

Greater Ward One Waterworks District Minutes
January 5, 2026
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The Board of Commissioners for the Greater Ward One Waterworks District held their meeting Monday, January 5, 2026 at the water office on Haddox Road. Those present were: F.J. Armond, President; Kyle Warner, Vice-President. Commissioners: John Sutton, Paula Griswold, and Patrick Ryan. Guests: Bob Myers, Engineer and Tony Sonnier, Louisiana Rural Water

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Secretary, Kathy Farris read the minutes from the November 3, 2025 meeting. Patrick Ryan made motion to accept the minutes as read. Kyle Warner seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

FJ Armond stated Bob Myers received a 6-month extension on November 17, 2025 from Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) regarding the plugging and abandoning of the Collins Well.

New Well Site: A site has been selected and the two landowners have signed the Intent-To-Purchase agreements. After the approved Rate Study and other documents have been submitted to LDH, the project will be put out for bid as next steps.

LRWA Rate Study: Tony Sonnier with Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA) presented recommendations to the Board for getting Greater Ward One to a 1.15 sustainability factor. These recommendations include reducing the number of rate classifications and increasing rates. We should only have (1) Residential, (2) Residential-Multi Meter, (3) Small Commercial, (4) Large Commercial and (5) Fire Line. The proposed new rates are as follows:

1. The monthly base rate for Residential will be \$17.50 and \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons used over 2,000 gallons.
2. The monthly base rate for Residential-Multi Meter will be \$35.50 and \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons used over 2,000 gallons.
3. The monthly base rate for Small Commercial will be \$87.50 and \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons used over 10,000 gallons.
4. The monthly base rate for Large Commercial will be \$175.00 and \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons used over 20,000 gallons.
5. The monthly base rate for a Fire Line will \$15.00

In order to maintain a favorable sustainability factor and to enable Greater Ward One Waterworks to maintain the system as needed, it will be necessary to increase rates annually at least 3 percent beginning next year in 2027. John Sutton made motion to accept the changes to the rate classifications and to increase rates effective with the March 2026 billing due April 10, 2026 to the rates as shown above, Kyle Warner seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. John Sutton made motion to accept the proposed 3 percent annual increase, Paula Griswold seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

Surplus Movable Property: FJ Armond and Bob Myers are working together on a plan to sell or dispose of the surplus property.

Certified Operator Contract: A one-year contract with AJ Swayze was presented to the Board. Kyle Warner made motion to proceed and Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Election of Officers: John Sutton's commission was renewed by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury for 5-years in their meeting held December 15, 2025. Patrick Ryan made motion to leave current officers in place, Paula Griswold seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Officers will be FJ Armond, President; Kyle Warner, Vide-President; Commissioners, John Sutton, Patrick Ryan and Paula Griswold. Kathy Farris will remain as Secretary.

Paula Griswold reviewed and approved invoices.

No financials were reviewed in this meeting but will be available at the next meeting.

Our next regular meeting will be held Monday March 2, 2026 at the office on Haddox Road.

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

Kathy Farris
Secretary