

Waterworks District No. 2, Parish of Beauregard

MINUTES

The Board of Commissioners, governing authority of Waterworks District No. Two (2) of the Parish of Beauregard, Louisiana, met in an open and public session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026 at the regular meeting place of said Board, 9252 Hwy 27, Singer, LA.

*Jerry Cooley, President of the Board of Commissioners called the meeting to order and on roll call, the following members being present: **Jerry Cooley, Bill White, Richelle Bowman, Caroll Johnson, and Lisa Gearen***

Absent: 0

Others Present: *Mathieu Rose, Legal Counsel-Tony Tillman, Meyers & Associates: Mark McCarty, Connor Moyer, and Womack representative: Roy King.*

Public Participation: *There was no one present for public participation*

Approval of Minutes:

Caroll Johnson, 2nd by Bill White, moved to adopt the Minutes for the January 12, 2026 meeting and to forego the reading thereof, motion carried without opposition.

Approval of Financial reports:

Caroll Johnson, 2nd by Bill White moved to adopt the financial reports as written for January 2026, the motion carried without opposition.

Payment authorization:

Caroll Johnson, 2nd by Bill White, moved to pay monthly invoices for February 2026, the motion carried without opposition.

Unfinished Business:

6a) The Water Sector Program Projects

Connor Moyer *said the construction is substantially complete, except for cleaning up a little debris. Both plants have been put back into operations. The next step would be to file with the court the substantial completion, and receive the Substantial Completion Certificate. Once that is completed, they will start with a 45-day lien period, then Womack will submit an application for the retainage payment. A Punch List has been submitted, and once that is completed with Board approval, then the project will be marked as completed for close out.*

Paula Rose: The District has not received the Punch List as of to date.

Mark McCarty spoke with the Board explaining the projected cost vs budget of the construction stating what each column represented. It looks like, even though adding the Flow meter, and other Change Orders, the project should close out at approximately \$20,000.00 under budget, so that will be sent back to the Water Sector money.

Roy King, Womack & Son's representative, introduced himself asking the Board to consider forgiving the days the project was delayed, requesting to work out some sort of compensation in lieu of the delayed days. In order to reach a compromise to avoid liquidated damages, he is offering the standard 1-year warranty, with an additional 1-year extended workmanship warranty.

Bill White questioned Mr. King on the monetary value of the offer, in lieu of the delinquent days.

Connor Moyer informed the Board that Womack was asking for a Contract Time Extension from August 25, 2025 to January 8, 2026. Roy King of Womack Construction requested the following days for the time extension as follows:

Summary of delays:

Weather Delays: May, and July totaling **19 days**

Electrical Delays: September 28, 2025 with an electrical change order (Control Panels). The work associated with the change order was not completed until mid-November 2025, resulting in approximately **40-day delay**.

Power Service Delay-BECI: The applications were completed July 30, 2025. Despite this the electric service was not provided until September 25, 2025 with a **57-day request**.

Total Delayed Days requested: 116 days.

Bill White discovered an error in the calculation of days with an additional 7 days to be added, totaling 123 days of delays.

Meyers & Associates, Mark McCarty, and Connor Moyer were in agreement with the days requested. Connor Moyer recommended the total Contract Time extension for 136 days which would move the deadline for Substantial Completion from August 25, 2025 to January 8, 2026. The Liquidated Damages at 136 days, comes to \$136,000.00

Roy King of Womack and Son's stated he had very few weather days he recorded, then a Change Order for the electrical, The Conduit, and wires were cut from the station (Fields), and the electrician had to come back and put in some conduit, and stuff. We covered the cost of that to offset some of the days, approximately \$21,000 (actual \$17,882.00).

Mark McCarty explained the damages was during the removal of the Hydropneumatics tank. Womack compensated Lake Charles Electrical for performing the work, and did not charge the District.

Roy Kings also stated there was a service delay by Beauregard Electric which cost more down time. He is asking for 116 days back in extension time.

Mark McCarty: He and Connor both checked out the weather days report, and those checked out, and the additional 40 days they asked for at Fields is in lieu of charging for the re-wiring service, they paid it, and is requesting for contract time, instead of reimbursement. Mark believes this to be reasonable, and should be granted the 40 days. Concerning the 57 days delay because of Beauregard Electric, which put them at about 20 days short coming to \$20,000. At this time, they would like to offer the extended warranty in lieu of the \$20,000.

Bill White asked for an explanation as to what took place causing BECI's delay.

Connor Moyer stated the delay started back in April 2025. Everyone had met to coordinate trying to get power to the station (Phelps). He, Mathieu, and Lake Chales Electric had met up at Phelps with Beauregard Electric to get a plan on how to power the station.

Bill White: Is the prior to the delay request?

