

The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 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 April 21, 2026, as mailed with no public comment by J. Martone seconded by S. McDaniel 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, reported on a DOTD notification that a right turning lane improvement would require a Ward Two Water line re-location at this site.
*Engineer gave an update on the Proven Properties waterline Project Contract26-1475-01
*Engineer reported on the 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement funding. He stated that the State of Louisiana will allow unspent AMI funds to be allocated to the Well Replacement Fund which funds an additional \$1,106,000 to the loan #1063039-08.

Motion to execute the contract with Layne Christensen regarding the 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement Project with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Board consensus agreed to authorize the Notice to Proceed in June of 2026, for the contractor regarding the 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement Project Contract

The engineer stated the need to select a consultant on the Well Replacement Project. Engineer also reported on the quotes gathered to resolve the covering of an exposed water line in two locations (Cane Market Road canal and Acadiana Place Canal at Fitzgerald). This repair action is forced due to safety issues. The low quote on both locations was from Linc-Con Industries in the amount of \$43,840 Cane Market Road site and \$45,395 Acadiana Place site.

Motion to approve the low quotes from Linc-Con Industries on both emergency repair work actions for \$43,840 and \$45,395 respectively for the Cane Market Road and Acadiana Place water line sites as recommended by Engineer with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer summarized the sanitary survey recently performed regarding the Linder Road and Juban Crossing storage tanks. He reported that the screen installation was performed to maintain safety at these storage tank facilities. He also gave a Chandler Bluff Waterline Project update noting that the engineering design work was in progress.

Administration Director reported that the District had a 83 customer gain in April bringing total customer level to 26,132.

Administrative Director reported on the AMI Project, noting that there is only 1 meter remaining to be changed out; 2378 not reading electronically (down from over 7000 last month);and only 14 cellular units not reading. She also noted that a repeater was down at the Port Vincent Well (\$3900 part to be paid by the contractor).

Administrative Director stated that 31 taps for customers are pending. She also recommended to purchase on new trailer unit from State bid list for the amount of \$14,920.73.

Motion to approve the purchase of one new bumper pull trailer unit in the amount of \$14,920.73 from the low quote from Big Tex Trailer World conforming to the published bid specifications and as recommended by Administrative Director with no public comment by M. Bennett seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to adopt the new capitalization of assets policy to state a minimum value of \$2500 before capitalization effective immediately with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by C. Taylor Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Administrative Director commented on the Sanitary Survey and noted that staff review is in progress with a correction goal of items by 5-30-26. She also noted that service quotes are being secured for the Tank/Tower contractor for annual inspection and maintenance services.

A financial report for the April 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 reported that research on a new office building is beginning for this potential future project on both scope and location. He asked other board members to submit comments to him for consideration of ideas.

John Easterly shared planning opinions on a new office and others made comments.

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

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

Motion to pay 2024 Emerging Contaminants Well Replacement bills as presented for May 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 J. Martone seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none.



Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

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