

Waterworks District 9, Ward 4 Meeting Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2023  
5:30 pm – Conference Room

The Board of Directors met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023 in the conference room located at 4015 Sherry Street, Sulphur, LA., with the following members present: Ray Taylor, Theresa Bell, Larry Mouton, Kent Chamblee and Richard Boenig.

The invocation was led by Kent Chamblee followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience: John Veronie, Lancon Engineers, Inc.

John Veronie – Engineering/Project Updates

- **Water Storage Tank Rehab** (see attached engineers report)
- **Becky's Catering** – Independent assessment has been made and communicated to Board and Becky.
- **Pressure Filter #6** (see engineers report)
- **ARP Project** – Theresa Bell asked if flow and pressure numbers from the fire department survey have been plugged into model to see if anything stands out as an issue or bad data. John Veronie stated the flows and pressures have been plugged into the model and there is no obviously bad data.
- **Repairs to Ground Storage Tanks-**
  - Pressuring washing on ground storage tank located at plant resulted in paint flaking and visible cracks in paint. Below the top coat, a shiney coating was revealed, indicating improper surface prep prior to last painting.
  - Jay asked if the ground storage tanks may need to be white blasted like the elevated storage tanks.
  - John will get Brandon from Tnemic to come out and do inspection of work completed to develop a new plan.
  - Jay asked if we should have Joel (tank remediation contractor) give quote to see what we are looking at. Theresa stated once we get the recommendation from Brandon (Tnemic), then have him give us quote, to make sure there isn't anything else that needs to be done.

Kelly Riley – reports

- **Minutes** – There was a motion by Richard Boenig and second by Ray Taylor to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- **Payables** – There was a motion by Ray Taylor and second by Richard Boenig to approve payables as presented. Motion carried.
- **Insurance Premium** - Walk through is complete. Need values for well sheds. Kelly and Jay will determine this and bring to board next meeting. Additional premium approvals tabled until March Meeting.
- **Profit & Loss** – Reviewed, discussed with no corrections.
- **LAMP Fund** – Reviewed with no comments.
- **Policy Manuel** – Comments back from Jay. Front office to go through to make sure all is incorporated.

Jay Picard – Report/Updates

- **Sand on vehicles, houses etc.** – Nothing done yet, but now that they are done, he will start moving forward with vehicles being buffed/tended to, and getting quotes for other needed cleaning
- **Transfer switch for generator** – No update – last heard it's still end of March or early April.
- **New hire: Lane Burton.** No issues.
- **Drill Rig Repairs**
  - **Locator** – Ordered new beacon – that is not the problem.
  - Ditch Witch is looking further to see what the problem is. If it cannot be fixed, we are looking at having to replace the locator, beacon, beacon housing and the screen on the drilling rig. Ballpark price \$20,000-\$30,000.
- **Bid Law on Chemical Purchasing** – Need to confirm current year and get file up to date.
- Jay mentioned materials for taps went up. Theresa stated to get updated prices for taps including materials and labor to bring to next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ray Taylor second by Larry Mouton. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into session by Ray Taylor second by Theresa Bell. Motion carried.

Becky's Catering

- Becky asked Kip to oversee repairs for her.
- Kent Chamblee got with Bob Kleinschmidt, Bob stated we can fix any ruts with sand/top soil, whichever she wants, and can give her 1 (one) load of rock to fill in low spots with the stipulation she signs an easement. The easement for access to the water tower was not signed and filed when Becky bought the property. Richard Boenig asked what happens when she says no to signing an easement. Kent Chamblee stated he mentioned imminent domain. This would be a last resort.
- There was talk about going through the fire department on the north side but they lease the property from the Frey family. They have a 99 year lease and are approaching year 50. Fire department is trying to relocate. If they move and can extend lease for another 50 years they will put a training center on this property. If they cannot, they will let lease go. So cutting an access thru fire department property is not a good option right now.
- Installation of culverts and cutting the knoll for drainage from the north was discussed.
- Kent Chamblee communicated with Kip Coltrin what we can legally do per Bob Kleinschmidt. Theresa Bell mentioned that once we decide, we will need to communicate directly with Becky on what is to be done.
- Richard Boenig asked about the sand on/around her building and HVAC. No new information.

Other Elevated Storage Tank issues

- Jay mentioned they will take care of pool cleaning and potential house cleaning now that the sand blasting is complete.
- Jay mentioned there is a pile of used sand that needs to be moved out. Not sure when that will be done but it is the contractors responsibility to move it. Jay mentioned Becky stated sand was being blown by wind.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Mouton second by Ray Taylor. Motion carried.

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Engineer's Report for February 13, 2023, Board Meeting

Report issued: February 13, 2023

**LEI Project No. 19-007 Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation**

1. Construction is continuing and the following is a general summary of construction work completed since last report:

1.1. EWST #1 Volunteer Road

1.1.1. Exterior of tank:

1.1.1.1. Install horizontal stabilizing rod and turnbuckle from riser to legs and paint as required.

1.1.1.2. Complete the installation of the final Hydroflon coat on the exterior surface, including logos.

1.1.2. Interior of tank:

1.1.2.1. None. Waiting on installation of safety climb devices.

1.1.3. Contractor is continuing to work on EWST #1 including the following items of work:

1.1.3.1. Install non-slip rung covers on exterior ladders.

1.1.3.2. Install safety climb devices on interior and exterior ladders.

1.1.3.3. Install new swing gate at the opening in handrail on balcony at the exterior ladder.

1.1.3.4. Install required signage.

1.1.3.5. Disinfect tank interior, obtain passing Bac-T test, and put the tank back in service.

1.1.4. Contractor estimates having the tank back in service by the end of the month weather permitting.

1.2. EWST #2 Mosswood Drive

1.2.1. Exterior of tank:

1.2.1.1. Installation of the containment system has been continued as far as it can without taking the tank out of service. No additional work will be performed on the containment system until EWST #1 is complete and operational.

1.2.2. Once EWST #1 is operational, EWST #2 will be taken out of service and the following work will be performed:

1.2.2.1. Perform an inspection of the interior coating system to determine its condition and need for replacement. If replacement is required prepare a Change Order and submit it to the Board for review and approval.

1.2.2.2. Complete installation of the containment system.

1.3. Property Damage Report for Becky's Catering, LLC

- 1.3.1. LEI has nothing to report. Kent was going to see about meeting with Becky to discuss the option of providing a load of stone in exchange for an easement for the entrance. Did the meeting take place and if so, what was the result?

2. **LEI Project No. 21-011 New Horizontal Pressure Filter #6**

- 2.1. Construction is Substantially Complete, and the Contractor has completed the punch list items of work. The end of the 45-day lien period will be on February 24, 2023.
- 2.2. Once the lien period is up the contractor will provide a clear lien certificate and engineer will prepare the final construction pay estimate and submit it along with a recommendation for payment to the Water District. This should happen before the March meeting.

3. **LEI Project No. 22-003 ARP Project**

- 3.1. We have received the information required but have not been able to move forward with the overall evaluation yet.