

NW ALLEN PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the NW Allen Parish Waterworks District was called to order at 6.00pm, on Monday, August 12, 2024, at the Water District Office by Charles Morrow. A prayer was given by Charles Morrow. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present

Board Members: Carolyn Deshotels, Charles Morrow, Shirley Stanton, Josh Thompson, Operators: Dustin Kisting, Adam Johnson, and Office Manager: Penny Johnson

Absent

Board Member: Joy Williams

Guests

Glenn Turner, P. E., CEO/President of Meyers, Meyers, Lecroix, & Hixon, Roland Hollins, APPJ Police Juror for District 4

Operator's Report

- The board discussed the need to replace our outdated and inaccurate chlorine meters. Charles Morrow made a motion to buy 2 Hash DR300 chlorine meters. Josh Thompson seconded. All agreed.
- Dustin Kisting explained how accurate the new line locator is, and how it is saving us money on batteries, the operator's time, and lack of leaks due to the accuracy of the new locator.
- Dustin Kisting asked the Board to consider the cost of a new meter. He said the prices of parts have gone up, and we are losing money. He said he would get a new price list for the Board to consider at the next monthly meeting. Roland Hollins suggested that we give each new customer that needs a new meter, the updated price list.
- Dustin Kisting also told the Board that we have a repaired Booster Pump that is just sitting on the ground. He asked the Board to approve getting a new motor for the #2 Booster Pump. He explained that right now we are only using the #1 Booster Pump, and it is putting a lot of wear and tear on it. Josh Thompson made the motion to buy a new motor for the #2 Booster Pump. Shirley Stanton seconded. All agreed.
- Dustin Kisting brought up the frozen valves across our system, and how that is handicapping our ability to isolate leaks. Penny Johnson told Roland Hollins that we have applied for 2 grants to replace some of the valves.

New Business

- The Board agreed to refund the \$100 application fee to 4F Drilling. They did not get any bulk water from us.
- Penny Johnson told the Board that she is still waiting on a quote from First Net, on emergency phones.
- Penny Johnson told the Board that Carolyn Deshotels wants to help with signing checks. First Federal Bank of Oakdale said that the Board must vote on allowing her to be a third signer. Shirley Stanton made a motion to allow Carolyn Deshotel to sign checks. Josh Thompson seconded. All agreed.

Old Business

- Glenn Turner updated the Board on the status of our Filter's Project, and our Emergency CWF Project for a new bore at Whiskey Chitto on Hwy 26. He said the State has approved the Filter's Project. He will be able to advertise for bids in the Oakdale Journal on August 22, 2024. Bids will be opened on September 19, 2024. The Emergency Bore will start on August 26, 2024. Dustin told the board that he plans on putting a shut-off valve on the east side of the river, up on a hill, before the 3 bridges.
- Penny Johnson told the Board of the problems customers are having with the Utilipay front page.

Office Manager Report

- There were 591 active customers during the month of June.
- Three claims were made to Servline Leak Insurance during the month of July. All were approved.
- The July, 2024, ending bank balance for the Operating Account was \$34,558.20.

Three customers were discussed. Roland Hollins gave the Board several good suggestions on how to help new customers understand where a new meter can be placed, and also keeping customers informed, when customers feel that their bill is too high.

Charles Morrow made the motion to adjourn. Josh Thompson seconded. All agreed.

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on September 9, 2024.

Joy Williams, President

Attest by:/s/ Penny M. Johnson, Office Manager