

**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, January 12, 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, and Caroll Johnson*

**Absent:** *Lisa Gearen*

**Others Present:** *Connor Moyer, and Mathieu Rose*

**Public Participation:** *There was no public participation*

**Approval of Financial reports:**

*Caroll Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richelle Bowman, moved to adopt the financial reports as written for December 2025, the motion carried without opposition.*

**Payment authorization:**

*Caroll Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richelle Bowman, moved to pay monthly invoices for January 2026, the motion carried without opposition.*

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) *Connor Moyer, a representative for Meyers and Associates gave an updated status on the Water Sector Program for Phelps and Fields Booster Stations.*
  
- b) *Original Contract* *\$1,409,818.00*
- c) *Current* *\$1,480,182.01*
- d) *Cost to date* *\$1,406,173.77*

*He stated that the startups for Phelps and Fields were successful with Fields being back online. Phelps the same thing, and has already been partially accepted. Once the existing tank is back in service, they will do a substantial inspection to make sure the contractor has performed all of the work that was specified in the Project. The inspection will make sure that the work has been done, and does not have any imperfections, cleanups, or anything that needs to be done before issuing for the retainage. At the Substantial Inspection he will put together a list, and issue that out. Once that is completed with approval, then it will be filed with the Clerk of Court, and the contractor has a 45-day period to file for their retainage.*

*The last time he spoke with Mathieu they were supposed to put the Fields tank door back on by January 19<sup>th</sup> and once that is accomplished the Substantial should be completed that week.*

*Jerry Cooley inquired about the roof inspection on the existing tanks at Fields.*

***Mathieu Rose stated the work was almost complete, and should be finished by the end of the week, and he will begin re-filling the tank around the middle of next week.***

***Mr. Bill White asked if the rust was at water level, and what about the lifts?***

***Mathieu Rose stated the rust was above the water level, and it was not galvanized, but coated. He explained that the holes in the roof were repaired, and 23 beams had to be replaced due to rust. He stated that Flange issues were located over the vent.***

***He supplied a quote from a contractor to repair the roof on the tank at \$197,000.00, this does not include all repairs. This quote is for information purposes only.***

***Mr. Jerry Cooley asked about repairs versus purchasing a new tank. The cost of a new tank is approximately \$250,000.00.***

***Mathieu Rose stated that with the repairs, and the scaffold the cost right now is approximately \$50,000.00. Once the repairs are completed, he will put it back in service.***

***The Board agreed to finish the repairs, but to look into purchasing a new tank in the future.***

***Mr. Bill White questioned the number of days the contractor was behind schedule.***

***Connor Moyer said the delayed days were currently around 100 days. He recommended since they have done a good job, and done everything they were required to do. He suggested they (Meyers) look over the reports, and see exactly how many days the Contractor is over, any weather days, or anything to that degree. Contractors typically do this because they have so many weather days they can request per month.***

***Mr. White, and Mr. Cooley stopped Connor Moyer at this point, telling him he is digging himself into a hole. Mr. Cooley asked if they had figured those weather days in their original time log?***

***Connor Moyer gave an example as follows: In January they can claim 7 weather days, all that means is they have to rain out for 7 days until they can start claiming extended time, and that will help them out in terms of claiming days. The first thing a contractor will say is how many weather days do I have, and this could be a few days or a few weeks, depending on the weather at this time. He can get the exact number of days from the original substantial, until the time extension, and once the substantial completion is done, he can figure up the days being requested.***

***He will access the days in question, and get an exact number, and at this point the ball is in the District's court.***

***Mr. Bill White gave an example to Connor, let's say the contractor was 120 days behind, then it was filtered down to 65 days behind schedule, then what will transpire?***

***Conner Moyer stated the liquidated damages would be assessed at a rate for each day of delay, totaling 65 days, and if the District chooses this constitutes the stage at which attorney representation becomes necessary to battle it out in court.***

**Mr. Billy White asked where does Meyers & Associates stand on this? As the District, representative why have you not, (hypothetically) telling them they have accumulated 65 days of liquidated damages. Doesn't Meyer and Associates have an attorney that they retain also?**

**Connor Moyer: All we can do is provide you with information, and the attorneys would be involved to assess the damages.**

**Bill White: Would your attorneys represent the District in this? You make recommendations to us as our representative, so it would seem your attorneys would represent us also. The engineer is the liaison between the District, and the contractor.**

**Conner Moyer: What we do is just pretty much provide you with the information, we cannot serve papers.**

**Bill White: I did not mean that you were to serve papers, but you have a responsibility in this somewhere besides just giving us information. You have provided us with consultations basically.**

**Jerry Cooley: Wouldn't it be your responsibility to prove how many days of delays they are responsible for.**

**Conner Moyer: Yes sir, we would provide you, or your attorney the documentation that you would need.**

**Bill White: We are not trying to crucify you, but this has gone on before, at least twice, and we keep getting the same response. It is like we hired Meyer and Associates to represent us in this manner, and it still comes down to you telling us to just let them have the days.**

