

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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.

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

Board Members Present: Scott Sternfels, Wayne Arboneaux, Jim Boudreaux, Charles Brown, Travis Daigle, Jerome Bougere, Blaine Mabile, Calvin Steward, Adam Mayon and Paul Lewis.

Board Members Absent: Kenneth Dupaty

Also Present: General Manager B.J. Francis, Lachesha LeBlanc, Ginger Rushing, ADA Spencer Long, Shane Guin with High Tide Consultants, Dan Foglesong with PACE Engineering, Gary McClure and Nicci Gill with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates and Donovan Duffy with Meyer Engineers, Ltd.

President Scott Sternfels called for the approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

On a motion by Wayne Arboneaux, seconded by Jerome Bougere and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 28, 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.

Spencer Long addressed the Board regarding lawsuits of Forever Chemicals in Water Systems.

On a motion by Blaine Mabile, seconded by Paul Lewis and unanimously carried to approve signing the contract to represent Assumption Parish Waterworks District No. 1 pertaining to lawsuit regarding Forever Chemicals in Water Systems.

Chairman Jim Boudreaux provided Engineering Committee updates.

Derrick St. Pump Station/Bayou Valarie Demo Project – The demolition of the site will begin on October 9th and will take approximately two (2) weeks to complete.

Plant Pump House Pump #3 Upgrade – We are still waiting on the arrival of the pump and expect installation to begin in November.

Plant #5 Addition Project (2022 Bond Project) – The plans are complete and we are now in the permit phase. We expect to advertise for bids in November.

Administrative Building/Board Meeting Room (2022 Bond Project) – The piling work is complete and contractors are on-site. The Deduct Change Order is expected to have a net savings of about \$38,500.00, which includes the areas of: HVAC, millwork and power load testing.

On a motion by Blaine Mabile, seconded by Jim Boudreaux and unanimously carried to approve the Deduct Change Order.

Elevated Tower Rehabilitation Review (2022 Bond Project) – DHH approval was received today for the Bayou L’Ourse and Belle River towers. The bid process is ongoing, bids will be in hand by 10/17/2023 and have results will be given at the October 2023 board meeting.

On a motion by Blaine Mabile, seconded by Wayne Arboneaux and unanimously carried to pay invoice #21255-P1-4 to High Tide Consultants, LLC in the amount of \$5,519.75 (100% Final Design).

Plant #2 Ceiling Repair – The bids have been received. The project is on hold and will be revisited in Spring 2024.

Hwy 402 – The Board agreed that a cost estimate for Phase 1 of the project should be done.

President Scott Sternfels presented the report from the Finance Committee.

The monthly reports were all in order.

Discuss GM Pay Raise – This item was tabled; the Finance Committee will set a date to meet to discuss prior to next board meeting.

On a motion by Calvin Steward, seconded by Adam Mayon and unanimously carried that the monthly invoices be paid.

B.J. Francis gave the Distribution updates.

B.J. Francis gave updates regarding the fire hydrants from the Police Jury and the power outage that affected the Derrick St. Booster Station generator.

Ginger Rushing gave the Plant updates.

President Scott Sternfels asked for suggested action items for October 23, 2023 meeting.

President Scott Sternfels asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Adam Mayon, seconded by Calvin Steward and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Scott Sternfels – President

Jaime Boudreaux – Secretary/Treasurer