

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING MARCH 18, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for a Regular meeting held Tuesday March 18, 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 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 Agenda Meeting held March 11, 2025 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas. Mr. Hoffpauir read the Status Report for the month of January 2025. There were 8,848 active accounts. Mr. Hoffpauir read the Financial Report prepared by Steirman Whitfield & Company for the month of February 2025. The Water District expended 70.45% of the budget for operational expenses and 64.22% for administrative expenses budgeted year to date.

Mr. Avery informed the Board that Pedersen and Pedersen Auctions accepted a bid for V-2 in the amount of \$12,500.

A discussion was held on Well 4. Mr. Avery informed the Board that once the contractor has neutralized the well from the acid wash, they will inspect the well with a camera later this week. The contractor is expected to chlorinate the well over the weekend. The District is scheduled to rinse and collect samples for the Health Department on Monday of next week.

A discussion was held on the generator for Well 7. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the City of Westlake has ordered a new regulator and will install it tomorrow to verify if it will solve the problem of not being able to start the well.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the Water District has scheduled to recondition the filters at Plant A by isolating and superchlorinate each filter cell. Once clear samples have been received by the Health Department, the Water District will put the filters back into service. Mr. Hoffpauir stated that this procedure should help maintain adequate chlorine residual levels after the wells have been offline for a period of time.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate Nos. 39, 40, and 41 for work completed to date on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 15 for work completed to date on the Water Treatment Plant C Project.

A discussion was held on the Louisiana Capital Outlay Funding for Treatment Plant C. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the Water District will not qualify for this year's proposed House Bill 2 Funding because priority funding was completely removed from the previous legislative session during Governor Edwards final year in office. Although the Water District originally gained a proposed Priority 1 Funding going into last year's legislative session, the legislators voted to eliminate the Plant C project altogether from last year's budget. The legislators would have had to drop the project to Priority 5 last year for any consideration in this year's legislative session. Priority 5 is basically considered a wish list without obligation. However, it holds a place for consideration in following year's legislative session.

A discussion was held on the Revolving Loan Fund for the Treatment Plant C Project. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the engineer estimates the project will be ready to bid in 6 months.

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. 39 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$6,121.58

Pay Estimate No. 40 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$537.30

Pay Estimate No. 41 to Tullier Services LLC in the amount of \$314,954.45

The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Franklin and seconded by Mr. Boo O'Quinn to authorize payment to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$139.18 for work completed to date on the Water Treatment Plant C Project. 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. Boo O'Quinn to adjourn. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

Boo OQuinn, Secretary Treasurer of
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