

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for a Regular meeting held Tuesday February 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Water Works District office located at 265 Parish Road in Moss Bluff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joshua Thomas, Boo O'Quinn Glen Franklin and Donna DeBarge
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Aguiard
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 Agenda Meeting held February 11, 2025 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas. Mr. Hoffpauir read the Status Report for the month of December 2024. There were 8,866 active accounts. Mr. Hoffpauir read the Financial Report prepared by Steirman Whitfield & Company for the month of January, 2025. The Water District received 76.08% in revenues over expenses budgeted year to date.

Mr. Hoffpauir stated he was informed that the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) has apparently been committed to previous applicants. Therefore, the Water District has shifted CWEF funding request in the amount of \$26,500 to the Louisiana Governmental Assistance Fund (LGAP) for the Electronic Meter Replacement Project. The total funding request for LGAP is now \$66,250 to replace non-functional electronic meter registers.

A discussion was held on Well 4. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that Layne is scheduled to begin the rehab work next week. The work will take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

A discussion was held on Well 8. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that Layne has completed the work to lower the pump and add additional piping below the pump. The pumping test revealed that the well produces 867 gallons per minute at 60 psi which is approximately 281 gallons per minute less than the test performed in June 2024. The plan remains to apply for grant funding for the next several years and drill another well.

A discussion was held on the You Winn Road Water Line Overlay Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the contractor is finishing up a job and is scheduled to begin within a couple of weeks.

A discussion was held on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the contractor is working on the replacement of the remaining 2 filters. Once the remaining filters have been completed, the contractor will address changing the valves inside the Plant.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate Nos. 36, 37, and 38 for work completed to date on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project.

A discussion was held on the Water District's February billing cycle that included consumptions during the hard freeze that began from January 21st through 23rd with temperatures ranging from 25 to down to 6 degrees that contributed to an exceptionally high number of customer leaks.

A motion was made by Mrs. Donna DeBarge and seconded by Mr. Boo O'Quinn to authorize payment on the following Pay Estimates for work completed to date on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project.

Pay Estimate No. 36 to Tullier Services LLC in the amount of \$245,925.74

Pay Estimate No. 37 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$5,356.39

Pay Estimate No. 38 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$583.20

The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Boo O'Quinn and seconded by Mr. Glen Franklin to authorize a variance on the Leak Adjustment Policy by waiving an additional 25% on leak adjustments specific to January that reflected leaks during the winter storm. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

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

Boo OQuinn, Secretary Treasurer of
Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of
Calcasieu Parish