

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TANGIPAOA WATER DISTRICT OF MARCH 18, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Water District met in Regular Session on the 18th day of March 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, Jeremiah Davis 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 Charlie Harrison.

GUESTS AND COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DATED MARCH 4, 2024- A motion was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Milton to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated March 4, 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, Davis, 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 FEBRUARY 2024 (O & M Account)- Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Byers to approve the check register for February as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR BOND REFINANCING (JIM RYAN)- Motion was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Byers to approve a resolutioim for bond refinancing as presented by Mr. Jim Ryan. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

C. DISCUSSION OF FINANCING USING LDH REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM (BRYAN BAKER) - There was a lengthy discussion between the board and Mr. Baker regarding the LDH revolving loan program. No action was taken.

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- Mr. Spangler gave a brief update. No action taken.

B. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FYR 2023

B1. BOOKER ELEVATED TANK- Motion was made by Mr. Milton and seconded by Mr. Byers to approve payment of estimate no. 1 (requisition no. 50) from Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$34,912.50 and the associated Spangler Engineering invoice no. 24-19 (requisition no. 49) in the amount of \$22,511.22. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

C. EASTERN HEIGHTS-

Motion was made by Mr. Byers and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve the evaluation of the Eastern Heights Water System by Dungan Engineering, P.A." in the amount of \$19,500.00 (90-day completion) and approval of Terracon proposal for Geotechnical Soil Borings & Report dated February 22, 2024 in the amount of \$16,500.00. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

C1. DISCUSS GETTING AG OPINION ON EASTERN HEIGHTS FINANCIAL DISCLOUSURES- Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Byers to authorize Mr. Coudrain to request an opinion from the Attorney General's office regarding the legality of asset transfers by Eastern Heights Water Works.

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS- None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGES – Mr. Marshall said the new website looks great and thanked everyone involved in the update for their work.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

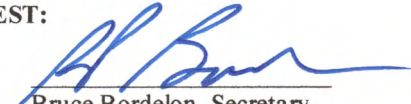
A. OPERATIONS- Mr. Schlicher presented the customer count and activity reports for February 2024.

A plaque was presented to Mr. Wilde for his years of dedicated service to the water district as this was his last meeting as a commissioner. Everyone expressed their gratitude to him.


B. FINANCIALS- Mrs. Jones presented the financial report for February.

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

ATTEST:



Bruce Bordelon, Secretary
Tangipahoa Water District



Larry Byers, President
Tangipahoa Water District