

Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, State of Louisiana, taken at a meeting held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at the St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 Office Building at 900 Main Street in Baldwin, Louisiana.

Mr. Willie Scott called the meeting to order @5:00 p.m., roll call answered by the following members: Mr. Joel Authement, Mr. Herbert Bell, Mr. Anthony Darden, Mr. William Gray, Mr. Camile Punch, and Mr. Willie Scott as present. Ms. Stephanie Milton was absent. Also, commission staff present was Ms. Tandra Verret and Mr. Brian Mitchell. Engineer: Mr. Nick Molaison. Guest: Mr. Ricky Cook, Fire Chief for Chitimacha.

Mr. Darden made the motion, motion seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion Passed.

GUEST:

Mr. Cook appeared before the commission to request repair and painting of fire hydrants. The commission will look into the matter.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Molaison stated they are waiting for state approval to bid on projects. Also, they got comments for the state on the Plant Upgrade Project. There being no other business from the Engineer, Mr. Darden made the motion, motion seconded by Mr. Bell, to approve the Engineer's report. Motion Passed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Mr. Scott informed the commission that he talked to a Mr. Parsiola, an attorney, about the commission joining a class action lawsuit dealing with chemical companies and PFASO, PFOA and PFOS. He met with Ms. Kim Walden with the Chitimacha Tribe (Tribe), Miller Engineers, EPA and Corps of Engineers concerning the extending of the basin raw water intake to a point that would ensure good water quality. Mr. Scott stated the Tribe was requesting funding to purchase not just one pump but two, through a grant and donate it to the commission. Also, he discussed SMP Water & Sewer Commission No. 5, Mr. Scott stated that the Parish CAO was requesting to discuss moving one employee and the billing computer to the commission office to help train them in operations. There being no other business from the President, Mr. Darden made the motion to accept the President's report with Mr. Bell Seconding. Motion Passed.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Mr. Mitchell informed the commission that the Water Treatment Plant and Distribution Systems were in complete compliance with all Health Department requirements, along with the Total Organic Carbon samples for July 2023. The Wastewater treatment Plant and Collection Systems were in complete compliance with all DEQ requirements for July 2023. The 3rd quarterly THM surpassed the limit of 80 ug/L, which is not a problem unless it is the annual running average that surpasses the limit. He stated that they cannot use the basin water as it has a very high manganese content. He and another employee attended training at the conference. Also, the weather the other day fried a router for the SCADA system in Baldwin. He informed the commission that a sewer pump at a Sorrel lift station went out. He is still working on getting Baldwin customers that are not in compliance with the Back Flow Preventer Program to comply. There being no other business from the Superintendent, Mr. Bell made the motion to accept his report seconded by Mr. Darden. Motion Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Ms. Verret presented bills and discussed them with the Commission. She stated they is paying bills as best they can. There being no other business from the Administrator, Mr. Darden made the motion to accept his report seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Covered in other reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 20, 2023

Willie J Scott, President

Camile J. Punch, Secretary/Treasurer