

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 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, S.Ball, D.Strickland
Absent –none

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

Prayer was offered by the Administrative Secretary and a pledge of allegiance given.

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

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on August 15, 2023, as mailed with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.Martone Vote passed Yeas-7
Nays-none Absent-none

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

Engineer, Toby Fruge, presented his recommendation to pay request #1 to Baton Rouge Winwater regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure AMI project in the amount of \$1,891,663.25 from the DWRL 2019 series.

Motion to approve payment of application #1 on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure AMI project from the 2019 DHH series loan in the amount of \$1,891,663.25 to contractor, Baton Rouge Winwater which will close out this loan series of available funds with no public comment by J.Martone seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administrative Director recommended to lift the agenda for consideration of an item that approves a rebudget of the 2019 series DWRL.

Motion to lift the agenda for an item to be added regarding a proposal for considering the action of rebudgeting the 2019 DWRL series loan with DHH with engineer's and Administrative Director's recommendation with no public comment by J.Martone seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to approve the rebudget proposal re-allocations as presented and recommended by engineer and Administrative Director regarding the 2019 DWRL loan series with no public comment by J.Matone seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administrative Director presented request #15 on 2019 loan series and request #2 on the 2023 loan series.

Motion to authorize the submission of application #15 from the DWRL 2019 series funds for a reimbursement of \$1,881,395.64 with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to authorize the submission of application #2 from the DWRL 2023 series funds for a reimbursement of \$10,267.61 with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported that 85 customers were added in July with a year to date gain accumulation of +291 and that 24,455 customers were billed in July. He gave a tank inspection report (Ward Two Tower site) stating that the tank was washed.

He noted that the report has some recommendations on maintenance items noted for consideration (coating, rail replacement/adjustment, and lighting section replacement).

Motion to authorize Engineer to assemble an action plan on the water tank maintenance work as per the recent tank report with no public comment by J.Martone seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager reported that vehicle unit 4045 was in an accident in July with two employees causing damage to the unit. The unit has been deemed as totaled. Insurance quotes were made with option 1 (receive \$34,111.99 in cash for the value or option 2 (repair with insurance oversight and valuation). He recommends option 1.

Motion to approve Option 1 regarding the wrecked unit 4045 as recommended by Manager to receive \$34,111.99 value from the insurance carrier with no public comment by J.Martone seconded by D.Strickland Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager recommended to purchase a new vehicle unit from the State Bid Contract 4400023793 for \$57,652.22.

Motion to approve the purchase of a new vehicle from State Bid Contract 4400028793 for the amount of \$57,652.22 as recommended by Manager with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager reported on interaction with DOTD concerning the roundabout at Lockhart Road and Eden Church Road. He noted that DOTD will require the District to pay 100% of re-location costs. He also noted that the bridge project at Friendship re-location will be reimbursed 100% by DOTD and the cost is estimated at \$150,000 (quotes will be secured).

Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of August 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.Martone Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Under board comments,
Chairman reported a continued meter reading problems and billing impacts. Board members and staff discussed the re-read actions being encountered and the need for improving consistency. The variation of billing to customers is causing public feedback.

Motion to pay 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 pay the 2019 Construction bills on loan #1063039-05 as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by D.Strickland Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to pay the 2023 Construction bills on loan #1063039-06 as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by J.Martone Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

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



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7 PM

