

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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.Spillman, J.McCoy, S.Ball, D.Strickland, J.Martone

Absent –none

Guests - Barry LeJuene, Manager  
Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director  
Toby Fruge- of Owen & White  
Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt  
Trey Sanders, H.T.Bourgeois CPA's  
George McCallum, Foxglove Development engineer

Public-none

Motion to accept the minutes from special meeting held on December 20, 2022, as mailed with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none

Trey Sanders presented the 2022 financial audit engagement proposal including the 2022 AUP audit engagement.

Motion to approve the 2022 Financial Audit and AUP Audit as presented by H.T.Bourgeois CPA's with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none

George McCallum gave an update on the storage tank design for a water system fire protection system. He explained the components that are designed for the tank and noted that planning for the enclosure is forthcoming along with the tank foundation design. Jimmy McCoy explained that during past disasters gas flow can not be consistent from providers which will impact gas back up systems.

Legal Counsel reported that there were no new items to report on.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, made an update regarding the DWRL provision for new electronic meters per DHH. They have stated that funding for 2022 may materialize even in 2023 for a 51%/49% matching program previously discussed for a 6 million dollar loan with nearly 3 million forgiven.

He also stated that the RFP specifications are being published for bid submission this month. Chairman commented on this potential and that a special meeting may be held. Board discussed the urgency of this action.

Motion to advertise for bids for the electronic meter purchase project through the DWRL funding as recommended by Engineer with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer noted that he is securing quotes for the Wildwood water extension line which may come under the \$250,000 limit for official bids.

Administrative Director noted that the new billing system went live on 1-16-23 and small adjustments are being worked on.

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported on the monthly customer update, noting that a total decrease of 13 customers was realized thru December and 824 YTD resulting in a total customer count of 24,164.

Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of December 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 S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none

Under board comments, Chairman called for an election of officers at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the bills as presented with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to approve the construction bills as presented for Loan #1063039-05 (2019 series) with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7 PM**