

MINUTES

**Livingston Parish Finance Committee
May 9, 2024**

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the hour of five – thirty (5:30) p.m. with the following members present:

John Mangus – Chair
Lonnie Watts
Joseph Erdey

Also Present: Mickey McMorris, Finance Director
Randy Delatte, Parish President

The Chair started with a prayer and the Pledge.

The chair called the meeting to order and called roll.

The Chair addressed the agenda item, “Old Business.”

Having none “Old Business” to discuss the Chair moved on to the next item, “New Business.”

a. Financial Report – Mickey McMorris

The Finance Director, Mickey McMorris came to the podium and went over the information he had previously distributed to the committee, including funds received from taxes. He also pointed out some grants and what they go towards in the Parish.

Mr. Mangus asked if there were any grants on the way to aid the Killian water crisis. Heather Crain (Grants Office) explained she is currently working on obtaining different sources of funding for that issue.

Mr. Watts asked where the Parish stood financially in that specific situation. Mr. McMorris explained they were not sure how much exactly it will cost to fix the issue. He said that Mr. Wade Holden would probably have more information on it due to him working on the project from the start but did say it will exceed \$100,000. Mr. Watts then asked how much the Parish has spent thus far. Mr. McMorris informed everyone that Air Products did pledge \$100,000 to aid in repairs, as well as \$100,000 to \$150,000 to upgrade the emergency operations center, but the Council would need to accept it. Mr. Mangus asked how much money the Parish has spent thus far. Mr. McMorris answered and said the Parish had not spent any money so far. He said work had been done, but they have not seen the a bill yet. Mr. McMorris explained that the Parish would have to pay for some of the work, but if the Air Products money is accepted that would help.

Parish President Randy Delatte came to the podium and Mr. Erdey asked him a few questions about the quality of the water in Killian.

Mr. Magus asked if there was any New Business to discuss.

Mr. Waguespack came to the podium and explained he was from the auditor's office and said he was open to any questions. Mr. Mangus asked if he could stay for the Council meeting that night.

Mr. Mangus called Ms. Sandefur to the podium and asked if she had any questions about the audit. She explained her concern she wanted addressed was an itemized invoice from the Council's legal team in 2023 and she wishes to be on the next finance committee agenda. Mr. Waguespack explained they are in the process of starting the financial audit soon.

Mr. Delatte came to the podium and explained that he agreed with Ms. Sandefur, but he will not be able to provide her with what she wants until the audit is over in June 2024.

The Chair asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Having no other business to come before the committee, it was moved and agreed that the Livingston Parish Finance Committee adjourn.

MOTION was made by Lonnie Watts and seconded by Joseph Erdey; the meeting was adjourned.

1st Caroline Lockhart

Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

1st John Mangus

John Mangus, Chair