

MINUTES FOR AGENDA MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for an Agenda Meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Water Works District office located at 265 Parish Road in Moss Bluff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joshua Thomas, Tim Aguiard, Boo O'Quinn Glen Franklin and
Donna DeBarge
SUPERINTENDENT: Gerald Hoffpauir
FOREMAN: Grant Avery

Mr. Joshua Thomas called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Mr. Boo O'Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Donna DeBarge to accept the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held October 15, 2024 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas.

A discussion was held on the Service Line Inventory Project. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the contractor has completed the inventory of the remaining account locations and is expected to submit a final invoice at the next Regular Meeting.

A discussion was held on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the contractor has poured a concrete base in the bottom of the 2 filters just below the sand valves. The Water District will perform an inspection to verify the specified clearance between the sand valves and concrete base is maintained throughout the subdrain as recommended by the manufacture.

A discussion was held on Well 4. The Board was informed that the order of replacement materials have been delivered and Layne has scheduled to return during the middle of December to complete the necessary repairs.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that Well 8 has been taken offline because it began breaking suction. The well logs from the inspection performed in April 2024 and the most recent inspection in August 2024 after one shaft was replaced, indicated the pump was performing within the normal range of the pumping curve. However, the test data now indicates that the drawdown has increased to the point of breaking suction. Water samples are scheduled to be taken to determine if there is a high concentration of iron or sand in the well, indicating the screen is possibly clogged. Layne has scheduled to pull the column pipe and pump in January to perform a camera inspection to verify the cause of the problem.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the Parish is interested in installing a community sign entering Moss Bluff at the corner of Phils Lane and Highway 171 on property that was acquired by the Water District.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that CSDC, the company that provides the Water District's Billing and Accounting software has been purchased by Monetacode. Monetacode has their own version of an online paying module called Utilipay and does not support the Water District's current Xpress Pay module. Mr. Hoffpauir provided the Board with site fees calculated from rates between Xpress Pay and Utilipay based on the previous October Billing Cycle of 2,586 accounts and the determined that Utilipay saved 95% of the customers on their online service fees compared to Xpress Pay. Of the 5% of customers that were calculated as higher rates on Utilipay, the increase only ranged from \$0.01 to \$0.82.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Boo O'Quinn seconded by Mrs. Donna DeBarge to adjourn. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

Boo O'Quinn , Secretary Treasurer of
Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of
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