

Greater Ward One Waterworks District Minutes
May 5, 2025
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The Board of Commissioners for the Greater Ward One Waterworks District held their meeting Monday, May 5th, 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. Guest: Bob Myers, Engineer.

FJ Armond asked that the Agenda be revised to include a resolution to be voted on by the board. Paula Griswold made motion to accept the revised Agenda. Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Secretary, Kathy Farris read the minutes from the previous meeting held March 3, 2025. Patrick Ryan made motion to accept the minutes as read. Paula Griswold seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

Office Well: Bob Myers, Engineer reported Continental Well Drilling completed screening and installing gravel pack in the well. There was a small amount of sand in the first run, so additional gravel was placed. After we receive a passing health inspection, Bob suggests that the VFD (variable frequency drive) be used on start up to minimize sediment dispersal in the water. The well should be ready to go on-line soon. We are using a loaner submersible pump for now until the one we purchased is received. Bob also suggested that the Office Well be the primary well and the Douglas Well secondary. John Sutton asked if Greater Ward One will receive a well report on completion. Bob said he will ask Continental Well Drilling to provide.

New Well Site: Bob Myers advised the board that the attorney and appraiser are still working with property owners.

Resolution: The board passed a resolution giving FJ Armond the authority to submit a loan application for upcoming projects to the Department of Health on the behalf of Greater Ward One Waterworks. Motion to adopt was made by John Sutton, seconded by Paula Griswold. The motion passed with (4) Yeas, (0) Nays, (1) Absent, and (0) Abstaining.

LRWA Apprenticeship Update: Seth Reynolds continues to attend classes and is projected to take Level 1 test in September 2025.

2024 Consumer Confidence Report: The report will be published in the Ruston Daily Leader May 9, 2025. It is also available on our website by visiting <https://gwowwd.myruralwater.com/ccr1>.

2024 Water Grade: Greater Ward One Waterworks received a letter grade of "A" for year 2024 by the Louisiana Department of Health. The report is available on our website by visiting <https://gwowwd.myruralwater.com/water-quality-report>, or www.ldh.la.gov/watergrade.

UCMR 5 Testing: The EPA implemented The Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5). Under this rule, EPA issues a list of priority unregulated contaminants to be monitored by public water systems. UCMR 5 specifies monitoring for 29 per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium. Greater Ward One Waterworks' water source is ground water and monitoring must be done 2 times during a consecutive 12-month period. Sample events must occur

5-7 months apart. Tests on Greater Ward One Waterworks two wells will be performed Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Once results are received, Greater Ward One will notify customers of the availability of the UCMR results.

The Board reviewed the Year-to-Date Balance Report and the Year-to-Date Profit & Loss Report.

Paula Griswold and Patrick Ryan reviewed and approved invoices.

Our next regular meeting will be held Monday July 7, 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