

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TANGIPAHOA WATER DISTRICT OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Water District met in Regular Session on the 20th day of February 2024 at the District Office in Natalbany, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Commissioner John S. Wilde Present – Gary Kelley, Charlie Harrison, Gary Bankston, Larry Byers, John S. Wilde, Don Marshall, Jason Lipscomb and Marlon Milton. Absent- None. Also present was Mr. Patrick Coudrain- Legal Counsel and Mr. Chuck Spangler- Engineer. The invocation was led by Commissioner Don Marshall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Marlon Milton.

GUESTS AND COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2024- A motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Lipscomb to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 5, 2024, and that they be dispensed and published in the Official Journal. Roll-call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Lipscomb, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

PUBLIC INPUT - ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

A. APPROVE CHECK REGISTER FOR JANUARY 2024 (O & M ACCOUNT)- Motion was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve the check register for January as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Lipscomb, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

B. DISCUSS REFINANCING OF 2020 BONDS (JIM RYAN)- After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Byers and seconded by Mr. Bankston to give Mr. Ryan approval to proceed with the process of refinancing the 2020 bonds. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Milton)

NAYS: 1 (Lipscomb)

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

TABLED ITEMS – None

OLD BUSINESS- Mr. Spangler gave updates on the following projects:

A. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FYR 2021

A1. NEW WELL AND TANK ON HWY 40 WEST- No action taken

B. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FYR 2023

B1. BOOKER ELEVATED TANK- No action taken

C. EASTERN HEIGHTS- No action taken

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Personnel- Motion was made by Mr. Byers and seconded by Mr. Marshall to accept the recommendation from the personnel committee to authorize Mr. Schlicher and Mrs. Jones to fill a vacant position left by the death of a long-time employee of the Tangipahoa Water District with an annual salary not to exceed \$78,000. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Lipscomb, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGES – Mr. Wilde announced that this will be Commissioner Lipscomb's last meeting as his term comes to an end. He thanked Mr. Lipscomb for his many years of service to the Water District. Those sentiments were expressed by the entire board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

A. OPERATIONS- Mr. Schlicher presented the activity and customer count reports for January. No action taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Lipscomb to approve the transfer of \$500,000.00 from the meter deposit account to the LAMP account. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Lipscomb, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

B. FINANCIALS- Mrs. Jones presented the finance report for January.

LEGAL MATTERS- Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Lipscomb to enter executive session to discuss the Dutch Lane Well. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kelley, Bankston, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Lipscomb, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: 1 (Harrison)

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

Motion was made by Mr. Byers and seconded by Mr. Milton to exit executive session. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kelley, Bankston, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Lipscomb, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: 1 (Harrison)

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

Upon exiting executive session, motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Bankston to proceed as recommended by legal counsel. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Lipscomb, Milton)

NAYS: None


ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

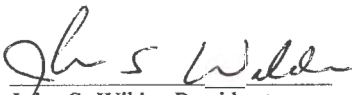
NOT VOTING: None

With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Kelley, Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Water District adjourned.

ATTEST:



Larry Byers, Secretary
Tangipahoa Water District



John S. Wilde, President
Tangipahoa Water District