

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, July 12, 2021, 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, Richelle Bowman, Caroll Johnson, and Lisa Gearen**

Absent: Billy White

Others Present: Jeremy Joffrion, Joseph Delafield-Legal Counsel, Mark McCarty-Meyer & Associates, Mr. and Mrs. William Quade Royer

Public Participation: There was no attendance for public participation

Approval of Minutes:

Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Caroll Johnson, moved to adopt the Minutes of the June 2021 meeting and to forego the reading thereof, motion carried without opposition.

Approval of Financial reports:

Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Caroll Johnson moved to adopt the financial reports as written for June 2021, the motion carried without opposition.

Payment authorization:

Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Caroll Johnson, moved to pay monthly invoices for July 2021, the motion carried without opposition.

Unfinished Business:

Mark McCarty and Jeremy Joffrion discussed the American Rescue Plan, and what all it entails monetary wise. There will be a \$2.1M, \$13M, \$7M and \$300M financial aid from the government for water and sewer systems. The \$2.1M does not require a match, but unsure about the match requirements at this time, or what projects may or may not be funded. The following are projects to be submitted over a period of time as the grants and financial aid become available.

The process is still under consideration and how to proceed as the deadline nears for some of the financial aid. The Beauregard Parish Police Jury has sole discretion over how the \$2.1 Million is spent on projects.

The following are potential projects that Mark McCarty and Jeremy Joffrion will be submitting for the American Rescue Plan, and other government funding.

- a) Phelps Booster Station- 2 phases (Storage tank and tube pumps)
- b) Fields Booster Station- 2 phases (Storage tank and tube pumps)
- c) Loop Hwy 27 N to Ben Elston- water main
- d) Hwy 389, Casey Rd to South Bearhead Road-water main
- e) Hwy 27N to Hwy 110 West-water main
- f) Coward Rd>Cooper Rd> Hwy 12-upgrade water main

- g) *New Generators at Fields and Phelps*
- h) *Flow Meter replacements in Fields*
- i) *Arthur Irwin Rd to Roberts Lane>extend 6" water main*
- j) *N Smokey Cove Rd>Hwy 110 E>Colonel Perry Rd> water main*
- k) *Singer Fire Station, Hwy 27N>Bob Cooley Rd> extend water main*
- l) *Hwy 109-Lane Rd>Old River Rd> extend water main*

Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Richelle Bowman, moved to adopt a "Resolution" for Mark McCarty and Jeremy Joffrion to move forward submitting applications for all projects by priorities with a cost analysis they deem necessary to the proper entities for the American Rescue Plan, and any and all Infrastructure Framework funding, the motion carried without opposition.

Maintenance Report: Jeremy Joffrion

a) The Pipeline Company has requested the district's water line and fire hydrant to be relocated off of Hwy 109, with the company financing the project. We are waiting on a cost analysis from RP Construction.

b) The new building will be delivered to Singer on Wednesday of this week to begin the construction.

c) Mark McCarty discussed the ongoing project of the Fields Well and the preliminary test results showing a higher Fluoride level, but not at the maximum level. A few options were too shallow up at 1000' and redrill at this depth and retest, or water blending at the present depth, but the Well would not be a stand-alone as desired., or drill deeper, which would have to be re-bid. The Board agreed that once the final tests results are in the they will re-address the situation.

Mr. Joseph Delafield stated that Mr. Steven Landreneau brought to his attention that a customer on Ben Elston Road was concerned about the district's utility right of way. Tabled until further investigation.

Executive Session:

Richelle Bowman, 2nd by Lisa Gearen, moved to enter into an executive session to discuss the LWCC report, the motion carried without opposition.

Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Caroll Johnson, moved to close the executive session and to return to regular business, the motion carried without opposition.

Richelle Bowman, 2nd by Lisa Gearen, moved to extend 4 weeks of paid FMLA sick for William Quade Royer, who was denied Louisiana Worker's Compensation. Mr. Royer is to keep the Office Manager up to date with the doctor's reports, and the Board will re-address the situation at the next regular meeting.

Secretary Report: Paula Rose

a) Caroll Johnson, 2nd by Lisa Gearen, moved to approved Jeremy Joffrion and Paula Rose to attend the LRWA training conference in Lafayette, the motion carried without opposition.

b) Reminded the board of the re-appointment for Mr. Bill White.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, upon a motion by Lisa Gearen, 2nd 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 July 12, 2021 at the regular public meeting place of said Board at 9252 Hwy 27, Singer, Louisiana.

Paula Rose

Paula Rose-Secretary/Treasurer