

**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 session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025, 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, Lisa Gearen, and Caroll Johnson***

**Absent:** *Jerry Cooley, and Richelle Bowman*

**Others Present:** *Mathieu Rose*

**Public Participation:** *There was no one present for public participation*

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Lisa Gearen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroll Johnson, moved to adopt the Minutes of the March 2025 meeting and to forego the reading thereof, motion carried without opposition.*

**Approval of Financial reports:**

*Lisa Gearen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroll Johnson, moved to adopt the financial reports as written for March 2025, the motion carried without opposition.*

**Payment authorization:**

*Lisa Gearen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroll Johnson, moved to pay monthly invoices for April 2025, the motion carried without opposition.*

**Unfinished Business:**

- *Mathieu Rose updated the Board on his light duty status, and medical findings.*

**New Business:**

- *The Board discussed and approved the inspections at the existing storage tanks in Fields, and Phelps Boosters stations.*

	<b>* Phelps Storage Tank</b>	<b>* Fields Storage Tank</b>
McGuire	\$2,650.00	\$2,175.00 = \$4,825.00 ½ day inspection only
Matrix	\$3,637.00	\$3,054.00 = \$6,691.00 Complete inspection
Duke Industries	\$25, 976.75 for both tanks (quote was not separated) Complete inspection	
ITS	\$7,200.00	\$5,900.00 -\$ 13,100.00 Complete inspection

*After further discussion on the lowest quote for McGuire, there were concerns that the quote was for a ½ day of inspection and if not completed, additional charges would be added. The quote was rejected because it was not clear on the final, or increased cost, with added verbiage that may or may not exceed the other submitted quotes.*

**Caroll Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup>** *by Lisa Gearen, moved to rejected the lowest bid by McGuire because the verbiage in their quote was not forth coming on the final cost, and approved the next lowest quote by Matrix in the*

amount of \$6,691.00 for inspection of the existing storage tanks at Fields, and Phelps. The motion carried without opposition.

- *There was a discussion on a possible water outage for 2-3 days in Fields during the upgrade to the new pumps and motors. Mathieu, and Myers & Associates are looking at the As Built Plans, and trying to figure out a solution in order to feed water to Fields during the upgrade. In the past Singer supplied water to Fields, but with the systems increasing growth with new customers, they are not sure if the Singer Plant can carry the full load, so they are going to complete Phelps's first to hopefully help offset the load on the Singer Plant.*

*There was also, a discussion on where we are on the projects in conjunction with the ongoing fiber optic crews, if they are still drilling during the upgrade to Fields?*

*Mathieu Rose said, if the crews are still in the area, then he would stop all fiber optic work during the upgrading of the Fields system. They will not be drilling during this process, he will make sure of it.*

*Bill White asked if we had a figure on the total damage from the Fiber Crews so far.*

*Paula Rose stated that we are at the present approximately \$70,000 in overtime and damage to the system. One crew working on Joe Lorenz road busted a customer's meter, and damaged some of their property at a approximate cost of \$1,600.00. This was for the replacement of the meter and pipe, not the damage to the property. The Fiber Optic crews have the responsibility to dress up a customer's property that they damage, not the water system.*

*Bill White questioned how the process would work to help the District recoup some of the money, and should we get our attorney involved if there are issues?*

*Paula Rose said that she has just recently begun working on damage invoices, and bulk water sales at this point. She has invoiced some of the damages, and bulk water sales and has received some payments. She has not completed the sales, or expense for damages because it is ongoing. If we find that one of the contractors are refusing to pay, then she will involve the attorney, Senator Reese, and Mr. Vineeth, as well as Swyft.*

- **Maintenance Report: Mathieu Rose**
  - a) *The Storage Tanks at Phelps and Fields have been built, and are in the process of being pressurized for leaks, and checked for any other issues. He found where Fields was leaking, and reported it to Conner.*
  - b) *Junction is doing good, and the rehab of the Chemical building has been completed.*
  - c) *Singer's report is as follows:*
    - 1.) *1- New Service with a water main extension installed*
    - 2.) *11- Leaks repaired in March from Fiber crew*
    - 3.) *564 fiber locates, 99-local locates = 660 total locates for March*
    - 4.) *4- Precautionary Boil Advisories*
    - 5.) *8 reconnected from DNP out of 16*
    - 6.) *8- Bulk water sales in progress*
    - 7) *1 non-fiber leak repaired*

- d) *Ethan Foster was made a temporary Field Foreman with limited duties to help out while Mathieu is on light duty.*

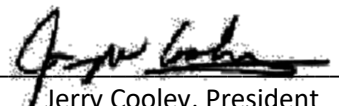
*Bill White discussed the District's Legal Counsel, and what process was needed to go forward. He asked the Secretary to check into it.*

***Adjournment:***

*There being no further business, Lisa Gearen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll Johnson, moved to adjourn the meeting, 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 Monday, April 14, 2025 at the regular public meeting place of said Board at 9252 Hwy 27, Singer, Louisiana.

*Paula Rose*  
Paula Rose-District Secretary/Treasurer

  
Jerry Cooley, President