

NW ALLEN PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

February 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the NW Allen Parish Waterworks District was called to order at 5:30pm, on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Water District Office by Joy Williams. A prayer was given by Charles Morrow. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated. The January 8, 2024 minutes were approved as read.

Present

Don Dowies, Charles Morrow, Joshua Thompson, Joy Williams, Dustin Kisting, and Penny Johnson

Absent

Shirley Stanton

Guests

Tony Sonnier, Louisiana Rural Water Association, Glenn Turner, P. E., Meyers, Meyers, Lecroix, & Hixon, and Adam Johnson, who was interviewing for an Operator Training position.

Operator's Report

- Dustin Kisting reported that the Griner Drilling Company invoice for the booster pump work, was 100% higher than the estimate.
- He discussed that the new VDF at the North Tower Well is still not communicating with the VDF at the Fairview Well.

New Business

- Tony Sonnier, LRWA, presented the Board with the results of our Rate Study. His recommendation was that we raise our rates, and each year add a 4% increase. After much discussion, Charles Morrow made a motion to adopt the recommended rate increase. Joshua Thompson seconded, and all agreed. Joshua Thompson made a recommendation to increase our rates annually by 4% each year. Don Dowies seconded, and all agreed. Upon approval from the USDA, the rates will be adjusted as follows (Without the \$1.00 Safe Water Drinking Fee or Leak Insurance):

From Current Rates

Residential

\$25.00 for the 1st 2,000 gallons

\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

Commercial

\$60.00 for the 1st 5,000 gallons

\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

To: Proposed Adopted Rates – without the 4%

Residential

\$25.00 for the 1st 2,000 gallons

\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

Commercial

\$65.00 for the 1st 5,000 gallons

\$9.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

To: Final Adopted Rates – with the 4% 2024 annual increase

Residential

\$26.00 for the 1st 2,000 gallons
\$8.32 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

Commercial

\$67.60 for the 1st 5,000 gallons
\$9.36 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

These rates will go into effect at the first billing cycle after USDA approval. Thereafter, the 4% annual increase will be made at the beginning of each Fiscal year (January 1). A rate study will then be conducted every 5 years as recommended by the LDH Accountability Grade Rule.

- Don Dowies made a motion to pay for Dustin Kisting to go to training, the week of May 13-16, 2024, and take his Class 2 Treatment Test on May 17, 2024. Joshua Thompson seconded. All agreed.
- Don Dowies made a motion to hire Adam Johnson as an Operator Trainee. Charles Morrow seconded. All agreed.

Old Business

- Glenn Turner, P. E. gave us an update on the Filter's Project.

Office Manager Report

- There were 583 active customers during the month of January.

Don Dowies made the motion to adjourn. Charles Morrow seconded. All agreed.

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on March 11, 2024.

Joy Williams, President

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