

Waterworks District No. 2, Parish of Beauregard

MINUTES

The Board of Commissioners, governing authority of Waterworks District No. Two (2) of the Parish of Beauregard, Louisiana, met in an open and public special session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the regular meeting place of said Board, 9252 Hwy 27, Singer, LA.

Bill White, Vice President of the Board of Commissioners called the meeting to order and on roll call, the following members being present: Bill White, Richelle Bowman, Lisa Gearen, and Caroll Johnson

Absent: Jerry Cooley

Others Present: Mathieu Rose

Public Participation: *There was no one in attendance for public participation*

The Board of Directors met in a special session to discuss the emergency purchase of a John Deere Excavator in the amount of \$78,856.00 on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The reason for the emergency purchase was due to the Bobcat failing once again while laying a water main for the District, and was taken back to the shop for repairs leaving the District without the means to properly serve its customers, and in the event of an emergency, or to prepare water main leaks, that effects the Production and Distribution side of the system.

The Board of Commissioners were concerned because of it being hurricane season, and already scattered storms had cause damage to the system where the excavators were required in order to maintain the system.

The Board further discussed that mechanical equipment such as excavators are absolutely essential for the District's ongoing and continuing operations. It is necessary for installation, repair, and maintenance of the District's waterworks lines, meters, valves, leaks, and other infrastructure improvements in order to provide safe potable public drinking water for its customers.

Bill White asked Paula Rose what were the discussions she had with legal counsel.

Paula Rose explained that she spoke to the District's Auditor and Legal Counsel for guidance, and the Auditor advised her to contact Legal Counsel, Mr. Jay Delafield. Mr. Delafield explained that under the emergency circumstances that the District should purchase an excavator that is readily available, and to file a Declaration of Emergency. He would prepare the documents for publication, and will send it for publication.

Paula further stated that she had called the Attorney General's office on the 13th, but Mr. Bret Robinson did not return her call until today, June 20th, because he was on vacation, and after explaining the situation of the purchase, he advised for her to post the Declaration of Emergency in the official journal by Friday, June 23, 2023. He also gave his telephone number for legal counsel and the Board if any of them had any questions concerning the emergency transaction.

Richelle Bowman, 2nd by Lisa Gearen, moved to set forth the Declaration of Emergency, rescinded to June 13, 2023, and to post it in the official Journal by Friday, June 23, 2023 for the continuing operations of the water district in order to provide safe potable water to our customers, and in the event of an emergency. The motion was carried without opposition. (see attached Declaration of Emergency)

Adjournment:

There being no further business, upon a motion by Lisa Gearen, 2nd by Richelle Bowman, the meeting was adjourned, the motion carried without opposition.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the business meeting held on June 20, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. at the open and special public meeting place of said Board at 9252 Hwy 27, Singer, Louisiana.



Paula Rose-District Secretary



Jerry Cooley-President