

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at their Administration office on Carter Drive in Denham Springs, La.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Easterly

Present – J. Easterly, S. McDaniel, J. Martone, S. Ball, J. McCoy

Absent - David Strickland

Guests - Barry LeJeune, General Manager

Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director

Toby Fruge, Owen & White

Chris Taylor, prospective new member

Legal Counsel, Blaine Honeycutt

Prayer was offered by Administrative Secretary and a pledge of allegiance was led by Shevis Ball.

Chairman noted that any public may comment on any agenda item during this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on February 20, 2024 as mailed by J. McCoy seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none.
Absent-David Strickland

Legal Counsel noted that a draft of a public letter will be made soon in order to ask for rate adjustment comments from the public.

He presented a copy of the CEA between Fire District 4, Fire District 5, and the District. District 4's attorney is revising some changes from the original agreement. He explained that the concern from District 4 is over the placement of the tower (location to their building). Manager noted that the contractor knows the factors regarding placement in the vicinity of the tower and this concern will not be a problem. Legal Counsel recommended to approve the CEA final revision.

Motion to approve the final CEA between Fire District 4 and Fire District 5 contingent upon Legal Counsel's final review with no public comment by J. McCoy seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland

Toby Fruge of Owen & White gave an update regarding payment application #5 on the AMI Meter Project in the amount of \$71,524.82 to the contractor and recommended payment.

Motion to approve application #5 of the AMI Meter Project as recommended by the Engineer in the amount of \$71,524.82 for contract 147545 with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland

Engineer gave an update on the Tower work and noted the specific work remaining to be performed. It was estimated to be complete around 5-5-24.

He noted that the Tank repair project contract was signed and will be official on 3-20-24. Work is to begin on this phase on 3-27-24 with a completion in 90 days. He covered the details of the project. Board questioned how the contractor will protect while spraying and Engineer noted car parking procedures and contractor's safety plans.

Administrative Director recommended to disburse the funds for pay request #6 of the 2023 DWRL series loan in the amount of \$73,468.36.

Motion to approve the submission of application #6 of the 2023 DWRL series loan in the amount of \$73,468.36 with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland.

Administration Director noted that three dates have been scheduled for First Aid and CPR/AED training for employees from Mr. Charlie Weaver

General Manager, Barry LeJeune, reported that 53 customers were added in January with a year to date gain accumulation of 53 and that 24,839 customers were billed in January.

A financial report for the February 2024 period of operations was given to the Board of Commissioners for their review.

There were no further board comments.

Motion to pay the operational bills as presented March, 2024, period by S. Ball seconded by J. Martone Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland.

Motion to pay the 2023 Water System Expansion bills by J. McCoy seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by J. Martone seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-5 Nays-none Absent-David Strickland.



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary
Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7 PM