

Waterworks District 9 Ward 4, Meeting Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Monday, August 21, 2023
5:30 pm – Conference Room

The Board of Directors met in a special meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the conference room located at 4015 Sherry Street, Sulphur, LA., with President Kent Chamblee presiding with the following members present: Ray Taylor, Theresa Bell, Kent Chamblee, Steve Belshe and Richard Boenig.

The Invocation was led by Ray Taylor followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARP Project

- Theresa Bell met with Captain Steve Scalia and Fire Chief Mark Ware of the Carlyss Fire Department. Scope items were clarified and reprioritized. New list was given to the board for review
- Due to the restrictions on the bidding process, ARPA Federal Funding will be used only to pay for materials and labor, not engineering. The Water District will be responsible for engineering fees.
 - The federal funding for the grant is \$1.5 million
 - Water District matching must match or exceed the ARPA Funding
 - Category 1 (material and contract labor only) - \$1.7 million
 - Category 1 & 2 (material and contract labor only) – \$3.164 million (\$1.5 million Federal Grant, \$1.644 million from District)
 - Estimated engineering costs - \$909,000
 - Total cost to District for Category 1 and 2 would be \$2.5 million
- Project will be on Agenda for next board meeting. Waterworks will give the Fire Department a board approved list to see if they have money in budget to start putting in hydrants. Suggested it be a line item to have 5 – 10 hydrants put in a year. Their new budget has been approved by the end of October for the following year.
- Fire Department would like hydrant maintenance turned over to Waterworks 9. Waterworks 9 does not want to assume maintenance due to limited resources, no training and liability issues.
- Contract between Waterworks 9 and Carlyss Fire Department states it should be readdressed every 2 years and is to be approved by both boards. Last time contact was addressed was 2010. Contract will be sent to each member of the water board to look over and will be put on agenda for next board meeting to be discussed prior to attending the next Fire Board Meeting.

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- Alice received email from Parish stating the project will go in front of the Police Jury for approval.

There was a motion by Alice Webb and second by Theresa Bell to go into executive session where employee reviews were discussed. The Board discussed and approved employee raises.