

Minutes of the First Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1, held October 4, 2021 at the District's Office, 8814 Main Street, Houma Louisiana.

Present: Chester Voisin, President
John Pizzolatto, Vice-President Charles Brown, Sr.
Clifton Stoufflet, Secretary Teri Chatagnier
Stephen Hornsby Wilbert Thomas
Vincent Celestin Kenneth Ellender

There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M., pursuant to proper notice in writing to each Board Member and posted in the manner required by law.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Mr. Clifton Stoufflet, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Upon motion by Mr. Charles Brown, and seconded by Mr. Vincent Celestin, the minutes of August 16, 2021 were unanimously adopted as written.

Upon motion by Mr. John Pizzolatto, and seconded by Mr. Wilbert Thomas, the Financial Reports for August 2021 were unanimously accepted as presented.

First call was made to the public.

Mrs. Winona McElroy, 7979 Redfish Street, addressed the Board about water service being restored to the Cocodrie area since Hurricane Ida. Mrs. McElroy stated that she lives at this location; it is not a recreational camp. She has not had water service for 5 weeks (since the storm). Mrs. McElroy asked for an update as to when she would get service and an explanation as to why it is taking so long to restore. Mr. Michael Sobert, General Manager, reported that as of the meeting time, there was 4PSI at the Texaco Meter which would register water in that area. He said it's not much, but the pressure should begin to build. He stated that the main reason for the delay in water service restoration was the leaks throughout the parish. Mrs. McElroy continued to ask for explanations as to the time it took to get service. The President thanked Mrs. McElroy for her comments and introduced the next speaker. Mrs. McElroy publicly stated that she is not happy with treatment she has received from the Board.

Mr. Victor McElroy, 7979 Redfish Street, addressed the Board about water service being restored to the Cocodrie area since Hurricane Ida. Mr. McElroy asked about the District's contingency plan for emergency situations such as Hurricane Ida. He asked why the District didn't have outside help to get the system back up and running. Mr. McElroy stated that he felt the District wasn't handling utility locates properly. He stated that the District had been fined for not having a backflow prevention policy, to which Mr. Sobert replied was not the case. The District has never been fined and does, in fact, now have a policy in place and is currently enforcing said policy. The President thanked Mr. McElroy for his comments.

Mr. Sobert again responded that the District has never been fined for any matter related to the backflow prevention program. He also stated that the first week after the storm was spent getting water out of the plants (Schriever and Houma) and assessing damages. Once that was done, our crews began troubleshooting and repairing, and then the lineman came in. Between the traffic and the lineman being in the way, outside help may have not been that helpful. Our own staff was having trouble getting around the parish and accessing our lines.

Two more calls were announced for anyone from the public wishing to address the Board. None.

Upon recommendation of engineer and staff, it was moved by Mr. John Pizzolatto, and seconded by Mr. Clifton Stoufflet, to reject the bids received on August 4, 2021 for Project L-7-20-04 Montegut Waterline Replacement due to all bids coming in over-budget; the project will be put on hold. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Clifton Stoufflet, Chairman of the Insurance, Benefit & Salary Committee, reported that the renewal for the Humana insurance for retirees came in with a 4% increase, but is still lower than it was in 2018. Since Medicare is involved with this plan, the renewal documents are due early. It was moved by Mr. Clifton Stoufflet, and seconded by Mr. Charles Brown, to ratify staff's action to notify Humana that the renewal was approved. The motion passed by majority with Mr. Stephen Hornsby abstaining.

Mr. Michael Sobert along with Mr. David Norman, Legal Advisor, explained that the law governing the per diem for Waterworks Commissioners was revised in 2020. Upon action from the governing authority of the district, the per diem can now be set in an amount not less than sixty dollars and not more than per diem paid to members of the Louisiana Legislature for each meeting they attend, up to and including twenty-four meetings in each year and for each special meeting not to exceed twelve special meetings in each year. It was moved by Mr. Charles Brown, and seconded by Mr. Vincent Celestin, to consider a resolution asking the Terrebonne Parish Council to raise the per diem for Consolidated Waterworks Commissioners. The motion passed by majority – FOR: Charles Brown, Vincent Celestin, Wilbert Thomas, Kenneth Ellender, John Pizzolatto, AGAINST: Teri Chatagnier, Stephen Hornsby, ABSTAIN: Clifton Stoufflet, NOT VOTING: Chester Voisin.

It was moved by Mr. Vincent Celestin, and seconded by Mr. Charles Brown, to ask for the maximum per diem of \$161.00/meeting. The motion passed by majority – FOR: Charles Brown, Vincent Celestin, Wilbert Thomas, Kenneth Ellender, John Pizzolatto, AGAINST: Teri Chatagnier, Stephen Hornsby, Clifton Stoufflet, NOT VOTING: Chester Voisin.

Mr. Michael Sobert made a presentation to the Board illustrating the District’s response to Hurricane Ida.

At 6:57 P.M, there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. John Pizzolatto, and seconded by Mr. Vincent Celestin, that this meeting adjourn. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Secretary

President