

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 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, Shevis Ball

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-Trey Sanders, Conner Collura of H.T. Bourgeois CPA's

Taylor Swain, Smith Accounting – Scott Frazier of Baton Rouge Winwater

John Gaines-Jeff Reeves health representatives

Prayer was offered by Administrative Secretary.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Jeffrey Martone.

Chairman noted that any public may comment on any agenda item during this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on February 17, 2026, as mailed with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by W.Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no public comments and Chairman moved agenda item 11 e iii for discussion. Scott Frazier reported on a recent inspection of a base station that had failed causing an outage on reading many AMI meters. He noted that the unit's door was removed possibly by bad weather and weather has caused failure with moisture. Board and Mr. Frazier discussed many possible factors. Engineer noted that until substantial completion is determined on the entire project that the liability is on the contractor. Legal Counsel agreed that the equipment is not the Water District's until substantial completion is granted. It was noted that a new base station was ordered under this emergency condition and is to be installed Friday 3-20-26. Scott Frazier noted that he will proceed with action to get the District operational. Board directed contractor, Scott Frazier of Baton Rouge Winwater to proceed with providing a replacement unit.

John Gaines and Jeff Reeves presented a health care proposal and risk analysis at a cost savings from the current plan in place. He covered details of the risk analysis report showing data on the current employee pool. He summarized the information on some employees covered with Medicare and noted how his proposal plan. He estimates that a potential \$98,460 savings could be realized. Board discussed and the board consensus agreed to hold off on a decision until the insurance committee reviews thoroughly and possibly call a special meeting for reviewing details.

Trey Sanders presented a modified engagement letter for the 2025 AUP and single audit. He noted the changes and details required by LLA.

Motion to approve the 2025 financial audit engagement agreement for the AUP audit and single audit with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Legal Counsel noted that there were no new legal matters for discussion.

Engineer, Toby Fruge, gave an update on the Proven Properties extension approved by the State Health.

He noted that the well project bid was previously advertised regarding the Emerging Contaminants well project and will be opened on April 9, 2026 at 2 pm with award following on 4-21-26.

Engineer reported on his analysis of the Chandler Bluff development (14 lots) regarding water capacity. He noted that a 6 inch line is in the District specifications and would be needed to supply to the development which will be required to install a 6 inch line. John Easterly suggested the need to supply with a 6 inch extension for all this area (Hwy 1019). Board discussed this action.

Motion to direct Engineer to design a 6 inch line upgrade on current line (4 inch) in order to properly feed the Chandler Bluff development with minimum standards with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by J. Easterly Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administration Director reported that the District had a 19 customer gain in February bringing total customer level to 26,011.

Administrative Director reported on surplus property bid of \$ 2,501

Motion to accept the surplus property bid as received for \$2,501 and recommended by the Administrative Director with no public comment by C. Taylor seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administrative Director reported on 3 quotes on a new trailer. Board discussed the specifications used and Legal Counsel recommended to reject all bids.

Motion to reject all three quotes received on the purchase of a new trailer with no public comment by S. McDaniel seconded by J. Easterly Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.

Administrative Director reported on the AMI meter project noting that only 96 units remain for change out (95 tree roots and one concrete). She covered the unread count and covered customer complaints regarding the last 20 month billing periods relating to misreads. She summarized the various misread issues and inconsistencies to date, noting that 655 meters have never read. Board commented that approximately 25% of readings appear to be inconsistent and recommended to meet with Scott Frazier on the priority status to the board for solutions of this matter.

A financial report for the February 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.

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

There were no further committee reports.

Under board comments, Jeffrey Martone questioned the many alerts from truck units regarding speeding alerts, etc. John Easterly stated the importance of addressing driving habits and safety awareness.

John Easterly also suggested the action on addition of staff for assistance to management. Board discussed the potential of work needs and the new schedule's impact on getting the work completed.

Motion to pay operational 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 pay 2025 water system expansion bills as presented for March 2026, period with no public comment by S. McDaniel seconded by J. Martone Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to pay 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement bills as presented for March 2026, period with no public comment by C. Taylor 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 C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.



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Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

**Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7 PM**