

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at their Administration office on Carter Drive in Denham Springs, La.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman, John Easterly

Present – J. Easterly, S. Ball, S. McDaniel, C. Taylor, W. Avara, J. Martone

Absent - Melissa Bennett

Guests - Barry LeJeune, General Manager

Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director

Kate Guevara, of Owen & White

Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt

Prayer was offered by Administrative Secretary.

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 January 28, 2025, as mailed with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by W. Avara Vote passed  
Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Melissa Bennett

Legal Counsel reported that there were no new legal matters to discuss.

Kate Guevara of Owen & White gave an update on the AMI project and recommended that application #14 be on contract 23-1475-01 be approved and paid.

Motion to approve application #14 to Baton Rouge Winwater in the amount of \$623,464.36 on contract 23-1475-01 as recommended by engineer with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by J. Martone Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none  
Absent-Melissa Bennett

Engineer reported on the last pay request from the original DWRL funds and how it fully used up the allocated funds on the first phase of the loan with a small amount being paid from operational funds.

Chairman led board discussion on option of proceeding on a month to month basis until the second phase is fully approved by DWRL Board members questioned that if we use District funds in the interim approval period, would the District be reimbursed by the next phase later from DWRL. Engineer commented that she would confirm if the reimbursement would be allowed under loan provisions from DWRL phase two. Board consensus agreed on proceeding with this major project on a month to month basis by paying the project progress billing with operational funds with the intention of getting future reimbursement when the next phase is approved as well as knowing next month through the confirmation from the Engineer.

Administrative Director reported on issues in social media from customers reporting on high bills. She also recommended to approve and presented the re-budget allocation request 2 for the 6 million dollar DWRL loan 1063039-06. She also presented application #15 pay request on the DWRL loan which closes this loan out.

Motion to approve Request #2 to Re-Budget regarding the 2023 DWRL series loan 1063039-06 with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Melissa Bennett.

Motion to approve the submission of application #15 of the 2023 DWRL series loan in the amount of \$547,396.12 with no public comment by S. McDaniel seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Melissa Bennett.

General Manager, Barry LeJeune, reported that 104 customers were added as of January with a year to date gain accumulation of 104 and that 25,441 customers were billed in January.

He recommended the purchase of 3 new vehicle units from the state bid contract listing one to replace unit 4036 and two to replace units 4023 and 4030.

Motion to purchase one new vehicle Crew Cab unit from state bid contract 4400023793 in the amount of \$43,261.03 as recommended by General Manager with no public comment by C. Taylor seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Melissa Bennett

Motion to purchase two new vehicles F150 extended cab units from state bid contract 440023793 in the amount of \$41,056.34 each totaling \$82,112.68 as recommended by General Manager with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent- Melissa Bennett

A financial report for the January 2025 period of operations was presented by the Administrative Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for their review noting budget line item comparisons to actual spending and revenues.

There were no further board comments.

Motion to pay the operational bills as presented for February, 2025, period with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Melissa Bennett.

Motion to pay the 2023 Water System Expansion Project bills with no public comment by C. Taylor seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Melissa Bennett

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S. McDaniel seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent–Melissa Bennett.



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7 PM**