

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm at their Administration office on Carter Drive in Denham Springs, La.

Public hearing called to order by Chairman, John Easterly.
Discussion was opened regarding the potential to issue not to exceed \$6,000,000 revenue bonds for the Ward Two Water District.

Chairman closed public hearing at 7:09 pm.

Chairman John Easterly opened the regular meeting noting that public may comment on any agenda item.

Present: J.Easterly, S.Spillman, J.McCoy, S.Ball, D.Strickland, J.Martone, S.McDaniel

Absent –none

Guests - Barry LeJuene, Manager
Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director
Toby Fruge- of Owen & White
Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt
Jim Ryan, consultant
Scott Frazier and Kirk Ash of BR Winwater and Master Meter
Public-none

Chairman welcomed Mr. Steven McDaniel to the board per his recent appointment.

Chairman opened floor for the election for the Vice Chairman position.
Motion to nominate and elect unanimously Jimmie McCoy as Vice Chairman with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Not voting Jimmie McCoy.

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on January 17, 2023, as mailed with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by D.Strickland Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Board discussed the proposed resolution that was discussed in the public hearing and which will be considered by the Louisiana Bond Commission. Jim Ryan explained the many factors on this agenda item. Mr. Ryan explained the timeline of the approval process and use of funds.

Motion to adopt the resolution determining that a public hearing has been held and that no petition has been filed objecting to the proposed issuance by Ward Two Water District, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana of its Taxable Water Revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000); authorizing the officials of said District to proceed with the preparation of the documents required for the issuance of such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance by Ward Two Water District, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana of its Taxable Water Revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000); in one or more series , authorizing the execution of a Loan and Pledge Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH); providing for the sale and delivery of said Bonds to LDH; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

The RFP Committee member Shevis Ball gave a report on the review of all vendor quotes by committee members for providing a recommendation to the full board regarding the future purchase of A.M.I. Meters. Engineer explained all 4 scoring tallies and factors. Committee rankings were presented noting the scores for Master Meter, Aqua Metric, Ferguson, and Core Main quotes. After full discussion the consensus of the board agreed with the RFP Committee that Master Meter should be awarded as the vendor for A.M.I Meters.

Motion to accept the RFP Committee's recommendation for the purchase of electronic meters as per established specifications through Master Meter with no public comment by D.Strickland seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer, Toby Fruge, noted that he will summarize the RFP criteria matching terms of the vendors' quotes and the Manager's District data information. It was noted that LDH recommended closing in March, 2023 for the \$6,000,000 revenue bond. Representative of Master Meter commented on the master plan details and that a tower in the Ward Two District service area will provide coverage.

Legal Counsel reported that one citizen is attempting to file a frivolous lawsuit regarding her home foundation and is naming multiple public entities. No action is needed at this time since the District has no liability.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, explained the Bond Commission approval of the full \$18,000,000 bond proposal but this will be presented in phases to maintain the acceptable bond debt ration on the financials of Ward Two Water. He presented quotes for the 3200 foot water line improvement for Wildwood Avenue from three vendors. The low quote totaled \$174,245 (\$54 per foot) from Allen & Leblanc. He recommended to approve this quote.

Motion to award the low quote for the Wildwood Avenue water line improvement as recommended by engineer to Allen & Leblanc for the price of \$174,245 with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer made a modeling calibration report and noted that Owen & White has the potential to run the model at each requested location in the District. He noted that a calibrated model can give the best information for decisions regarding proper flow and plan for future water demands at various location points. He estimated the engineering modeling cost for the 12 regions with two tests would total \$28,000.

Motion to engage Owen & White to perform engineering services for a calibrated water flow model and appropriate tests regarding the 12 service regions in Ward Two Water with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administrative Director gave an update on the new billing system progress and details being resolved. She made comments on the good support from the vendor so far. She recommended to purchase a new copier and presented a recommendation to purchase from the La State Bid listing contract 440019304 for \$22,347.

Motion to purchase form La State Bid listing contract 440019304 one new Toshiba model 7516AC for \$22,347 as recommended by Administrative Director with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported on the monthly customer update, noting that a total increase of 56 customers was realized thru January resulting in a total customer count of 24,220.

Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of January 2023, 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-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 D.Strickland Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

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



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

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