

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 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, J.Martone

Absent –Shevis Ball, David Strickland

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

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on April 18, 2023, as mailed with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-S.Ball, D.Strickland

There was no public, so Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Legal Counsel reported that she continues to work on a dismissal of a previous citizen's lawsuit.

Legal Counsel also stated that a notice of subrogation case relating to fire damage to a residence at 23402 Conifer Drive is being worked on.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, reported that the Hunstock water line project is going well and presented his recommendation for a change order #1 in the amount of \$7800 on contract 22-1475-19. Board discussed.

Motion to approve change order #1 on contract 22-1475-19 in the amount of \$7800 as recommended by Engineer with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-S.Ball, D.Strickland

Engineer commented that he is waiting on final consultant's review of the A M I meter types that were selected for proceeding with purchasing actions.

Administrative Director presented information on the potential retirement options and noted that the personnel committee will be looking at these options for a recommendation.

She noted that the staff is working on an update on the new billing system. She shared that 313 customers went paperless this past month (a savings to the District).

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported the need for authorization of advertising for the six month plumbing supply bids for July 1, 2023 through 12-31-23.

Motion to advertise for bids the specified plumbing supply listing for a 6 month period ended 12-31-2023, with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-S.Ball, D.Strickland

Manager noted that the Wildwood extension project was near completion. He noted that one homeowner was against the line being in the ROW along his property regarding a live oak tree. The item is under negotiation with the contractor, Manager, and citizen. Manager gave a detail analysis on the tree.

Manager gave an update on the DOTD Eden Church Road at Lockhart Roundabout design which will require the District to move about 200 feet of service line. He also noted that the Hwy 1024 DOTD bridge work will require line movement, but the line is outside the government servitude therefor DOTD will be reimbursing the costs to the District in the future.

Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of April 2023, and a comparison of the period of operations and budget was given to the Board of Commissioners.

Administrative Secretary also gave a report on cash management involving a potential of favorable interest rates with the Louisiana Asset Management Program backed by the State and encourage by our auditors. He stated that currently the rate of interest on cash funds exceeds 5%. Board will take the information under advisement.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-S.Ball, D.Strickland

Under board comments, Scotty Martone commented that the Mayor of Port Vincent contacted him regarding a removal of the pressure vessel (not in use). Manager noted that this removal was in the plans to be made by the District.

Motion to pay the bills as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent- D.Strickland, S.Ball

Motion to pay the series 2019 construction bills as presented with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent- D.Strickland, S.Ball

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent- D.Strickland, S.Ball



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7 PM