

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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 - Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director

Toby Fruge, & Steve Linderman of Owen & White

Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt

Several Employees of the District

Public-Brad Marcotte, Tommy Venendahl

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.

There were no public comments.

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on December 16, 2025, as mailed with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone

Administrative Director reported that a customer (Clayton McKenzie) had a flooding yard as per his comments due to actions on adjusting the leak at a meter box. He requested \$1,000 of gravel to fill in his property to repair the damage from the flooding. Staff inspected the area and did not note any flooding issues after the leak was repaired. Administrative Director noted that the water bill was adjusted for a minor amount for the water that was leaked. Board discussed and took no action due to no evidence.

Legal Counsel noted that there were no new legal matters to report.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, reported that the original funding approvals have been received regarding the emerging contaminate grant program. He recommended to send all executed documents before advertising for bids for construction.

Steve Linderman reported on the office well facts from his recent analysis. He explained the options and recommended to install a jockey pump for proper cycling of the water inside the tank. He noted future serious issues of water quality without addressing the cycling. He estimated that cost should be around \$250,000 to install this option. Board discussed the options.

Motion to direct Engineers to design an additional jockey pump system to be attached to the Office Well and tank system for future board consideration with no public by C. Taylor seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent- J. Martone

Engineer reported on communication from a prior request from Proven Properties, noting that LDH must approve a system since it defines the any source as a "main".

Administration Director reported that the District had a 45 customer gain in December and 650 year to date bringing total customer level to 25,987.

Administrative Director recommended to declare various units-4017,4019, 4023,4030 and 4038 as surplus property due to obsolescence.

Motion to declare five vehicle units as surplus property as recommended by Administrative Director with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by M. Bennett
Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone

Administrative Director reported that Mr. Bill Travis, consultant, continues to work on the flushing program for the District.
She also reported on several very complimentary letters toward the District by customers over service issues. She also presented four quotes for a new dump trailer unit.

Motion to purchase a dump trailer unit in the amount of \$7,559.00 from Big Tex Trailer World who had the low quote with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by C. Taylor
Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.

Administrative Director reported on the Henderson Auction sale results for vehicle units 4036 and 4042 which yielded \$3,815.00. She also reported that Taylor Sudden Service is servicing the generators.

Administrative Director led the discussion on current tap pricing for customers. Board members discussed an itemized pricing schedule to customers and contractors. Board members suggested that an adjusted pricing schedule be considered at this time.

Motion to approve contractor tap fee pricing policy as per schedule presented effective as of 1-20-26 with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by W. Avara
Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone

Administrative Director discussed Holiday compensation. Walley Avara presented feedback from employees and a proposal for adjustment on holiday compensation in the employee policy manual.

Motion to approve the wording adjustments to the section regarding holiday compensation in the employee policy manual effective as of 1-20-26 with no public comment by C. Taylor seconded by S. McDaniel
Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone

Administrative Director gave an update on the meter change out project noting great progress with only 314 remaining for change out.

A financial report for the December, 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 committee reports.

Motion to pay operational bills as presented for January 2026, period with no public comment by C. Taylor seconded by M. Bennett Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-6 Nays-none Absent-Jeffrey Martone.



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7 PM