

## **MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

The Board Commissioners of Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of Calcasieu Parish, met for an Agenda Meeting held Tuesday November 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Water Works District office located at 265 Parish Road in Moss Bluff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glen Franklin, Donna DeBarge, Tim Aguillard and Boo O'Quinn  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Joshua Thomas  
SUPERINTENDENT: Gerald Hoffpauir  
FOREMAN: Grant Avery

Mr. Glen Franklin called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Mr. Boo O'Quinn and seconded by Mrs. Donna DeBarge to accept the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held October 18, 2022 as presented. The motion carried with all yeas.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that legal counsel advised the Water District to award the lowest bid for a new truck to replace V-9 to Mike Willis Ford in the amount of \$31,870.00 having no determined delivery date do to the fact the bid form did not stipulate a maximum time to receive the truck.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the engineer recommended the Water District accept the only bid received for a new generator at Well 5 from Kaough & Jones in the amount of \$334,000.00 as the result of elevated cost in materials and year-long delivery date. Legal counsel stated that the Water District had the option to accept the bid or readvertise the bid for the generator since it was more than estimated. The engineer stated that a rebid would probably not be any cheaper for the Water District because of the current supply chain environment.

A discussion was held on the status of the Indian Bayou Subdivision Water Line Overlay Project Phase 2. Mr. Avery informed the Board that the contractor is having difficulty holding a pressure test on the water line installation. Meyer & Associates will resolve this issue by providing a formula for the polyethylene pipe expansion and oversee the pressure testing. Meyer & Associates will also require the contractor to provide a new pressure gauge more representative of the peak pressure requirement.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that all but one easement has been received for the Pinewood Road Water Line Overlay Project. The remaining easement is expected to be submitted shortly. Therefore, Mr. Hoffpauir as recommended the Board authorize Meyer & Associates to advertise the bids for the project to be received at the Regular Meeting in December.

Mr. Hoffpauir informed the Board that the Water District has received an executed copy of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement from the Parish to provide \$2,753,400 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to help finance the Plant B Filter Replacement Project.

The Board reviewed letters from Senator Mike Reese and State Representative Brett Geymann supporting the following funding for the Plant C Treatment Plant Project:

- \$600,000 from the State General Fund Direct
- \$517,000 Water Sector Funding
- \$4,750,000 Priority 5 Capital Outlay Funding
- \$2,632,500 in Local Match
- \$8,500,000 Total Estimated Project Cost

The Water District has requested that the State move Priority 5 Capital Outlay Funding to Priority 1 Funding for Fiscal Year 23-24.

A motion was made by Mrs. Donna DeBarge and seconded by Mr. Boo O'Quinn to accept the bid from Mike Willis Ford in the amount of \$31,870.00 as the lowest responsible bid for a new truck to replace V-9. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Aguiard and seconded by Mr. Boo O'Quinn to accept the bid from Kaough & Jones in the amount of \$334,000 as the lowest responsible bid for a new generator at Well 5. The motion carried with all yeas and no nays.

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

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Joshua Thomas, Secretary Treasurer of  
Water Works District 1, of Ward 1, of  
Calcasieu Parish