

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm at their Administration office on Carter Drive in Denham Springs, La.

Chairman John Easterly opened the regular meeting

Present: J.Easterly,S.Westmoreland,S.Spillman,J.McCoy,D.Strickland,S.Ball, J.Marcone

Absent –none

Guests - Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director
Barry LeJuene, Manager
Toby Fruge-Roy Waggenpack of Owen & White
Legal Counsel, Colt Fore
Etec representatives Consultant-Chance Parent
D R Horton representatives, George McCallum, engineer and legal counsel
Conner Pace, Paystar Inc.

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on February 15, 2022, as mailed with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Etec representatives addressed the board with a presentation regarding their electronic meter products now available through their manufacturer, Kanstrup Inc. The features were explained on the various products with references of other users of this equipment. It was noted that there is a 20 year guarantee for accuracy and battery life. It was stated that this product would provide alert codes that will allow management to be efficient. Options of this equipment include: intergration to billing, monitoring leaks and full IT support. Board fielded questions on the features and took the presentation under advisement for a future decision.

Legal Counsel stated that there was no new legal activity to report.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, reported that all work is complete for the Sims Road project with a few small punch items left. The substantial completion is drafted. He also noted that Vincent Place construction is moving along well.

Administrative Director presented application #8 for the 2019 DWRL fund reimbursement in the amount of \$15,051.97.

Motion to authorize the submission of application #8 from the DWRL funds for a reimbursement of \$15,051.97 with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by S.Westmoreland Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administrative Director is working on specifications for a utility billing system software for a bid package. She has been assisted by consultant, Chance Parent. Mr. Conner of Paystar Inc.(current credit card vendor for automated bill paying) addressed the board He noted the success in the past with the District and stated that he provides service with new billing softwares throughout the area.

Paystar representative stated that his intention to continue to serve the District with whatever system is decided upon and a smooth integration to a new system. He summarized the integration procedures used with many other systems. Board discussed the specification package being assembled and Chairman recommended to continue with the specification assembly for another 30 days.

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported on the monthly customer update, noting that a total increase of 68 customers was realized thru February and 178 YTD resulting in a total customer count of 23,518.

Manager reported on discussion with Fire Department representatives regarding a fire protection system needs at the new Foxglove development. Representatives of DR Horton and Engineer George McCallum along with Manager summarized the system at this site. It was noted that the system was designed and constructed as a rural consumption water system. Toby Fruge, Engineer, explained the Parish ordinance adopted in July, 2020 which eludes to a fire protection system that is required. Engineer stated that the wording states "adequate number of fire hydrants" is noted. Chairman made comment on the purpose of the District along with other board members stating the purpose of Ward Two Water.

George McCallum also explained the frustration of the developer over what is correct from a fire protection view versus the water provider. Engineer noted that a dry hydrant option is being proposed due to significant investment at this site by the developer. He proposed a cost share of the needed \$150,000 estimate for an upgrade in the water extension near Foxglove (for up to 225 lots). Board consensus shared that the District cannot help a developer improve a private system with the public's water fees. Engineer requested if the board would consider allowing to use the District Engineer plans for a force main installation to be made at DR Horton's cost if tap fees could be credited. Board comments expressed that the Parish should solve this issue over fire protection system with a full disclosure at a Parish committee meeting with all parties (Fire, Parish, and Water District members).

Legal Counsel explained as he read from the Parish Ordinance (7-2020) and noted that the rule is for the specific Fire Protection District 4. Chairman appointed Jimmy McCoy and David Strickland to special issue committee.

A Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of February 2022, and a comparison of the period of operations and budget was given to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no further board comments.

Motion to approve the bills as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to approve the construction bills as presented for Loan #1063039-05 (2019 series)
with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by S.Westmoreland Vote passed Yeas-7
Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by
S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7 PM