

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

Vice-President Wayne Arboneaux called the meeting to order with the pledge and silent prayer.

Board Members Present: Wayne Arboneaux, Jim Boudreaux, Kenneth Dupaty, Charles Brown, Calvin Steward, Travis Daigle, Jerome Bougere, Paul Lewis and Blaine Mabile.

Board Members Absent: Scott Sternfels and Adam Mayon.

Also Present: General Manager B.J. Francis, Lacrosha LeBlanc, Ginger Rushing, Garrett Mollere, ADA Spencer Long, Linda Cooke with The Bayou Pioneer, Shane Guin with High Tide Consultants, LLC and John Murray with LaPorte CPAs and Business Advisors.

Vice-President Wayne Arboneaux called for the approval of the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

On a motion by Blaine Mabile, seconded by Jerome Bougere and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Vice-President Wayne Arboneaux opened the floor for public comment to discuss agenda items.

Vice-President Wayne Arboneaux closed the floor for public comment.

Chairman Jim Boudreaux provided Engineering Committee updates.

Bayou Valarie Booster Station Demo –The demo date scheduled for March 12th is being pushed back, we are waiting for a new final date.

Plant Pump House Pump #3 Upgrade – The pump has been installed; the piping and mechanical has been completed and they are pulling cables and waiting on electrical.

Plant #5 Addition Project (2022 Bond Project) – They are reviewing plans this week.

Administrative Building/Board Meeting Room (2022 Bond Project) – The slab has been poured and the building will begin in two weeks.

On a motion by Kenneth Dupaty, seconded by Jerome Bougere and unanimously carried to pay Invoice #240105105 dated February 6, 2024 to Meyers Engineers, Ltd. in the amount of \$6,358.17 (13% Complete – Construction Administration).

Elevated Tower Rehabilitation Review (2022 Bond Project) – The Belle River tower is now complete and running. The Bayou L’Ourse tower is now in the process of washdown and interior blasting.

On a motion by Kenneth Dupaty, seconded by Calvin Steward and unanimously carried to pay Invoice# 21255-P1-6 dated January 23, 2024 to High Tide Consultants, LLC in the amount of \$4,550.41 (3rd Party Inspections and Advertisement Reimbursables).

On a motion by Calvin Steward, seconded by Jerome Bougere and unanimously carried to pay Invoice #21743 dated February 6, 2024 to Dixie Painting & Sandblasting, Inc in the amount of \$41,673.36 (98% Complete – Belle River Tower).

On a motion Blaine Mabile, seconded by Paul Lewis and unanimously carried to pay Invoice #21255-P1-7 dated February 21, 2024 to High Tide Consultants, LLC in the amount of \$13,520.28 (3rd Party Inspections).

Hwy 402 Upgrade (Phase 1) – They are waiting for the survey and preliminary routing.

On a motion by Kenneth Dupaty, seconded by Travis Daigle and unanimously carried to pay Invoice #23269-1 dated February 21, 2024 to High Tide Consultants, LLC in the amount of \$2,731.15 (3.20% Complete and Recording Fees).

Southall Street Waterline Upgrade Project – The plans are being reviewed and revisions are being done.

Vice-President Wayne Arboneaux presented the report from the Finance Committee. The monthly reports were all in order.

John Murray with LaPorte CPAs and Business Advisors gave the Audit Report Summary for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. He reported to the Board that there were no findings for the fiscal year.

On a motion by Blaine Mabile, seconded by Kenneth Dupaty and unanimously carried to accept the 2022-2023 Audit Report Summary which had no findings.

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

Garrett Mollere gave the Distribution updates.

Blaine Mabile informed the Board that they are still waiting on the State for more information concerning fire hydrants.

Ginger Rushing gave the Plant updates.

Vice-President Wayne Arboneaux asked for suggested action items for March 25, 2024 meeting.

Vice-President Wayne Arboneaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Jim Boudreaux, seconded by Kenneth Dupaty and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Wayne Arboneaux - Vice President

Jaime Boudreaux – Secretary/Treasurer