Connor Moyer: Yes, this is prior to the delay request. The initial request is where Change Order #3 originated. What is being requested in delays began on July 30, 2025 to September 18, 2025 when the service was actually installed. We submitted the application for the service, and had two field meetings with Beauregard Electric, and it was not until September 18 before Beauregard Electric installed the meter for Phelps. The Electrician subcontractor had all of their work completed weeks prior to the installation of the meter. The Control Panels were delivered on September 8, 2025 which was delivered on site, and the contractors were still waiting on Beauregard Electric.

Bill White: Questioned the documentation provided by Womack & Sons that Beauregard Electric did not provide power until September 25, 2025. Meyers has the delay dated September 18, and Womack shows the 25th.

Connor Moyer: Part of the delay was the Beauregard Police Jury approved the permit on September 3, 2025 by "Green Tagging" it, but Beauregard Electric did not get there until September 18, 2025, causing the 57 days of delinquent days. With a new calculation of 50 days, instead of 57 days, it would bring the total to 127 days.

Bill White asked who was responsible for contacting Beauregard Electric? Was there a conflict, did someone forget, did someone drop the football, what happened?

Mathieu Rose stated it was Womack's responsibility to contact Beauregard Electric.

Connor Moyer said at the end of May, June, or July where everyone was waiting for Beauregard Electric to mobilize at Phelps.

Bill White: Did someone call Beauregard Electric to see why there was a delay?

Connor Moyer stated that Mathieu Rose actually contacted Beauregard Electric and got the job completed.

Bill White asked if Mathieu was paid for that time? My point is that without Mathieu it probably would have drug on some more. Someone on your side dropped the football. Your inspector, or whoever was responsible for this.

Mark McCarty: What happens from us, I don't know that we are responsible for it, but we contact Beauregard Electric, and inform them that we have a project coming up, and submit a design, and then it is up to them to green tag it, and install the service.

Jerry Cooley, so you do not monitor it from the time you pass them the paperwork, to the job?

Mark McCarty stated that there is nothing to see until they come out and install the service.

Bill White: Once it was green tagged someone should have contacted Beaugard Electric, and let them know it was ready for service. I have done that myself as a contractor.

Mark McCarty: That did take place. We are talking about May and June, this is way before we are ready for power. This is us saying that we have a project getting ready.

Bill White: Their (Beaugard Electric) has to come out and see where everything is to go? But 57 days? I know a home owner or a contractor would not stand for this.

Connor Moyer: We did reach out multiple times. I even sent emails to Paula and Mathieu concerning our attempts letting them know we were about ready for power. A few months went by, and when we were ready for power they were nowhere to be found. I reached out to Mathieu, and that is when he (Mathieu) reached out and got the service installed.

Mathieu Rose: Whoever replaced the president's position at Beaugard Electric called him, and explained that it was still on the engineers' desk, unprocessed.

Mark McCarty: It took longer than we expected, but how I look at that the bids, one came in at \$1.6, and the other one at \$1.4, which was \$200,000 to our good. What usually happens with the \$200,000 is the low bidders work, and you wished you had taken the \$1.6. I don't think this is the case here. The quality of their work is good, good to work with, very accommodating. Personally, I would lean very heavily toward accepting their compromise instead of seeking liquidated damages, because we want them to bid on the next project.

Bill White: What is disheartening about this whole ordeal is that we were burnt before with the same kind of situation. You came here 6 months ago and you were going to get on the job, and I wanted to believe you, but if we were informed, we could have made a decision.

Mark McCarty: Right now, it is the nature of the beast with the Water Sector program. Water, Wastewater, Sewer have flooded the market for contractor, and supplies. I have never seen a contractor finish on time.

Tony Tillman-Legal Counsel stated that he had been doing this for over 20 years, and in matters such as these, we always lean toward the engineer's recommendation. If we come down to hard, then you have the risk of contractors not wanting to bid on your projects. It is the beast of the situations right now. There is nothing wrong with what you are doing right now, but the legality of it, and it is a judgment call on your part, but we do refer it back to the engineer's recommendation.

Bill White: There is no disciplinary action, and no one is held accountable. It is not a matter of being hard it is about doing the right thing. Your word is supposed to mean something. If you say you represent us, then you should represent us. If they need to be reprimanded, then do so.

Mark McCarty: It would be 27 days correct? Another thing, as a good faith jester, they paid for the electrical issue at Fields. We know we messed up by not ordering the Control Panels when we should

have, but instead of doing another Change Order, and it costing the District another \$21,000, they paid for it (Fields).

Richelle Bowman asked "Where do we go from here?"

Mathieu Rose supplied the requested information that the board was requesting on a monetary value of the warranty with the additional warranty. The Pumps, Motors, and Control Panels come to approximately \$160,000 in cost.

