LCDBG October 10, 2023
Ruston, LA

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury

FROM: Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Sharyon Mayfield, Chair; Glenn Scriber, Milton Melton, and Annette Straughter

ABSENT: Hazel Hunter

Sharyon Mayfield called the meeting to order and Milton Melton delivered the invocation.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to approve the Agenda. The motion was voted upon and carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Mayfield, Scriber, Melton, and Straughter

Sharyon Mayfield called for public comments on agenda items. There were none.

The first item on the agenda was project selection for the FY 2024/25 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Application. Henry Shuler of Shuler Consulting Company, was present to explain the different type of projects available for funding. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to select a project to lessen rain and groundwater infiltration into the sewer system of Lincoln Parish Sewer District No. 1. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Mayfield, Scriber, Melton, and Straughter

Next item on the agenda was to authorize the submittal of an application for the project. Mr. Courtney Hall informed the committee that the application is due on November 15, 2023. After discussion, Glenn Scriber offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize submittal of an application for the above referenced project. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Mayfield, Scriber, Melton, and Straughter

Next item on the agenda was to authorize utilization of local funds to pay administrative and engineering costs. Mr. Hall recommended that the committee consider paying these costs in order to gain more points in the application review process. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize local funds to pay administrative and engineering costs. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Mayfield, Scriber, Melton, and Straughter

Next item on the agenda was the administrative and engineering consultant selection. Mr. Hall recommended selecting Shuler Consulting Company as the Engineering Consultant as well as Mrs. Laura Hartt as the Administrative Consultant. Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize engagement of these consultants. The motion carried with the following votes:

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Next on the agenda was to authorize a Letter of Intent for the 2024/25 LCDBG Make a Difference Program. Mrs. Laura Hartt was present for questions and comments. Ms. Hartt explained that this is a new pool of money that can be used for any eligible CDBG purpose. After discussion, Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Milton Melton, to authorize Laura Hartt to draw up a Letter of Intent for the 2024/25 LCDBG Make A Difference Program. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Mayfield, Scriber, Melton, and Straughter

Chair Mayfield called for Public Comments. There were none.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, Milton Melton offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Mayfield, Scriber, Melton, and Straughter

Courtney Hall Interim Parish Administrator

Sharyon Mayfield Committee Chair