

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm at their Administration office on Carter Drive in Denham Springs, La.

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

Present: J.Easterly, S.Spillman, J.McCoy, S.McDaniel

Absent –Shevis Ball, J.Martone, David Strickland

Guests - Barry LeJuene, Manager  
Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director  
Toby Fruge- of Owen & White  
Legal Counsel, Hannah Callandro  
Public-none

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on February 21, 2023, as mailed with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-S.Ball, J.Martone, D.Strickland

Legal Counsel reported that a citizen has agreed to remove Ward Two Water District from their lawsuit recently.

Legal Counsel also stated that a notice of subrogation relating to residence at 23402 Conifer Drive whereby a residential fire from a neighbor's home caused damage and the citizen is looking for relief from the Ward Two Water District. Manager shared the inspection report. Legal Counsel shared legal items on cases similar to this type event. Board commented that the District is an official rural water system not a fire fighting system.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, reported that the DOTD Eden Church Road at Lockhart Roundabout project water line re-location reveals that the lines must be moved. Plans and specifications were designed and approved. Manager shared the documents provided to DOTD and noted that a pre-construction meeting is being set for the re-location project.

Engineer recapped the Hunstock West line project and gave details on the road bore that needs to be performed in the 90 day window.

Administrative Director noted that LDH loan closing signatures were executed last week and formal closing will be at the end of the month.

Motion to establish a bank account for the 2023 water system expansion project as recommended by Administrative Director with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Martone, D.Strickland, and S.Ball

Administrative Director noted that work continues on the new billing system and that the new copier machine is in place (\$22,347 final cost).

She stated that LWCC issued the District a dividend check in the amount of \$31,559.85

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported the need for authorization for purchase of 2 new standard locate vehicle units from state bid contract.

Motion to purchase two vehicle units from State Bid Contract 4400023795 in the amount of \$71,750.54 as per Manager's recommendation with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Martone, D.Strickland and S.Ball

Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of March 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-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Martone, D.Strickland, and S.Ball

Under board comments, John Easterly if any undue past billing amounts are being realized by the customers from the billing conversion process which Administrative Director noted there were no large billings accrued.

Motion to pay the bills as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Martone, D.Strickland, S.Ball

Motion to pay the series 2019 construction bills as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Martone, D.Strickland, S.Ball

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-J.Martone, D.Strickland, S.Ball



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7 PM**