Richelle Bowman, and Bill White stated that the warranty they are offering does not cover the parts, only the labor side of it.

Mark McCarty: The first year is covered, what he is offering a 1-year workmanship warranty. We have about \$6,000 that we have not billed you, and if you want to assess us too because you don't believe we provided you with proper updates at the Board meetings.

Bill White: At the last meeting we were informed that the Inspector was there every day.

Mark McCarty stated the Inspector reaches out every Monday to the contractor to see if he is working, or if he will be working later in the week, then he will make a trip out there. We don't just make trips to see if they are working, but if we are passing by, then he may stop, and take pictures.

Jerry Cooley: We need to figure out how to handle this Beauregard Electric going forward, because 57 days seems that something should have been done about that. That is too much of a delay, especially if it is delaying the contractor.

Tony Tillman suggested writing a letter to Beauregard Electric letting them know that our project suffered because of this. An explanation is needed so this does not happen again. He is willing to write a letter on behalf of the Board.

Mark McCarty will get together a timeline for Beauregard Electric.

Richelle Bowman, 2nd by Lisa Gearen, moved to table the discussion on liquidated damages until the next board meeting, and the motion carried without opposition.

No daily logs or inspection reports have been turned in to the Board as requested at the last meeting.

Richelle Bowman, 2nd by Bill White, moved to take a refreshment break. The same made a motion to return to regular business, and both motions carried without opposition.

New Business:

Legal Counsel:

Tony Tillman- Legal Counsel gave a brief description of his past and present work for various water systems, and is also involved in the consolidation of failing water systems.

Bill White, 2nd by Richelle Bowman, moved to hire Tony Tillman as the new legal counsel for the District at \$250.00 per hour. The motion carried without opposition.

Purchase of a new vehicle:

The Board of Commissioner discussed, and approved the quotes for the purchase of a new truck for the Maintenance Department to replace the 2015 GMC 1500. According to the Louisiana Bid Law supplies under \$60,000 is not required to bid, but must obtain 3 quotes according to specs. The Bid Law requirement was followed, and the quotes came is as follows:

| Company: | ½ Ton | ¾ Ton |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alford Motors | \$53,250.00 | \$59,703 |
| Mike Willis Ford | \$46,830.00 | \$48,640 |
| Allstar | \$54,500.00 | \$64,500 |
| Navarre/Dodge | \$56,850.00 | \$58,500 |

Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Richelle Bowman, moved to purchase the ¾ Ton Ford for \$48,640.00 from Mike Willis Ford as the lowest quote. The motion carried without opposition.

Maintenance Truck Safety lights:

7c) Mathieu Rose discussed purchasing running safety lights for each truck. The quote he received was \$1,672.00 per truck coming to a total of \$8,360.00.

The Board discussed different options, and requesting additional quotes from other resources.

Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Richelle Bowman, moved to table the discussion on the safety lights for the trucks, until the next board meeting. The motion carried without opposition.

7d) Mathieu Rose discussed with the Board the need for the staff to be certified on Pipe Fusing, and he had set the training for March 2nd at the approval of the Board at a cost of \$600.00 per employee. Waterworks District No. 3 will join in the training, and will pay for their own employees, and share the cost of the fusing machine rental. The cost for Water District 2 is \$3,000.00

Richelle Bowman, 2nd by Lisa Gearen, moved to approve the Pipe Fusing training at the cost of \$3,000.00. The motion carried without opposition.

7e) Ad Valorem Tax Renewal

Paula Rose discussed with the Board that the Ad Valorem Tax is set for re-election in October 2027. She spoke with Legal Counsel Joseph Delliafield, and he turned the matter over to Jones Law Firm. The Jones Law Firm suggest setting the renewal for October or November of 2026, in case of a failure, this would give us time to put it back on the ballot for 2027.

Bill White, 2nd by Lisa Gearen, moved to put the Ad Valorem Tax renewal on the Election on the ballot for 2026. The motion carried without opposition.

8: Maintenance Report: Mathieu Rose

a) Mathieu Rose gave an overview of Singer Water and Junction Water for the month of January 2026.

1. The new security lights at Fields have been completed, and Phelps will be completed in the next few weeks.
2. The Fields Tank repairs have been completed, with an added life expectancy of 4-6 years.
3. Phelps tank foundation repairs should be addressed again for April or May 2026
4. The District discussed Junction water works

9. Secretary Report: Paula Rose

a) No other reports

Adjournment:

There being no further business, upon a motion by Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Bill White, the meeting was adjourned, the motion carried without opposition.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the business meeting held on February 9, 2026 at the regular public meeting place of said Board at 9252 Hwy 27, Singer, Louisiana.

Paula Rose-District Secretary/Treasurer

Jerry Cooley, President