PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF ASSUMPTION, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 24, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.

President Scott Sternfels called the meeting to order with the pledge and silent prayer.

Board Members Present: Scott Sternfels, Jim Boudreaux, Wayne Arboneaux, Charles Brown, Jerome Bougere, Blaine Mabile, Calvin Steward, Adam Mayon and Kenneth Dupaty.

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Present: General Manager B.J. Francis, Lacresha LeBlanc, Ginger Rushing, Linda Cooke with The Bayou Pioneer, Dan Foglesong with PACE Engineering, ADA Spencer Long, Ernie Blanchard with Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District and APWW employee Collin Lockett.

President Scott Sternfels called for the approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

On a motion by Jerome Bougere, seconded by Adam Mayon and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

President Scott Sternfels opened the floor for public comment to discuss agenda items.

President Scott Sternfels closed the floor for public comment.

Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Commissioner addressed the Board.

Chairman Jim Boudreaux provided Engineering Committee updates.

Bayou Valarie Demo Project – The change order has been recorded and demolition is scheduled for mid-October.

Plant Pump House Pump #3 Upgrade – The variable frequency drive has been received and the pump has an expected mid-October delivery date.

Plant #5 Addition Project (2022 Bond Project) – The plans are at 95% completion.

On a motion by Kenneth Dupaty, seconded by Calvin Steward and unanimously carried to pay Invoice #13 to Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$12,850.39 (95% Design Phase).

Administrative Building/Board Meeting Room (2022 Bond Project) – The approval of the Deduct Change Order is tabled until the next board meeting.

Elevated Tower Rehabilitation Review (2022 Bond Project) – Discussions are still on-going with a meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

Plant #2 Ceiling Repair – There were two proposals received: Python Corporation and MPS, Inc.; more information will be available at the next board meeting.

President Scott Sternfels presented the report from the Finance Committee. The monthly reports were all in order.

On a motion by Blaine Mabile, seconded by Jerome Bougere and unanimously carried that the monthly invoices be paid.

The Board went into discussion regarding the water rates.

On a motion by Kenneth Dupaty, seconded by Wayne Arboneaux and unanimously carried to approve the 7% water rate increase.

The Board went into discussion regarding the 2023-2024 Budget.

On a motion by Kenneth Dupaty, seconded by Blaine Mabile and unanimously carried to approve the 2023-2024 Budget.

B.J. Francis and Lacresha LeBlanc gave and Office update regarding a billing error that occurred in the month of January 2023.

B.J. Francis gave the Distribution updates.

Ginger Rushing gave the Plant updates.

President Scott Sternfels asked for suggested action items for August 28, 2023 meeting.

Engineering Committee Chairman Jim Boudreaux suggested that fire hydrants be added as a suggested action item.

President Scott Sternfels asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Kenneth Dupaty, seconded by Adam Mayon and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

 $Scott\ Sternfels-President$

 $Jaime \ Boudreaux-Secretary/Treasurer$