

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm at their Administration office on Carter Drive in Denham Springs, La.

Chairman opened the Public Hearing for the discussion of the 2024 Budget and the Amended 2023 Budget.

Being no public comments or further board comments, Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 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, J.Martone, S.McDaniel, D.Strickland

Absent –none

Guests -Barry LeJuene, Manager

Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director

Toby Fruge- of Owen & White

Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt

Parish Councilman elect, Ryan Chavers

Public-none

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

Chairman welcomed Mr. Ryan Chavers to the meeting and he addressed the board thanking them for their service to the public.

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on November 21, 2023, as mailed with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.Martone Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none Not voting- Jimmie McCoy

There were no public comments.

Legal Counsel reported that there was no legal activity to report.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, noted that the contractor on the electronic meter project along with subcontractors held a meeting with him on the requirements of the project. It was noted that materials are being shipped and stored this month with work to possibly begin on the towers at the first of 2024. He noted that the infrastructure installation will be the first action step. He presented application #3 on the AMI meter project from Baton Rouge Winwater in the amount of \$ 855,000.00 with his recommendation to pay.

Motion to approve payment of application #3 on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure AMI project from the 2023 DHH series loan in the amount of \$ 855,000.00 to contractor, Baton Rouge Winwater with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none Not voting- Jimmie McCoy

Administrative Director presented application #4 of the 2023 DWRL series loan in the amount of \$2,018,813.49. She also presented the 2023 La Compliance Questionnaire and the 2023 ADA policy proposal.

Motion to adopt the 2023 ADA policy as presented by Administrative Director with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.Martone Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none Not voting- Jimmie McCoy

Motion to adopt the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented by Administrative Director for the financial audit with no public comment by J.Martone seconded by S.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-none Not voting-Jimmie McCoy

Jimmie McCoy arrived at the meeting.

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 \$2,018,813.49 with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by J.Martone Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Manager, Barry LeJuene, reported that 49 customers were added in October with a year to date gain accumulation of +454 and that 24,618 customers were billed in October.

Motion to accept the plumbing supply bids from two valid bidders as presented by Manager for a six month period through 6-30-24 with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by J.McCoy Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

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

Motion to adopt the 2023 Amended Budget totaling \$7,773,000 as discussed in the public hearing with no public comment by S.Spillman seconded by D.Strickland Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adopt the 2024 Budget totaling \$7,958,000 as discussed in the public hearing with no public comment by D.Strickland seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

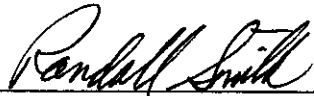
Under board comments, Shevis Ball requested to discuss billing with tier rates at the January meeting. Chairman assigned Shevis Ball, Jimmie McCoy, and Jeffrey Martone to the Rate Study Committee.

Jimmie McCoy requested an explanation on the current water meter installation policy. Manager explained how the contractors interfaced with this meter installation policy.

Motion to pay the bills as presented with no public comment by J.McCoy seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to pay the 2023 Water System Expansion project bills as presented 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.Spillman Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7 PM**