The Commissioners of Ward Two Water District of Livingston Parish met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 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 – S. Ball, S. McDaniel, C. Taylor, W. Avara, J. Martone, J. Easterly M. Bennett
Absent - none
Guests - Agnes Killcrease, Administrative Director
Toby Fruge, Anna Gilbert of Owen & White
Legal Counsel, Blayne Honeycutt
Devyn Bergeron Employee 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.

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

Motion to accept the minutes from regular meeting held on July 21, 2026, as mailed with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

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

Engineer, Toby Fruge, introduced his colleague, Anna Gilbert who will be assisting him with the District in the future.
He presented a change order on contract 26-1475-01 (Proven Properties Waterline Project) in the amount of $211.00 for additional materials needed. He also presented application #1 totaling $47,195.00

Motion to approve change order #1 in the amount of $211.00 on contract 26-1475-01 regarding the Proven Properties Waterline Project as recommended by the Engineer with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yays-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Motion to approve application #1 in the amount of $47,195.00 on contract 26-1475-01 regarding the Proven Properties Waterline Project to Allen & Leblanc as recommended by the Engineer with no public comment by M. Bennett seconded by J. Easterly Vote passed Yays-7 Nays-none Absent-none

Engineer stated that the LDH approval was received on the Chandler Bluff Waterline Project recently. He recommends to advertise for quotes for this project. Board consensus agreed to authorize the advertisement for quotes per specifications.

Engineer gave progress report regarding the Juban Road Waterline Re-location Project involving moving a line from the road into a ROW.

Administration Director reported that the District had a 36 customer gain in July bringing total customer level to 26,260.

Administrative Director reported on the AMI Project, noting that the contractor is working on 1,963 failure to report meters and 1,959 are in marginal status (the remaining count is significantly down from last month's numbers). It now appears that 82 of the cellular types are not reading which will need attention.

Administrative Director stated that there are only 29 taps for customers pending at this time but 14 are recent.
She also reported on the four quotes secured for Tank/Tower Maintenance. Engineer explained that he will make a confirmation call to the low quote from Maguire in the amount of $52,750.

Motion to approve the Maguire company to be awarded the Tank/Well Maintenance contract in the amount o $52,750 contingent upon Engineer verification of the quoted amount with the vendor with no public comment by J. Martone seconded W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

A financial report for the July, 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.

Under the Building Committee report, Jeffrey Martone reported on floor plan data being accumulated from staff and Quality Engineering advisors. Administrative Director reported on her research of 5 land sites with varying size lots. One site along Highway 190 has 14 acres for sale at $1.2 million which is cleared and ready for building activity. Melissa Bennett recommended for the Committee to first detail the needs from the staff regarding space requirements and then cost can be properly estimated. Board discussed and agreed to do more research on the space needed by the District.

Board members made full discussion on the potential of a rate increase and the justification of pursuing a rate increase at this time. Financial factors were discussed and various opinions made by the board.

Administrative Director made a Technical Committee report noting that Tyler Tech purchased the District's information/technical current vendor (programs, etc.) She summarized her meetings with the new vendor and recommends to enter into a new contract for these services from Tyler Tech. The annual cost is estimated at $108,607 along with some start up costs.

Motion to execute a new contract for information and technical support services with Tyler Tech as recommended by the Administrative Director with no public comment by C. Taylor seconded by W. Avara Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

There were no further board comments.

Motion to pay the operational bills as presented for August 2026, period with no public comment by W. Avara seconded by S. McDaniel Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent-none

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

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting with no public comment by J. Easterly seconded by J. Martone Vote passed Yeas-7 Nays-none Absent–none

Randall Smith

Randall Smith Administrative Secretary

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7 PM