

ST. MARY PARISH WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO. 1
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REGULAR SESSION

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 1 met in regular session on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, and was held at the office in Amelia, Louisiana at 6:00 P.M.

The President, Kenneth Mire called the meeting to order.

The Office Manager performed a roll call.

Board members present: Charles Walters, Leroy Trim, Oscar Toups, Carla Gagliano, and Kenneth Mire.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Others present: Brian Tabor, Larry Barras, and Jane Aucoin

Public Comment/Apearances: Gwen Hidalgo

Gwen Hidalgo told the board that plans are in place to start training for all board members.

A motion was made by Charles Walters and seconded by Leroy Trim to approve and dispense the reading of the minutes of January 7, 2025, a regular meeting. All voted ayes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Charles Walters and seconded by Carla Gagliano to go into executive session. All voted ayes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Charles Walters and seconded by Oscar Toups to invite Gwen Hidalgo into the executive session. All voted ayes. Motion passed.

Executive Session (if necessary):

- A.** 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.

- B.** To receive oral report regarding potential litigation and/or for the purpose of providing legal services related to the filing and litigation of a civil action for Rehabilitation of Gravity Filters at Water Treatment Plant project pursuant to the provisions of *La. R.S. 42:17* that, in pertinent part, reads as follows:
 - A.** A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons:
 - (2) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Carla Gagliano to close the executive session and go into regular session. All voted ayes. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

None

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New Business

A. Discussion and any action on matters discussed in executive session.

Allowed for public comment: None

A motion was made by Charles Walters and seconded by Carla Gagliano to contact our legal counsel before we go into any remedial meeting with our contractors and engineers. All voted ayes. Motion passed.

B. Discussion and any action for the approval of the Confirmations and Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire for the 2024 annual audit.

Allowed for public comment: None

A motion was made by Charles Walters and seconded by Leroy Trim to approve signing the Confirmations and Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire for the 2024 annual audit. All voted ayes. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and any action on DA's Victim Restitution Questionnaire.

Allowed for public comment: None

The Plant Manager explained the questionnaire.

Reports.

A. Engineering Report: None

B. Managers' Report

The Plant manager briefed the board on the results of the snowday weather.

Outstanding Bills

Allowed for public comment: None

A motion was made by Carla Gagliano and seconded by Oscar Toups to approve the payment of the outstanding monthly bills. All voted ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business allowed under Act 861

Allowed for public comment: None

A motion was made by Leroy Trim and seconded by Carla Gagliano to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. All voted ayes. Motion to adjourn carried.

Kenneth Mire

Kenneth Mire, President

Carla Gagliano

Carla Gagliano, Secretary/Treasurer