

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing to consider comments from the public on the adoption of new water rates for St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Punch. Motion passed.

No public comments were received written or oral.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Punch. Motion passed.

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, State of Louisiana, taken at a meeting held on Friday, August 11, 2023 at the Sewer Treatment Office Building at 1493 Chitimacha Trail in Charenton, Louisiana.

Mr. Willie Scott called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., roll call answered by the following members: Mr. Joel Authement, Mr. Camile Punch, Mr. William Gray and Mr. Willie Scott as present. Mr. Anthony Darden, Mr. Herbert Bell and Ms. Stephanie Milton were absent. Also commission staff present was Ms. Tandra Verret. Special Guest: Mr. Todd Abshire with Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA).

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Abshire with LRWA presented the water rate study findings to the Commission. The Commission discussed the water rate study in detail with Mr. Abshire. It is noted that this rate study is required by the State of Louisiana. The Commission is required by the State to have a SUSTAINABILITY FACTOR of 1.15 in order to receive monies from the awarded ARPA Grant. A motion was made by Mr. Authement, seconded by Mr. Gray, to change the water rates for St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, as presented by LRWA, to the following:

Residential Connections – Monthly min. incl. 2000 gal. - \$17.00; Charge per additional 1000 gal. - \$4.80  
Commercial Connections – Monthly min. incl. 5000 gal. - \$60.00; Charge per additional 1000 gal. - \$5.45  
Town of Baldwin – Monthly min. incl. 2000 gal. - \$19.00; Charge per additional 1000 gal. - \$5.80  
St. Mary W&S #5 – Charge per 1000 gal. - \$7.00

## **Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Authement – Yes, Mr. Bell – Absent, Mr. Darden – Absent, Mr. Gray – Yes, Ms. Milton – Absent, Mr. Punch – Yes, Mr. Scott – Yes

Motion carried – four yes votes and three absent.

The new water rates will go into effect on October 1, 2023.

There being no other business before the Board Mr. Gray made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Punch Motion Passed.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: August 16, 2023**

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**Willie J Scott, President**

Camile J. Punch, Secretary/Treasurer