

**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, March 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, and Caroll Johnson*

**Absent: 0**

**Others Present:** *Mathieu Rose, Mark McCarty, Connor Moyor, and Tony Tillman*

**Public Participation:** *There was public participation*

**Approval of Minutes, and Financial reports:**

*Upon a motion by Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroll Johnson, the Board moved to adopt the Minutes, and the Financial report for February 2026 meeting and to forego the reading thereof, motion carried without opposition.*

**Payment authorization:**

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

**Unfinished Business:**

**6a) Water Sector Program Projects**

*Mark McCarty discussed the contract time extension that had been presented by Womack for the project delays. After further review Mark McCarty offered an apology of the error in days calculation concerning the Beci power service delays at Phelps (57 days requested). Mark had approved 50 days, but it was later discovered the company was not ready for power until September 8, and BECI provided power on September 16, 2026, reducing the request to 15 days of CT. This would leave 21 days eligible for assessment of liquidated damages with a value of \$21,000.00 if the Board was in agreement.*

*The Engineering firm reached out to Mathieu Rose-Operations Manager, and asked if there was additional work that Womack could provide in lieu of liquidated damages? Additional aggregate drive was agreed upon, pending board approval.*

*Bill White questioned the 40 days on the Fields electrical days.*

*Mark McCarty stated that according to the electrician on September 28, 2025 damage was discovered at the plant from the removal of the Hydro pneumatic Tank, and the electrician paid for the repair at \$17,882.00, and asked for the cost to be part of the contract time extension.*

*Mathieu Rose presented documentation with pictures to Mark and Connor showing the Hydro pneumatic tank was not removed until October 22, 2025, confirming the District was not responsible for the damage in question.*

The Board discussed the contract time extension, and agreed to accept the following terms:

- a) one (1) year extended workmanship warranty.
- b) additional aggregate gravel to extend the driveway at the Fields Plant.

Upon a motion by Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill White, the Board approved the one (1) year extended workmanship warranty, in addition to the original one-year warranty (no monetary value given), and the additional aggregate gravel driveway for Fields with a value of \$19,511.03. The motion carried without opposition.

Yeas: 4 Jerry Cooley, Richelle Bowman, Carroll Johnson, and Bill White  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

Upon a motion by Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson, the Board moved to accept the project as substantially complete, with 45 days to complete the Punch List once filed with the Clerk of Court. The motion carried without opposition

Yeas: 4 Jerry Cooley, Richelle Bowman, Carroll Johnson, and Bill White  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

**New Business:**

7a) Upon a motion by Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richelle Bowman, the Board approved Windham and Reed as the external audit firm for the 2025 fiscal year. The motion carried without opposition.

7b) The following Tax levied Resolution was presented, and read aloud by President Jerry Cooley. Upon a motion by Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson, the Board moved to adopt the Tax Mills levied at 19.170 Mills. The adoption was unanimous, and carried without opposition.

“RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Waterworks District No. 2, Parish of Beauregard.

MILLAGE: Operation and Maintenance at 19.170

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Beauregard, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:”

Yeas: 4 Jerry Cooley, Richelle Bowman, Carroll Johnson, and Bill White  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

7c) Upon a motion by Caroll Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richelle Bowman, the Board moved to approve the hiring of Jones-Walker as legal counsel to prepare the necessary documentation to place a tax renewal proposal on the ballot for the November 3, 2026 election. The motion carried without opposition.

7d) The following Tax Election Public Notice was presented, announced, and read aloud by President Jerry Cooley. Upon a motion by Richelle Bowman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill White, the Board moved to adopt the Public Notification for the Tax Millage Renewal Election Proposal set forth for November 3, 2026. The adoption was unanimous, and carried without opposition.

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, that Waterworks District No. 2 of the Parish of Beauregard, Louisiana (the "District"), will meet in open and public session on the 13th day of April, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at 9252 Highway 27, Singer, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held within the District on November 3, 2026, to consider renewal/continuation of the District's existing 19.17 mills tax, said tax to represent a (1.89) mill increase over the 17.28 mills authorized to be levied through the year 2027 pursuant to an election held on October 14, 2017, such increase having been effective due to reappraisal, for purposes of constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating facilities and equipment of and for the District for an additional ten (10) year term.

Yeas: 4 Jerry Cooley, Richelle Bowman, Caroll Johnson, and Bill White  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0

7e) Upon a motion by Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richelle Bowman, the Board agreed to accept the resignation of Board member Lisa Gearen. The motion carried without opposition.

7f) The Board reviewed, and discussed the quotes for the water main relocation project on Riley Frazier in Calcasieu Parish as follows:

1. Fast Back Construction	\$ 44,500.00
2. Blake Hines	\$ 61,550.00
3. All Phase Construction	\$ 35,800.00
4. Duke Industries	\$137,260.17

Upon a motion by Bill White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroll Johnson, the board moved to accept the lowest quote by All Phase Construction in the amount of \$35,800.00, and approved submitting a letter of request for financial assistance from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury on behalf of the Riley Frazier Road water main relocation project. The motion carried without opposition.

**Maintenance Report: Mathieu Rose**

8a) Upon a motion by Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill White, the board moved to accept the proposal submitted by Layne Christensen to repair Well 3's Junction Box, and wiring. And to complete the annual Well testing by the end of 2026. The motion carried without opposition.

a) Well 3 repairs	\$7,248.10
b) Annual testing -5 Wells	\$9,000.00

**Secretary Report: Paula Rose**

**9a) Committee Meeting Reports:**

1. *The board discussed hiring additional engineering firms for smaller project to improve efficiency, and reduce costs on minor projects if possible. If the engineering service proves to be efficient, and cost saving, a larger project may be offered at a later date.*

*Upon a motion made by Bill White, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richelle Bowman, the Board moved to engage Meyer, Meyer & Hixson; and Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole for the purpose of engineering services related to smaller, non-major maintenance and infrastructure project, with the opportunity to*

*9b) Upon a motion by Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill White, the Board moved to datalog the meter in question on Yarbrough Road, and to re-address again at April's board meeting. The motion carried without opposition.*

**Adjournment:**

*There being no further business, upon a motion by Richelle Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 March 9, 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