

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 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, D.Strickland, Chris Taylor

Absent - Jimmie McCoy

Guests - Barry LeJeune, General Manager

Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director

Toby Fruge, Owen & White

Erin Sandifer, Livingston Parish Council 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. He also recognized new board member, Chris Taylor, and welcomed him to the board.

Chairman opened the nominations for officers for the 2024 year for the District.

Motion to elect John Easterly as Chairman with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by D. Strickland Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jimmie McCoy

Motion to elect Jimmie McCoy as Vice Chairman with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jimmie McCoy

Motion to elect David Strickland as Secretary Treasurer with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by C.Taylor Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jimmie McCoy

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on March 19, 2024 as mailed by J. Martone seconded by C.Taylor Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none. Absent-Jimmie McCoy

Legal Counsel gave an update on the Fire District's CEA with Ward Two Water and stated that the document should be signed soon by all parties.

Toby Fruge of Owen & White gave an update regarding the Water Tank project noting that blasting will begin soon. He summarized the procedures to be used by the contractor. He noted that the La 1024 line re-location project pre-construction meeting was held and the work will begin in May.

He reported that the Lockhart re-location project contractor is Allen Leblanc Inc. He reported that 2 more towers shall be installed regarding the AMI meter project and then tower equipment will be attached. He also commented on the CEA with Fire District 4.

Administrative Director did not give a report.

General Manager, Barry LeJeune, reported that 53 customers were added in February with a year to date gain accumulation of 143 and that 24,929 customers were billed in February.

He also updated board on the roundabout line re-location process at Eden Church Road and Lockhart.

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

Under board comments, Scotty Martone requested the status of a tower site near Port Vincent. Engineer noted that the tower site has been approved.

Mr. Martone also reported on squatter incidents in Ascension Parish and requested if our policy or procedures prevent this type of incursion.

Administrative Director noted that a hand out involving the introduction regarding a new rate policy will be a topic on the next meeting for board consideration and a future vote on the proposed policy potentially in June, 2024.

Motion to pay the operational bills as presented April, 2024, period with no public comment by D.Strickland seconded by S.McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jimmie McCoy.

Motion to pay the 2023 Water System Expansion bills with no public comment by D.Strickland seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jimmie McCoy.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S.McDaniel seconded by S.Ball Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jimmie McCoy.



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7 PM