

**ST. MARY PARISH WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1**  
**834 WATERWORKS ROAD**  
**P.O. BOX 309**  
**AMELA, LOUISIANA 70340**

**September 6, 2023**

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

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

The Office Manager performed a roll call, all commissioners were 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

Public Comment/Apearances: Andrew Gros and Ethyl Gros (did not appear)

**Approval of minutes of the meeting held on August 2, 2023.**

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Carla Gagliano to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 2, 2023, regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**Executive Session** (if necessary): Discussion of pending litigation captioned "*In the Matter of the Complaint for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability of Deloach Marine Services, LLC, as Owner Pro-Hac Vice and Operator of M/V Miss Mollye D,*" bearing Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00416 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana involving Deloach, LA DOTD and the Commission regarding the allision into the Bayou Ramos Bridge and the damaged water line.

**Unfinished Business:**

**None**

**New Business:**

- A. Discussion and any action on matters discussed in executive session.**  
**Allowed for public comment: None**

There was no discussion and action on the executive session.

- B. Discussion and action to approve a change order in the amount of \$59,981.00, from Pintail Contracting Servies, LLC; this is for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant.**  
**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager explained this change order would result in a decrease in the total cost of the project in the amount of \$59,981.00.

A motion was made by Carla Gagliano and seconded by Kenneth Mire to approve the change order in the amount of \$59,981.00 from Pintail Contracting Services, LLC for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant.

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The Office Manager performed roll call vote:

Kenneth Mire	Yes
Leroy Trim	Yes
Oscar Toups	Yes
Carla Gagliano	Yes
Carlo Gagliano, Jr.	Yes

With a quorum this motion passed.

**C. Discussion and action to approve Pay Estimate No. 8 in the amount of \$232,095.45; from Pintail Contracting Services, LLC; this is for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant.**

**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager explained this payment was at the recommendation of Pan American Engineers for the work that has been completed.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Kenneth Mire to approve the payment of the Pay Estimate No. 8 in the amount of \$232,095.45 from Pintail Contracting Services, LLC, This is for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**D. Discussion and action to approve payment of \$13,233.00 to Pan American Engineers, LLC. This is for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant.**

**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager explained this item is for engineering services for the Water Treatment Plant project.

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Oscar Toups to approve the payment of \$13,233.00 to Pan American Engineers, LLC for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**E. Discussion and Action to approve payment of \$49,234.28 to ABL Fabricators, LLC., this is for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant.**

**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager explained this item is for the project inside our clarifier which was basically to rebuild the skirting and some work on the accelator.

A motion was made by Oscar Toups and seconded by Leroy Trim to approve the payment of \$49,234.28 to ABL Fabricators, LLC for the Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at the Water Treatment Plant. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**F. Discussion and action to approve payment of \$48,270.00 to Red-Air Services, LLC; this is for the sand blasting and coating of the accelator at the Water Treatment Plant.**

**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager stated that this was for sandblasting and painting to bare metal and all metal surfaces performed by ABL Fab supplied by Red Air Services, LLC inside the accelator and was within the quote that we received from Red Air Services.

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A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Carla Gagliano to approve the payment of \$48,270.00 to Red Air Services LLC for the sand blasting and coating of the accelator at the Water Treatment Plant. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**G. Discussion and action for a contract pertaining to generator maintenance.**  
**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Assistant Plant Manager stated that we do annual maintenance on all our generators at the water intake system to prepare for hurricane season and shutdowns. Cummins has a contract that will lock us in for five years at \$1,253.29 annually for oil change and maintenance.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Carla Gagliano to approve the contract for the generator maintenance. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**H. Discussion and action for the approval of 2 customers' installment plans.**  
**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Office Manager explained the circumstances for these customers requesting installment plans.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Carla Gagliano to approve the installment plan for these customers. This payment plan was approved with the stipulation that the current bill plus the 6-month payment be made and kept up to date. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**I. Discussion and action on hiring a new employee for a position at the plant.**  
**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager stated that a water plant operator would be leaving for other employment and requested approval to place an ad in the local newspaper to accept applications for the position.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Kenneth Mire to approve the advertisement for the position at the plant. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**J. Discussion and action on acquiring representation on a class action lawsuit.**  
**Allowed for public comment: None**

The Plant Manager stated that water municipalities across the country are acquiring legal representation concerning manufactures of foam products know as aqueous film foaming form or AFFF and other products containing perfluoroalkyl substances referred to as PFAS and other related substances. The Plant Manager suggested that the board consider acquiring legal council and representation for this matter.

There was discussion and action on a resolution authorizing a contract with the law firm of Baron & Budd, P. C., Cossich, Sumich, Parsilo & Taylor, LLC and Bourgeois Law LLC for environmental litigation.

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Leroy Trim to approve acquiring representation in a class action lawsuit. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**REPORTS**

**Engineering Report – None**

**Managers' Report –None**

**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 passed.

**Other Business allowed under Act 861**

**Allowed for public comment: None**

Council Member, Dean Adams discussed with the board the commissions current rate structure. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Oscar Toups to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Carlo Gagliano, Jr.

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Carlo Gagliano, Jr., President

Kenneth Mire

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Kenneth Mire, Secretary/Treasurer