

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF ASSUMPTION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 30, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

President Bryan Dugas open the Public Hearing to discuss agenda items.

President Bryan Dugas closed the public hearing due to no public comments.

President Bryan Dugas called the regular meeting to order with the pledge and silent prayer.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Wayne Arboneaux, Jim Boudreaux, Jerome Bougere, Charles Brown, Paul Lewis, Jeremy Pipsair, Keith Sheffie and Scott Sternfels

Board Members Absent: Calvin Steward and Glen Comeaux

Also, Present: B J. Francis, Donna Robertson, Ginger Rushing, and Linda Cook with The Bayou Pioneer.

President Bryan Dugas called for the discussion of the 2018-2019 Budget.

Scott Sternfels mentioned that there was a huge increase on chemical cost, but it eliminates flushing.

Ginger Rushing replied that Bayou Lafourche's raw water pH was currently around 8.5. This is above our target for the pH adjustment trial. Once the chemical trials are complete we will then see how we can begin to minimize flushing parish wide.

Ginger Rushing also stated that we are flushing less in Bayou L'Ourse.

The board proposed to discuss plant operator pay adjustments in the finance committee and explore the cost of chemicals.

The board discussed insurance follow up on F350 Truck. A \$10,000.00 bid was estimated to be the cost to repair the F350 truck.

There was a discussion regarding the update on FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for Safe House.

On a motion by Charles Brown and seconded by Wayne Arboneaux and unanimously carried to approve the GM to pursue the FEMA Mitigation Grant for the Safe House. The cost may be \$706,000.00 and the APWW share will be approximately \$176,500.00.

The GM also suggested that in this Safe House there would be redundant controls for our lab for emergency situations.

President Bryan Dugas suggested that we think about recirculating our towers, understanding our operational cost of our processes and build cost more proactive.

Due to the plans for retirement of the Distribution Superintendent, the board wants to establish a salary for the incoming replacement.

There is an increase in salary for the office that is due to adding an Operations Manager position.

To limit the cost of postage, we will check to see if the we could have the company printing the bills email bills to those interested customers.

On a motion by Keith Sheffie and seconded by Jeremy Pipsair and unanimously carried to adopt the amended 2018-2019 budget.

Suggested action items:

- Finance Committee would like a break down of salaries, salary grades and rate increase.
- F350 break down

On a motion by Jeremy Pipsair and seconded by Charles Brown and unanimously carried to enter into executive session.

On a motion by Jeremy Pipsair and seconded by Paul Lewis and unanimously carried to enter into regular session.

President Bryan Dugas stated that there was a discussion regarding the GM's performance relative to the Pierre Part water leak.

On a motion by Wayne Arboneaux and seconded by Jeremy Pipsair and unanimously carried to adjourn the special committee meeting.

President Bryan Dugas

Secretary/Treasurer Vincent Nelson