

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 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-none

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 March 17, 2026, as mailed with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by J. Easterly Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no public comments and Chairman moved agenda item for discussion.

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

Engineer, Toby Fruge, presented three quotes from contractors regarding the Proven Properties waterline Project Contract 26-1475-01. After tabulation, Engineer, stated that the low quote was from Allen Leblanc for \$46,984.

Motion to approve the low quote for the Proven Properties waterline Project Contract in the amount of \$46,984 from Allen Leblanc as recommended by the engineer with no public comments by J. Martone seconded by J. Easterly Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

The engineer presented only bid for the 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement project in the amount of \$4,430,593.40 from Layne Christensen. He summarized that \$5,000,000 of funds allocated for the automated meters is currently unallocated by the state. He recommended to first secure responses for substituting the allocation from the state on the excess funds and hold off of the contract award as an option. Board discussed options of waiting versus awarding the bid which will require amounts to be paid by the District.

Motion to award the 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement project contract to Layne Christensen in the amount of \$4,430,593.40 as recommended by the engineer with no public comments by J. Martone seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer covered the hydraulics studied regarding the Office Well and the Billie Drive well. He summarized the improper draining and cycling of the tank as well as the filling issues in the past. He now recommends to check the programming to adjust the system programming for elevation since it is now determined with accuracy. Board consensus agreed for the Engineer to proceed with programming review.

Administration Director reported that the District had a 38 customer gain in March bringing total customer level to 26,049.

Administrative Director reported that there were no pay applications this month for the AMI project and that a change order for time extension will be needed next month. She noted that Scott Frazier is working with Master Meter on all adjustments. She stated that the base station was installed and that 2276 meters are considered marginal with about 2200 not reading as compared to last month's 7000 number. Engineer explained areas that the vendor will be concentrating on.

Administration Director also stated that only 41 taps are waiting and that two operators have quit since last month.

She recommended to purchase two new vehicle units from state bid contract and the board discussed the details.

Motion to purchase from state bid contract 4400023793 One new F-150 single cab unit for a total of \$37,330.34 as recommended by the Administrative Director with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by J. Martone Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administrative Director recommended to advertise for six month supply bids with published specifications for the last six months of 2026.

Motion to advertise for six month supply bids for remainder of 2026 with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.

A financial report for the March 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, John Easterly questioned the group insurance proposal as discussed previously and the insurance committee gave the status of research. He also reported on the volume of alert messages from the truck GPS readings this past month. This subject is being researched since alerts are being issued when the power is cut off of each vehicle.

Motion to pay operational bills as presented for April 2026, period with no public comment by M. Bennett seconded by J. Easterly Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

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

Motion to pay 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement bills as presented for April 2026, period with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by M. Bennett seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7 PM