

**ST. MARY PARISH WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
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MARCH 1, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 1 met in regular session on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, and the meeting was held at the office in Amelia, La at 6:00 P.M.

The President, Carlo Gagliano, Jr. called the meeting to order.

The Office Manager performed a roll call, all commissioners present.

Board members present: Kenneth Mire, Leroy Trim, Oscar Toups, Carla Gagliano, and Carlo Gagliano, Jr.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Others Present: Brian Tabor, Larry Barras and Jane Aucoin

Appearances: Tony Sonnier and James Ryder representatives from Louisiana Rural Water Association

Approval of Minutes for meeting held on February 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Kenneth Mire to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 1, 2023, regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

**A. Discussion and action on information reviewed by board members concerning user rates.
Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager informed the board the user rate study has been prepared and explained the reasons for the rate increase. A discussion followed.

Representatives from Louisiana Rural Water Association, Tony Sonnier and James Ryder, presented information on the rate study.

New Business:

**A. Discussion and action concerning damaged water line crossing Bayou Ramos.
Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manger discussed price quotes from two engineering firms relating to providing services concerning the damaged water line crossing Bayou Ramos. The lower quote was submitted by T. Baker Smith Engineering.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Kenneth Mire to hire T. Baker Smith for the repair of the damaged water line crossing Bayou Ramos. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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B. Discussion and action on repairs to the accelator at the water treatment plant.

Allowed for public comment: None

The Plant Manager made a request to approve the repair of the accelator by Red-Air Services, Inc. in the amount of \$48,270.00.

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Oscar Toups to hire Red-Air Services, Inc. for the repair of the accelator. All voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and action to recognize new certifications attained by a water treatment plant operator.

Allowed for public comment: None

The Plant Manager presented a request to the Board to award the water treatment plant operator a .32 cents per hour increase, due to new certification attained.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Kenneth Mire to award the water treatment plant operator .32 cents increase effective the next payroll period. All voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and action to approve and sign the audit and SAUP engagement letters for the 2022 Audit.

Allowed for public comment: None

The Office Manager made a request for the approval and signature on the audit and SAUP engagement letters for the 2022 Audit.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Oscar Toups to approve and sign the audit and SAUP engagement letters for the 2022 Audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Engineering Report – None

Managers' Report –

Outstanding Bills

Allowed for public comment: None

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Oscar Toups to approve the payment of the outstanding monthly bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Other Business allowed under Act 861

Allowed for public comment: None

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Carla Gagliano to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Carlo Gagliano, Jr

Carlo Gagliano, Jr., President

Kenneth Mire

Kenneth Mire, Secretary/Treasurer