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From: Bret Schnadelbach
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 12:50 PM
To: 'David Henderson'
Cc: Mark Kolwe
Subject: Meeting with Brady Sledge from the Assessor's Office

David,

Today, I met with Mr. Brady Sledge concerning the Hammond Consolidated School District #1 Boundary. Mr. Sledge indicated to me that back in 1987 when the City of Hammond annexed additional land into the city limits the existing property millage were added to the new properties. However, some of the added property fell outside the Hammond Consolidated School District #1 boundary. The three areas are Woodbridge Subdivision, Conrad Anderson Road, and the area near the hospital. This error was first discovered in March 2010 and is not related to the redrawn boundary lines issue created by the Registrar of Voters. The amount of tax collected in error on these properties is as follows:

2007 – (15.0 mills)	\$ 41,944.55
2008 – (13.0 mills)	\$ 44,324.03
2009 – (12.5 mills)	<u>\$ 47,401.87</u>
Total	\$133,670.45

These amounts cover all three millage (School Dist #1, Hammond Alternate, & Hammond Accelerated). Mr. Sledge indicated that a new law was recently passed (Act 819) that allows a tax payer to petition an incorrect tax payment and receive reimbursement up to three years. He even read a passage on page 15 of 102 to me. Please check to see if we are required to refund this money.

Mr. Sledge also indicated that tax payers located in the area near the hospital should be in the Ponchatoula district. Any refund paid to these individuals should be offset by any unpaid Ponchatoula tax. I asked Mr. Sledge to quantify the amount of potentially under paid Ponchatoula tax. In addition, as you requested, I asked him if he would provide the School Board with a letter from the Assessor to the Superintendent explaining the error and stating that the tax rolls have been corrected.

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