

Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022
5:30pm – Conference Room

The Board of Directors met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022 in the conference room located at 4015 Sherry Street, Sulphur, La., with President Larry Mouton presiding with the following members present: Theresa Bell, Richard Boenig, Larry Mouton and Kent Chamblee.

Absent: Vito Tramonte

The Invocation was led by Kent Chamblee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

There was a Motion by Theresa Bell and second by Kent Chamblee to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on January 10th and the special meeting on January 24, 2022 as presented. Motion Carried.

Audience: Lee Lancon – Lancon Engineers, Inc.

Lee mentioned the New Filter #6 went out for bids and will receive bids on March 8, 2022. He stated that he knows of two bidders as of now. In order to communicate with SCADA the radios will need upgrading to a new frequency. He has a proposal for the new frequency and upgrade antenna on both towers to 40 feet. Lee mentioned in August 2021, Primex gave a proposal of \$5500 to program SCADA system. He recommends that Waterworks continue with Primex. Lee stated that he will get an updated proposal from Primex and send it out to the Board Members and they can act on it at the March meeting.

On Burton Shipyard W/L Relocation, Lee mentioned the hot box and supports have been put in and everything else is ready. Lee will get with Jay next week to go on site for a final inspection.

Lee and Alice met with CPPJ Finance Division, P & N Consultants and other water and wastewater districts to discuss the Federal Funding. Due to the Parish receiving so much money, that in this Federal Funding Project there are two things that are exempt: DBEG (Disadvantage Business Enterprise Goal) and Davis Bacon Act (requires contractors to pay their employees by a uniform wage scale). Lee stated that this saves on so much paperwork. Michael Hibbing will be the project contact and he will coordinate with the Parish grant consultant Postlewaite and Netterville (P & N). They will allow Waterworks to substitute a new project for the filter Project as long as the new project is a general infrastructure project meeting the criteria of the federal program. A new elevated water tank or booster station would qualify. Engineering services are to be paid with District funds. Once the CEA is revised to include the new project that information will be provided to Michael Hibbing. After lengthy discussion Lee will meet with the Carlyss Fire Chief and get a list of flow rates out in the district so that we can see the target areas for constructing a Water Tower. Lee will then produce model drawings of some of the targeted areas and bring to the board.

Commissioner Richard Boenig would like to see the maps of the district updated. Lee asked Jay to mark up on the sheets and he will copy them and give them back. From there he will make improvements on the map.

Minutes: There was a motion by Theresa Bell and seconded by Kent Chamblee to approve the minutes of the January 18th meeting and the January 24th special meeting. Motion Carried.

Payables: Commissioner Richard was questioning the high fees for the account statement from Chase Bank. After discussing moving funds to another bank, Commissioner Theresa Bell would like to see the Account Settlement Report for the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, a motion by Richard Boenig and second by Kent Chamblee approving payables as presented. Motion Carried. Commissioner Theresa Bell would like to see \$500,000.00 transferred out of the Chase Operating Account as it is not earning interest and put into the Lamp Project Fund Account. Motion by Theresa Bell and seconded by Richard Boenig. Motion Carried.

P & L Report: Reviewed with no questions

Lamp Fund Accounts: Reviewed with no questions

Generator: Jay mentioned the ship date is the beginning of March.

In other business, Jay stated that one of his operators backed the company truck into another operator's personal vehicle causing damages to the bumper with approximate cost of \$1500.00. The operator's personal vehicle was not in the designated parking lot when damages occurred. The board wants the Operator to repair his bumper and present the detailed receipt to Waterworks for reimbursement. In the future, no matter how big or small the accident, the employee must be drug screened.

After there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Theresa Bell and seconded by Kent Chamblee. Motion Carried.