

Greater Ward One Waterworks District Minutes
September 9, 2024
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The Board of Commissioners for the Greater Ward One Waterworks District held their meeting Monday, September 9, 2024 at the water office on Haddox Road. Those present were: F.J. Armond, President; AJ Swayze, System Operator, Commissioners: John Sutton, Paula Griswold, and Patrick Ryan. Absent: Kyle Warner, Vice-President. Guests: Bob Myers, Engineer and five members of the water system.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Secretary, Kathy Farris read the minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting. Paula Griswold made motion to accept the minutes as read. Patrick Ryan seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

FJ Armond opened the floor to the members of the water system to hear their concerns regarding the odor, and lack of residual chlorine letter each received. Members of the board, the system operator and the system's engineer explained the Office well, after undergoing rehab, began to force sand into the chlorinator which caused the chlorinator to become plugged. This caused unchlorinated water to enter the system for a brief time which resulted in an odor. A line on the chlorinator broke at the Douglas well which also led to additional problems regarding odor. In addition, the temperature and the amount of usage makes it difficult to know the exact science of pre-treatment. The Office well is being monitored closely for sand and chlorine. In the very near future, it will be necessary to have the well re-screened at a cost of around \$100,000. In the meantime, chlorine storage has been increased and best efforts being made to avert future problems. Low chlorine residual is the chlorine left in the system after demand has been met. This number often fluctuates due to usage, temperature, where your house is located on the system (near the ends), and the health of the chlorinator. Flushing the lines help improve the chlorine residual and a monthly flushing schedule is now in place.

Lead Service Line Inventory: Bob Myers with Riley Engineering stated the State reporting website is not yet available, but there should be no problem in meeting the deadline of October 16, 2024.

Lead and Copper Tap Test: There were 20 homes tested and all had passing results. Result letters were mailed to each participant.

Entergy ROW Agreement: FJ Armond advised attorney, Bill Carter reported that all processes for the site is on hold. No further action at this time.

USG Tank Maintenance: Bob Myers, Engineer stated that he is working on this project.

Security System: Kirk Reynolds with Southern Remote Monitoring, Dubach, LA is in the process of completing the security installation.

LRWA Management Training: Commissioner, John Sutton has signed up for the class to be held in Ruston on September 18, 2024.

Sanitary Survey: The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) completed an on-site survey of all record keeping and distribution sites on August 20, 2024. Greater Ward One received notice of violations of 8 items. Douglas Well: Faulty valve, discharge valve screen, and chlorinator vent screen. Office Well: Fencing needs repair, need screen on air release vacuum relief valve, and chlorinator vent screen. Baxter Tank: Increase height of fence/gate. Collins Well: Plug abandoned well. The board discussed the action plan of these items.

New Well Site: The board discussed the imperative need of a site in which to drill another well to be able to supply the needs of the community.

The Board reviewed the Year-to-Date financial reports including, Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, and Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual.

Paula Griswold and Patrick Ryan reviewed and approved invoices.

Our next regular meeting will be held Monday November 18, 2024 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