

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 19, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for a Regular meeting held Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Water Works District office located at 265 Parish Road in Moss Bluff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna DeBarge, Joshua Thomas, Boo O'Quinn and Glen Franklin
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Aguillard
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 Agenda Meeting held December 12, 2023 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas.

Mr. Hoffpauir read the Status Report for the month of October 2023. There were 8,763 active accounts.

Mr. Hoffpauir read the Financial Report for the month of November 2023. The Water District received 62.07% in revenues over expenses budgeted year to date.

The Board reviewed the Notice of Award document to Spectrum Biotechnologies, LLC for the Plants A & B Sludge Removal Project in the amount of \$150,315.67.

A discussion was held on the Pinewood Road Water Line Overlay Project. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the contractor has pressure tested and chlorinated the water lines. Bacteria samples have been collected for the Health Department and the Water District is waiting for the confirmation of clear samples from the Health Department before activating the new lines.

A discussion was held on the gas supply lines to Wells 5 and 7. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the City of Westlake is waiting on a 2" valve for Well 5 and a riser with a 2" valve for Well 7.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate Nos. 11 & 13 on the Well 5 Generator Project.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 1 on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate Nos. 15, 16, and 17 on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project.

The Board reviewed Pay Application No. 2 on the Executive Drive Water Line Relocation Project. A discussion was held on Alternate 1 of the Plant B Filter Replacement Project. Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that Traci Watts, with Water Sector has confirmed that the sinking fund

requirement to replace the filters in 20 years cannot be waived. Mr. Hoffpauir stated that since this requirement would essentially tie up approximately \$5,100,000 over 20 years, the Board will need to decide whether or not to use District funds to replace the valves as described under Alternate 1 of the project or use Water Sector Grant funding.

A discussion was held on Ethics Training for 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Franklin and seconded by Boo O'Quinn to authorize the President to execute the Notice of Award to Spectrum Biotechnologies, Inc. for the Plants A & B Sludge Removal Project in the amount of \$150,315.67. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Joshua Thomas and seconded by Mr. Boo O'Quinn to authorize payment on the following Pay Estimates for the Well 5 Generator Project:

Pay Estimates No. 11 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$156.60

Pay Estimate No. 13 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$625.84

The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Boo O'Quinn and seconded by Mr. Glen Franklin to authorize payments to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$7,304.40 for work completed to date on the Plants A & B Sludge Removal Project, represented by Pay Estimate No. 1. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Joshua Thomas and seconded by Mr. Glen Franklin to authorize payment on the following Pay Estimates on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project.

Pay Estimate No. 15 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$3,825.99

Pay Estimate No. 16 to Meyer & Associates in the amount of \$3,856.01

Pay Estimate No. 17 to Clerk of Courts in the amount of \$305.00

The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Boo O'Quinn seconded by Mr. Joshua Thomas to authorize payment to Blake D. Hines Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for completion of the Executive Drive Water Line Relocation Project, represented by Pay Application No. 2. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Glen Franklin and seconded by Boo O'Quinn to accept Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$240,000.00 to replace the existing valves on the Plant B Filter Replacement Project using Water District funds and not accept Water Sector funding. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

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

Tim Aguillard , Secretary Treasurer of
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