St. Mary Parish

 Recreation District No. 3

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 SPECIAL MEETING

 August 7, 2023

Present: Brian Head-Chairman, Board members-Lane Boudreaux, Javon Charles, Eddie Gay,

Calvin Johnson and Rachel Kidder

Absent: Dr. Jeffrey Fitter

Sec-Treas: Monica Lestage

Manager: Mark Richard

Guests: Jackie Romero-office manager, Gwen Hidalgo-Dist. 10, Councilman at Large

The meeting was called to order.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Guests were welcomed.

The agenda was expanded to enter into executive session to discuss an employee situation, by motion from Lane Boudreaux. Javon Charles offered a second. With all in favor, motion passed. Everyone except board members exited the meeting. After discussion, all returned to the meeting. Motion to leave executive session was offered by Javon Charles. With Eddie Gay offering a second, and all in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made to return to special meeting status by motion from Javon Charles. With a second from Eddie Gay, and all in favor, motion carried. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss hiring an office manager. Javon Charles stated that he had gone through the original applications and in his opinion, found 17 experienced applicants, five with bachelor’s degrees and one with an associate’s degree in accounting. He wanted to know why the Guillotte application stood out, above others. Mark Richard, manager, said after interviewing her, that she was the best fit for the position. Brian Head stated that the three applicants, that actually showed up, were asked the same questions. Angie Guillotte was experienced in payroll, insurance, taxes, even the website. Mr. Calvin said he had sat in on two of the interviews and she was by far, the most qualified. Javon said he would stand by the board’s decision and offer any help and support needed. He still felt that more interviews should have been done. Mr. Head said that we appreciate your concern but the experience of this applicant was so apparent, it was futile to continue interviewing. The manager made his choice and the board should support his choice. Councilwoman Hidalgo asked if degreed people would even work for the budgeted amount? Lane Boudreaux made the motion to accept Mark’s recommendation to hire Angie Guillotte. With a second from Rachel Kidder and all in favor, with the exception of Mr. Charles in opposition, motion passed.

There being no other business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Javon Charles, seconded by Calvin Johnson. With all in favor, motion passed.

(s) Brian Head (s) Monica Lestage

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Brian Head-Chairman Monica Lestage-Secretary