

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 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, M. Bennett
Absent - Jeffrey Martone
Guests - Barry LeJeune, General Manager
Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director
Toby Fruge, of Owen & White
Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt
Public-Carmen Lavergne, attorney, Trey Chavers

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 April 15, 2025, as mailed with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by M. Bennett Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.

Trey Chavers addressed the board requesting consideration for selling the Highway 190 property (Merchant site) to his client or someone interested from the public sector. He explained that he represented a client who owns adjacent property that is affected by this unused property owned by the District.
Chairman gave a history of the two lots which were purchased around 2012 for the potential use of well site. He noted that later another site nearby was purchased for water storage tanks. Chairman assigned Engineer to research the service main needs surrounding this site before taking any action. Mr. Chavers thanked the board for their consideration.

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 of taxable water revenue bonds, series 2025A, of Ward Two Water District, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana and authorizing the execution of a loan and pledge agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Loan #7 (continuation of Loan #6, meter project) with no public comment by S.Ball seconded by W.Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.

Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 of taxable water revenue bonds, series 2025B, of Ward Two Water District, Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana and authorizing the execution of a loan and pledge agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Loan #8 (Emerging Contaminates Funding) with no public comment by C. Taylor seconded by W.Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.

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

Engineer, Toby Fruge, reported that he will be the assigned Engineer for Ward Two Water on behalf of Owen & White.

He gave an update on the AMI Meter Project which is about 99% complete, with 24,381 meters installed and 889 problem sites. Board discussed and questioned General Manager on the plans for servicing these 889 locations. General Manager explained that this tasks will be addressed over time. Board commented that the General Manager should emphasize priority on having access to these unique sites identified.

Engineer recommended to disburse funds for pay application #15 to Baton Rouge Winwater in the amount of \$2,120,289.96 on contract 23-1475-01.

Motion to approve application #15 to Baton Rouge Winwater in the amount of \$2,120,289.96 on contract 23-1475-01 as recommended by engineer with no public comment by M. Bennett seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.

Board discussed the funding details of the DWRL loans outstanding.

Administrative Director gave an update on the pay application 1 needed to be submitted on loan 1063039-07 to LDH.

Motion to approve the submission of application #1 for loan 1063039-07 for the 2025A DWRL series loan in the amount of \$2,277,603.94 with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.

General Manager, Barry LeJeune, reported that there was a 3 customer loss as of the April period with a year to date gain accumulation of 254 and that 25,591 customers were billed in April.

A financial report for the April 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 May, 2025, period with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S. McDaniel seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary