

ST. MARY PARISH WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
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MAY 1, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 1 met in regular session on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 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, Jane Aucoin

Public Comment/Appearances: Gwendolyn Hidalgo; Jason Brown

Jason Brown, with the Amelia Fire Department wanted to make a comment concerning New Business, Item F: Discussion and action for holding those accountable in the event a water line is broken.

There was a motion by Leroy Trim and seconded by Oscar Toups to approve moving **Item VIII. New Business: "F to A"** up on the agenda order, due to a previous appointment by Mr. Brown. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2024.

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Carla Gagliano to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 3, 2024, 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:

- A. Discussion and action on notifying customers by text for district's alerts and emergencies.**
Allowed for public comment: None

There was a discussion by the Office Manager concerning notifying customers of alerts and emergencies. A discussion followed.

No action was taken on this matter.

- B. Discussion and action on our Quick Books program.**
Allowed for public comment: None

There was a discussion by the Office Manager concerning the Quick Books program. A discussion followed.

No action was taken on this matter.

New Business:

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

A motion was made by Carla Gagliano and seconded by Leroy Trim to go into executive session and to invite Council Member Gwen Hidalgo to attend the executive session. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The recording was stopped at this time.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Kenneth Mire to exit the executive session and continue with the board meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion and any action to approve and sign the Louisiana compliance Questionnaire for the 2023 Audit.
Allowed for public comment: None**

A motion was made by Carla Gagliano and seconded by Leroy Trim to approve and sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2023 Audit. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. Discussion and action on the O&M millage for 2024.
Allowed for public comment: None**

There was a discussion by the Office Manager on the O&M millage for the 2024 period.

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Carla Gagliano to approve and stay at 9.99 for the O&M millage for 2024. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. Discussion and action on sandblasting pumps on the Clearwell and water blasting inside the Clearwell.
Allowed for public comment: None**

The Assistant Plant Manager discussed bids that were received concerning the sandblasting pumps on the Clearwell and water blasting inside the Clearwell. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Carla Gagliano and seconded by Kenneth Mire to accept and approve the lowest bid from Prime Coating of \$8,800.00 for the sandblasting the pumps on the Clearwell and water blasting inside the Clearwell. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. Discussion and action on moving forward with the removal of sand from the filter under the drains using in-house personnel and contract labor.
Allowed for public comment: None**

The Assistant Plant Manager discussed the situation of removing sand from the filter under the drains and using in-house personnel and contract labor to perform this work. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Leroy Trim to approve the moving forward to use in-house personnel and contract labor to perform the work of removing sand from the filter under the drains. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**F. Discussion and action for holding those accountable in the event a water line is broken.
Allowed for public comment: None**

This item was approved to be moved from here to the beginning of this meeting.

REPORTS

Engineering Report – None

Managers' Report –

The Assistant Plant Manager discussed the grading assessment received by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. A discussion followed acknowledging that the potable water treatment facility received a letter grade of 100% A from LDHH related to a comprehensive assessment of its operations.

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

Council member, Gwendolyn Hidalgo, mentioned the plans to try to schedule public meetings for all districts and the public to get together to voice their concerns and to be informed about their districts. More information will be provided later.

A motion was made by Kenneth Mire and seconded by Carla Gagliano to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 P.M. All voted aye. Motion to adjourn carried.

Carlo Gagliano, Jr.

Carlo Gagliano, Jr., President

Kenneth Mire

Kenneth Mire, Secretary/Treasurer