

MINUTES FOR AGENDA MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Board Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for an Agenda Meeting held Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Water Works District office located at 265 Parish Road in Moss Bluff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Boo O’Quinn, Glen Franklin, Donna DeBarge, Joshua Thomas and Tim Aguillard
SUPERINTENDENT: Gerald Hoffpauir
FOREMAN: Grant Avery
GUEST: Dakota and Loden Harp

Mr. Boo O’Quinn called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Mr. Glen Franklin and seconded by Mrs. Donna DeBarge to accept the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held September 21, 2021 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas.

A discussion was held on engaging in social media. The Board reviewed a proposal by Palette Branding to develop informational videos and respond to social media platforms on the District’s behalf. Mr. Hoffpauir stated that he also requested a proposal from the O’Carroll Group. However, after reviewing the confrontational content on the social media site, they suggested the District not engage in social media and declined to offer a proposal.

A discussion was held on Indian Bayou Subdivision Water Line Overlay Project Phase 1. Mr. Avery informed the Board that he has distributed notices to customers within the limits of construction, asking them to respond to any issues they may have with the contractor’s work. There were two customers with unresolved issues. Therefore, the contractor will be required to repair the issues prior to releasing final payment.

A discussion was held on amending the Backflow Prevention Ordinance for noncompliant customers that fail to provide annually tested and approved backflow prevention devices. The Board reviewed a list of rates from local plumbers to establish a fee to charge noncompliant customers.

A discussion was held to provide two-way recordings between the District’s office staff and its customers for quality control. The Board requested an opinion for the District Attorney’s office to verify the legality of recordings.

A discussion was held on the status of the District’s personnel. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that all job positions have currently been filled. However, one person still remains on workman’s comp leave.

A discussion was held on the status of the old administrative building damaged from Hurricane Laura. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the interior repairs have been completed and the brick has been installed on the west wall.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Glen Franklin and seconded by Mr. Tim Aguiard to adjourn. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

Donna DeBarge, Secretary Treasurer of
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