## MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING JULY 15, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for a Regular meeting held Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Water Works District office located at 265 Parish Road in Moss Bluff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joshua Thomas, Tim Aguillard, Boo O'Quinn, Glen Franklin,

Donna DeBarge

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 July 8, 2025 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas.

Mr. Avery read the Status Report for the Month of May 2024. There were 8,940 active accounts.

Mr. Aguillard read the Financial Report prepared by Steirman Whitfield & Company for the month of June 2025. The Water District expended 88.65% in Production & Distribution expenses budgeted year to date and 88.17% in General & Administrative expenses year to date.

A discussion was held on the Jug Says Road Water Line Relocation Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the drain pipe is scheduled to be delivered to the job site on Monday. The Parish has plans to install the drainage pipe and cover the Water Districts exposed water line shortly after delivery.

A discussion was held on the status of Well 3. Mr. Avery informed the Board that a follow-up bacterial sample was taken to the Health Department today and results are expected tomorrow. Once a clear sample is verified by the Health Department, the Water District will put Well 3 back in service.

A discussion was held on Well 4. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the Water District has scheduled to surge and chlorinate the well next week as recommended by the geologist.

A discussion was held on the proposed wells for the Plant C Water Treatment Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that Meyer & Associates recommended that the wells be on a separate contract from the Plant C Contract in order to meet the deadline by the end of the year and possibly be in a position to acquire loan forgiveness funding.

The Board reviewed the specifications for two new vehicles.

The Board reviewed an invoice from the Health Department for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 Safe Drinking Water Fee.

A discussion was held on the Gumbo 2.0 Grant Program. Mr. Avery informed the Board that this program is funded by the Federal Government to provide broadband infrastructure to rural areas throughout the state. The program will likely impact all areas where broadband infrastructure will be installed by requiring facilities to be located by multiple crews simultaneously in order to meet their deadlines.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Aguillard and seconded by Mr. Boo O'Quinn to accept the Truck Specifications for V-1 & V-10 replacements. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mrs. Donna DeBarge and seconded by Mr. Glen Franklin authorize payment to the Health Department in the amount of \$25,501.80 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 Safe Drinking Water Fee. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

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

Tim Aguillard, Secretary Treasurer of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish