue Funds. Mrs. Hartt stated that on January 6th, 2022, new guidelines came out. Those guidelines broadened the ways that the money could be spent. If the award amount is 10 million or less then you can consider that to be lost revenue. Lost revenue can be spent on any general government purpose. Once the money is declared as lost revenue then the money can be placed in the General Fund with less restrictions. The money has to be spent and can not be saved for a later date. It can not be used to offset any deficit fund balances. The money needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

A brief discussion was held regarding the American Rescue Funds. Laura Hartt, Project Manager for the American Rescue Funds, gave a brief talk on how the grants reimbursement would work. Mrs. Hartt expects a turnaround of no more than thirty (30) days for reimbursement. The project engineer will have to sign off on the reimbursement and Mrs. Hartt will also have to sign off on it.

Mrs. Hartt stated that she is going to bill against the project. She bills at an hourly rate. She realizes that the water systems are paying her fees and she will be very mindful of that.

In order for the reimbursement process to begin, an original invoice will be needed, proof of payment and pictures, as well as the contractor and/or engineer to sign off on the authorization for payment. Mrs. Hartt stated that the engineer of record should already have that form and if not, she can send one. The reimbursement process should be smooth. **No action taken. The meeting was for informational purposes.**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented a letter from Dusty J. Gates, Union Parish Sheriff. Sheriff Gates is requesting hazardous duty pay in the amount of \$106,006.22 for one hundred sixty (160) hours of work. The requested amount will pay thirty-nine (39) full-time employees who are still

employed in the civil, criminal and support units. Sheriff Gates is not requesting any compensation for himself. **Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to deny the request for hazardous duty pay in the amount of \$106,006.22 for the Union Parish Sheriff's Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mrs. Abercrombie declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Buckley and duly seconded by Mr. Bridges on this the 16th day of February, 2022.

Brenda Abercrombie, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer