

## **MINUTES FOR AGENDA MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2023**

The Board Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for an Agenda Meeting held Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Water Works District office located at 265 Parish Road in Moss Bluff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna DeBarge, Joshua Thomas, Tim Aguiard Boo O'Quinn  
and Glen Franklin

SUPERINTENDENT: Gerald Hoffpauir

FOREMAN: Grant Avery

Mrs. Donna DeBarge called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Mr. Boo O'Quinn and seconded by Mr. Glen Franklin to accept the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held September 19, 2023 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas.

A discussion was held on the Pinewood Road Water Line Overlay Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the contractor has 30' of 8" pipe left to install before pressure testing and chlorinating line. After clear samples are drawn, the contractor will install the services.

A discussion was held on the Security Upgrade Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that all of the materials have been received for the upgrade with the exception of the new server.

A discussion was held on the computer server replacement. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the specifications to configure the server has been submitted to Dell for the server build and shipment is expected within a month.

A discussion was held on the generator for Well 3. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the repairman cannot locate a new controller module to repair the Katolight Generator because the company is no longer in business. Therefore, the repairman will try to find someone to repair the original controller module.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that he has submitted a request for the State's Capital Outlay funding to assist in financing the Plant C Project. However, the Water District will need political support to help champion the request.

A discussion was held on the Health Department's Revolving Loan Fund to partially finance the Plant C Project. Mr. Hoffpauir stated that the Health Department was awarded \$26,874,000 this year under the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for financing public water system projects at 2.45% interest with a possible \$3,000,000 in principal forgiveness. However, priority is given to systems in disadvantaged communities. The Board requested an estimate one engineering cost with the Revolving Loan Fund and verification if the awarded

\$600,000 Capital Outlay Fund can be used for engineering expenses. The Board also requested market rates on bond merchants.

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

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Tim Aguiard, Secretary Treasurer of  
Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of  
Calcasieu Parish