

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 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.Ball

Absent –David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Guests -Barry LeJuene, Manager

Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director

Toby Fruge- of Owen & White

Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt

Public-Gary Bauman, Human Resource Department

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

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on October 17, 2023, as mailed with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

There were no public comments, so Chairman called upon Mr. Greg Bauman of the Human Resource Department to address the board. He presented the 2024 health insurance coverage renewal policy. He summarized the coverage and premium quotes per each option of insurance category. He presented the new rates for the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of La and the terms. Board discussed the various options.

Motion to approve the 2024 health insurance renewal option coverage as presented by Human Resource Department with Blue Cross Blue Shield as the provider with a projected cost of \$495,006.60 for 2024 with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Legal Counsel reported a clarification of the opt-out/exclusion request involving the prior discussion on the class action suit with 3M and Dupont Corporation.

Motion to authorize Administrative Director to execute a formal affidavit of request for Exclusion/Opt-Out regarding the PFAS class action lawsuit as previously adopted by the board of commissioners and recommended by Legal Counsel with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Engineer, Toby Fruge, presented application #2 on the AMI meter project from Baton Rouge Winwater in the amount of \$1,159,950.00 with his recommendation to pay. He also stated that the main water tower repair work will need no permit and should go out for bids in early 2024.

Motion to approve payment of application #2 on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure AMI project from the 2023 DHH series loan in the amount of \$1,159,950.00 to contractor, Baton Rouge Winwater with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Motion to approve the advertisement for bids as per Engineer's assembled specifications for the main office tower repair project with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Engineer reminded all that on December 13, 2023, a Christmas dinner will be provided at the District administration office for the staff and board.

Administrative Director presented application #3 of the 2023 DWRL series loan in the amount of \$10,574.50 (engineering).

Motion to approve the submission of application #3 on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure AMI project from the 2023 DHH series loan for the total amount of \$10,574.50 with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Administrative Director presented a listing of proposed surplus equipment and a bad debt listing for write off consideration in the amount of \$30,832.88.

Motion to declare as obsolete 5 vehicle units along with some listed office equipment as surplus with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Motion to write off for 2023 bad debts on accounts receivable balances as presented in the amount of \$30,832.88 with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported that 67 customers were added in September with a year to date gain accumulation of +403 and that 24,569 customers were billed in September. He also presented a proposal to purchase two F550 vehicles on state bid contract.

Motion to purchase two new F550 vehicle units from state bid contract 4400023793 for a total of \$71,750.54 as recommended by Manager with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

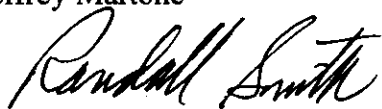
Financial report was presented by the Administrative Secretary for the month of October 2023, and a comparison of the period of operations and budget was given to the Board of Commissioners. A preliminary budget for the 2024 and amended 2023 periods were presented to the budget committee and Chairman for review and consideration in December.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone

Under board comments, Chairman requested an update on progress of fire hydrant repairs as discussed last year. Manager commented on the delay for this action and will follow up on in near future.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-4 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland, Steven McDaniel, Jeffrey Martone



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 7 PM**