

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 10, 2021

The Board Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for a Special Meeting held Tuesday, August 10, 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

GUEST: Kevin Savoie

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 July 20, 2021 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas.

A discussion was held on future needs of the Water District’s administrative property.

A discussion was held on the new rate increase for the July billing cycle. Mr. Hoffpauir stated that the rate increase will help with the rising operating cost of adding a new treatment plant.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that Alert Notices were mailed out in conjunction with the July bills. Currently the District has 309 customers that have signed up for the notification service.

The Board reviewed an article about the Water District’s fluoride program published by Well Ahead Magazine. The article focused on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Water Fluoridation Quality Award that Water Works District No. 1 has earned for seven years in a row.

A discussion was held on the American Rescue Water Infrastructure Grants. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the Police Jury will receive \$39,455,000.00 in total allocations from the federal government for water and sewer needs throughout the Parish. In addition, the State of Louisiana will receive \$150,000,000 for water infrastructure needs based on accumulated points for consolidation, needs, and water quality issues.

A discussion was held on staffing issues. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the District is currently understaffed due to personnel injuries, COVID, and unassigned job positions.

A motion was made by Mrs. Donna DeBarge and seconded by Mr. Joshua Thomas to apply for State and Parish Grants through the American Rescue Plan. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

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

Donna DeBarge, Secretary Treasurer of
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