

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 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, J. Martone Absent - none

Guests - Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director
Toby Fruge, of Owen & White
Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt
Several Employees of the District
Public-Bill Travis, Ryan Cobb of Thornton Musso

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 January 20, 2026, as mailed with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Bill Travis gave a report on water quality. He noted that copper is a serious line issue as reports reveal, however he stated that this issue was solved. He will be sending out 17 letters as required on this issue and thanked the staff for great support in solving this issue. He noted that no lead lines were detected in all the testing process. He discussed chloroform sampling procedures and presented a detailed report. Mr. Cobb of Lumin Ultra shared his product's favorable results. He gave 80 sample test site results. It was noted that an engineering cost estimate for preventative maintenance could cost around \$70,000. Chairman thanked the consultants for their valuable assistance.

Legal Counsel noted that there would be a legal fee increase in 2026.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, reported that the funding authorities for the Emerging Contaminant Project is urging the District to advertise for bids and he also recommended to proceed.

Motion to direct Engineer to advertise for bids on the Emerging Contaminant Project as designed with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by M. Bennett Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer discussed new proposed Revised Connection Procedures and Specifications and recommended to approve these changes which will benefit the District.

Motion to adopt Engineer changes to the Connection Procedures/Specifications effective immediately with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer summarized the Whispering Springs development history (site well donation) and how the original site is not available as promised but new developer is researching donating a site to fulfill the original agreement. Legal Counsel approved this change.

Administration Director reported that the District had a 5 customer gain in January and bringing total customer level to 25,992.

Administrative Director stated that the opening of bids will be held on March 17, 2026, regarding the surplus property declared.

Administrative Director requested approval to open a new bank account for the Emerging Contaminate well replacement funds.

Motion to direct Administrative Director to open a new bank account for the Emerging Contaminate well replacement funds with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.

Motion to submit Requisition #1 to DHH regarding the Emerging Contaminate well replacement project in the amount of \$465,524.79 with no public comment by M. Bennett seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.

Administrative Director reported that another prospective customer is wishing to be included into the Ward Two Water system from the Proven Properties development area. Engineer stated that LDH has not given approval at this time.

Administrative Director discussed the progress made on the meter changeout project noting that 191 meters remain to be serviced. She also stated that there are only 11 taps to be made at this time.

A financial report for the January 2026, 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. He also noted that some accounting charges would be encountered for the year end closing this year.

Motion to accept the financial report presented with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Chairman noted his desire to have new officers for 2026 and his wish to step down as Chairman.

Chairman opened the floor for nominations for officers for 2026.

Motion to nominate and elect Shevis Ball for Chairman position with no public comment by M. Bennett seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to nominate and elect Jeffrey Martone for Vice Chairman position with no public comment by S. Ball seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to nominate and elect Chris Taylor for Secretary-Treasurer position with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no further committee reports.

Motion to pay operational bills as presented for February 2026, period with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to pay 2025 water system expansion bills as presented for February 2026, period with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to pay 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement bills as presented for February 2026, period with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by M. Bennett Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by S. McDaniel seconded by S. Ball Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

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