

Greater Ward One Waterworks District Minutes
January 13, 2025
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The Board of Commissioners for the Greater Ward One Waterworks District held their meeting Monday, January 13, 2025 at the water office on Haddox Road. Those present were: F.J. Armond, President; Commissioners: John Sutton, Paula Griswold, and Patrick Ryan. Absent: Kyle Warner, Vice-President. Guests: Mark Redding, Turner Teleco, Bob Myers, Engineer and new-hire Seth Reynolds.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Secretary, Kathy Farris read the minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting. Paula Griswold made motion to accept the minutes as read. Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

Telephone System: Mark Redding with Teleco presented the board with a quote for a new phone system for the office. John Sutton made motion to accept and proceed. Paula Griswold seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

Office Well: Continental Well Drilling is expected to be on-site next week to begin pulling pipe, pump and perform downhole video inspection.

Douglas Well: FJ Armond stated that Continental Well Drilling performed an inspection of the Douglas Well in December 2024.

New Well Site: Bob Myers, Engineer stated that work is progressing in procuring a site for a new well. Next step is to have property appraised which is being handled by the attorney. Bob also discussed possible financing options which will be chosen when the time comes.

Apprenticeship Training Program: New hire, Seth Reynolds was introduced to the board. Seth is currently enrolled in Louisiana Rural Water Association's apprenticeship program and shared his experience thus far.

Certified Operator Contract: The board agreed to renew a one-year contract with AJ Swayze and also increasing his base salary by 3 percent. Paula Griswold made motion to accept; John Sutton seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

New Sparta Model: FJ Armond shared an article that was published December 15, 2024 in the Ruston Daily Leader which states that water customers in North Louisiana will have to cut their usage almost 15 % annually for the next 30 years if the Sparta Aquifer is to maintain its current level of viability.

The Board reviewed the Year-to-Date Balance Report and the 2024 Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Report.

Paula Griswold and Patrick Ryan reviewed and approved invoices.

Our next regular meeting will be held Monday March 3, 2025 at the office on Haddox Road.

There was no further business. Paula Griswold made a motion to adjourn and Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

Kathy Farris
Secretary