

Tree Board Minutes of May 19, 2020 meeting via **Zoom**.

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 11:35. Trudy Hebert, Jason Serrano, Monica Harris, Melissa Hutchinson, Diane Theriot, and Pat Gordon were present. Barton Joffrion and Mike Niette were absent. Chris Pulaski, David Luke and Linda Henderson were present. **Quorum met.**

Motion to accept February minutes as written, was made by Monica Harris, 2nd by Jason Serrano.

Financial report was presented by Trudy Hebert. Balance is \$18,755.40.

Earmarked project updates:

East Tunnel Blvd Stumps have been ground by David's crew. Trudy will submit DOTD plans to local nurseries for quotes.

Courthouse Oaks—Trees have been fertilized and roped off but no trimming has been done.

Dularge overpass—Monica took Photos of the flooding at the site on May 17. She is concerned about mowing around knees if we plant cypress. Chris suggested we look at Montezuma cypress which has fewer knees. We will need to buy trees large enough to survive submersion. We need to find the plans drawn by Katie and review and revise them before we can submit them to DOTD. We do not plan to do anything with the porkchop areas.

Tree School-Chris, David and Jason attended. Jason reported that he enjoyed it and learned a lot that will be useful.

Jason accepted the position as chair of the **Tree-mendous Tree award committee** and Pat accepted **chair of DOTD committee**.

Announcements: There is still one vacancy on the Board. Trudy said John Emerson who is an expert on cypress has expressed an interest in joining. Trudy will call him.

Chris said Garnier's has some 8-9 Ft tall trees, including crape myrtles and savannah hollies, to donate to the Parish. We will look for projects where we can use them.

Next meeting will June 16 at 11:30. We hope it will be at the TP Government Tower 1st floor conference room

Monica made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jason. All voted in favor.

Monica Harris, secretary