

Greater Ward One Waterworks District Minutes
November 6, 2023
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The Board of Commissioners for the Greater Ward One Waterworks District held their meeting Monday, November 6, 2023, at the water office on Haddox Road. Those present were F.J, Armond, President; Commissioners: Don Hogan, Paula Griswold, Patrick Ryan and Secretary Kathy Farris. Guests: Bob Myers, Engineer and David Ryals, Louisiana Rural Water Association. Absent: Kyle Warner

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes from the last regular meeting held August 28, 2023. Don Hogan made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

Agenda was amended to include election of officers for year 2024. Don Hogan made motion to accept the amended agenda and Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

Rate Study Report by LRWA: David Ryals with Louisiana Rural Water Association presented the board with the 2023 rate study. David recommended and the board approved a residential and commercial flat rate increase of \$1.00 (one dollar) per month. Commercial customers will be assessed an additional \$0.25 (twenty-five cents) per 1000 (one thousand) gallons over the flat rate minimum, no change to residential customers.

Collins Well Update: Engineer, Bob Myers reported Continental Well Drilling is waiting for the remaining gravel packs to be delivered before they can commence with their work. The time to complete the well should be quick, however developing the well will take some time.

ACT 393 OF 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION COMPLIANCE: Act 393 of the 2023 Legislative Session amended La. R.S. 42:17.2.1 and 42:14E to require public bodies to accommodate members of the public with a disability recognized by the American with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) so that members of the public can participate during open public meeting through teleconference or video conference. Motion was made by Don Hogan and seconded by Patrick Ryan to adopt these procedures for accommodating members of the public who have any ADA-recognized disability or their caretakers which include the following:

1. The process by which member of the public with and ADA-recognized disability, or the caretakers, are to notify Greater Ward One Waterworks District of their desire to participate in a public meeting.
2. The documentation the district will require to show they have an ADA-recognized disability which results in a function limitation caused by the disability which affects their ability to attend the public meeting.
3. The method by which public meeting(s) will be conducted to allow for public members of the public with an ADA-recognized disability to participate in the meeting.
4. Please contact our office for an application to participate.

Class Action Suit: Greater Ward One Water District agreed to enter into a Retainer Agreement with a designated firm pertaining to litigation relating to water supply contamination by per- and polyfluoroalkyl and related substances (PFAS/PFOA), 1,4 Dioxane and other emerging hazardous contaminants. Greater Ward One will be required to test our water supply in 2025; however, we took the initiative to sample our supply in late October 2023. Samples were taken by Bayou Tex Services LLC and were sent to a lab in Florida for testing. Because this is new testing, the results will take a few months to receive. Don Hogan made motion to appoint FJ Armond authorization to enter into this agreement. Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

2023 Amended Budget – FJ Armond presented the board with the amended budget. Paula Griswold made motion to approve, Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

2024 Budget – FJ Armond presented the board with the 2024 budget. Paula Griswold made motion to approve, Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Election of Officers for year 2024: Don Hogan made motion to not make any changes. Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor none opposed. Officers for 2024 are as follows:
FJ Armond – President, Kyle Warner – Vice-President, Secretary - Kathy Farris, Commissioners - Don Hogan, Patrick Ryan and Paula Griswold.

The board reviewed the latest Financial Reports which included Balance Sheet, YTD Profit & Loss, and YTD Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual.

Commissioners Paula Griswold and Patrick Ryan reviewed and approved invoices.

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

Kathy Farris
Secretary