**Jerry Cooley: It comes down to the clause in that contract.**

**Bill White stated that clause in the contract doesn't mean anything, and that is what I am not understanding.**

**Conner Moyer: I understand, and I am not trying to say not to do it, I am just saying if the board decides to go this route, this is all that we can do.**

**Bill White: Why are you not saying, "Yes, you need to try and collect for these damages. Why are you not saying that? Everyone wants something, but they want something for nothing because they just drug their feet again, and there is nothing but rewards for them. The hard part is the firm you represent is going along with it. It seems that you represent the contractors, and not the firms that you are hired to represent.**

**Richelle Bowman, and Jerry Cooley stated, "this is the same thing that happened with the last contract.**

**Bill White: I was truly hoping that this time it would be different, but it is not, and here we are again.**

**Jerry Cooley: We had this same discussion on the last project.**

**Bill White:** *I have no animosity toward you, but I am upset with your firm for neglecting what should have been taken care of, and holding those guys feet to the fire, instead it has been our responsibility to hold their feet to the fire. They come in with promises with getting the job done on time, but here we are again.*

**Jerry Cooley:** *Do they have reasons as to why they are 100 days over the deadline?*

**Richelle Bowman:** *How can they come up with weather days, when we have been in a drought?*

**Bill White:** *There is no justification for the delays.*

**Mathieu Rose:** *One of the reasons given was, maybe not justifiable, but they forgot to order the parts (Control Panels), the sub-contractor that was supposed to insulate the building, he said, he was delayed because he was building the contractors home, and could not leave making him almost a month late. Some parts did not work, and I tried to get them to get Kevin Comeaux to swap them out, and they refused the solution. I did get on them a few times, and the only time we saw Womack's representative was to pick up payments. I saw him for one start up, and the rest of the time it was Kevin Comeaux. The AC sub-contractor did not read the contract correctly, and thought the units were one a piece in the buildings at Fields, and Phelps, when it was actually two for each building. He had to order the additional parts, which caused a delay. Also, the wires were cut in the Chlorine building, and Well 5.*

**Jerry Cooley:** *If the Control Panels were not ordered in a timely manner, did this cause a shutdown at the plant? If it did, that was not our problem. If you see (Conner) where we are somehow responsible for that delay, I definitely want to know, you tell us.*

**Mathieu Rose:** *It took about 2 months to get the parts in, and yes, it did cause a shutdown, or a delay in progress. I never one time stopped them from working. The only person I had a disagreement with was over an electrical issue, but I did not stop him from working.*

**Bill White** *asked Conner for an itemized statement of the actual work days.*

**Conner Meyor** *stated that he received one in November 2025, but since they went to work on the Fields Project, he has not received one after that.*

**Bill White** *asked the Secretary if we still owed the contractor anything.*

**Paula Rose:** *Yes, we have one pending for \$171,000, and one signed to send in for approximately \$39,000, plus whatever the retainage will be at the end.*

**Bill White** *requested for Conner to provide Paula Rose-Secretary with the all-daily logs from the project for their review.*

**Conner Meyor** *said that he would provide those to her.*

**B) Conner Moyer discussed the Capital Outlay Project for the \$250,000 cash portion to use on repairing the storage tank foundation at Phelps, and to install a Booster Station north of the system. The remaining funding is earmarked for the District, but it will be a few years before balance is available.**

**Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson, moved to use the \$250,000.00 for the Phelps storage tank foundation repair, and a Booster Station on the North end of the system. The motion carried without opposition.**

**C) Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson moved to repair the Fields existing storage tank within a monetary reason, but rejected the \$197,000.00 quote to repair the roof at Fields. The motion carried without opposition.**

New Business:

- a) Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson moved to adopt the final budget for 2025, the motion carried without opposition**
- b) Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson moved to adopt the proposed budget for 2026, the motion carried without opposition.**
- c) Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richelle Bowman, moved to adopt the 2026 Holiday Schedule as written, the motion carried without opposition.**
- d) Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson, to put out for bid to purchase either a ½ ton, or ¾ ton gas surplus vehicle, the motion carried without opposition.**
- e) Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill White moved to table the Mitchell Road Project until further information on additional projects could be obtained.**
- f) The Board discussed hiring an engineer for small projects, and legal counsel. The Secretary was asked to check into the request.**

Maintenance Report: Mathieu Rose

- g) An overview was given for Singer and Junction water system  
**Singer- Workorders- 43 completed, New Services-2, Leaks Repaired 10, Locates completed 40. New SCADA is running smoothly.  
Junction-Work orders-1, Daily routine maintenance, Locates-10****
- h) The Board discuss replacing part of the 12" water main on Hwy 27 for approximately 3 miles. The cost was outside of the 2026 budget. A variety of future ideas were discussed on how the repair could be done within the budget.**

Secretary Report: Paula Rose

- i) The secretary supplied the board with a breakdown of personnel salaries, and the last time a raise was given. After much discussion the board agreed to a raise for personnel.**

**Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson agreed to give the personnel a raise for 2026, the motion carried without opposition.**

Adjournment:

**There being no further business, upon a motion by Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson, 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 January 12, 2026 at the regular public meeting place of said Board at 9252 Hwy 27, Singer, Louisiana.

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Paula Rose-District Secretary/Treasurer

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Jerry Cooley, President