

ST. MARY PARISH WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO. 4
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 20, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4, State of Louisiana, met at 5:00 p.m. on this date at the St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4 Office Building at 900 Main Street in Baldwin, Louisiana with Commission President Mr. Chad Gianfala presiding and the following members present: Mr. Joel Authement, Ms. Jenny Darce, Ms. Carla Davis, Mr. William Gray, and Mr. Benjamin Grimm. Mr. Johnny Burgess was absent. Others in attendance at this meeting include Ms. Elizabeth Barron, Office Administrator; Ms. Tamba Verret, Office Clerk; Mr. Brian Mitchell, Superintendent; and Mr. Nicholas Molaison, Miller Engineers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gianfala. Mr. Authement made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting, seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Molaison updated the Commissioners on the Water Sector Program project and presented NCMC's Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$36,313. Following discussion, Ms. Darce made a motion to approve NCMC's Change Order No. 4; seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Marc Kuhlman and Ms. Paige Pellerin are in attendance requesting an update on the proposed waterline on Desonier Road, which was brought up under Public Comment at the April 15, 2026 meeting. Mr. Kuhlman asked to be informed, in writing or by phone, when a determination is made.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Gianfala updated on the Chitimacha Tribe project for the raw water intake. There was discussion relative to closing the credit card from Regions Bank. Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Mitchell, Superintendent presented his report for the month of April 2026; water treatment plant and distribution system were in compliance with all requirements. Mr. Mitchell informed a boil advisory was issued on Pearl Lane following a major leak of the old galvanized line; the advisory has been lifted and we are replacing the line. He provided an update on the Saronic project; installation of the 10-inch line will be postponed due to weather. Mr. Mitchell discussed providing water service to the old Franklin Foundation Hospital which is being reconstructed into an apartment complex. Ms. Darce made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Authement. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Ms. Barron presented her report along with bills to be discussed with the Commissioners. She provided an update on the FEMA reimbursement and the Water Sector grant. She advised the road crew is continuing to repair or replace defective meters and there was a 5% decrease in water loss last month compared to the previous month. Ms. Barron provided an update on outstanding payments owed to other entities. Mr. Authement made a motion to approve the report and pay bills, seconded by Mr. Grimm. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: There was discussion relative to employee sick, vacation, and compensation time as listed in the current handbook. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Call for Election. Ms. Darce read the following into the record: A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No. 4, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Ms. Darce made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Davis. Resolution carried following a 6-0-0-1 roll call vote. Yeas: Mr. Authement, Ms. Darce, Ms. Davis, Mr. Gianfala, Mr. Gray, Mr. Grimm. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Burgess.
2. Adopt the millage rate. Mr. Grimm made a motion to adopt the millage rate, seconded by Mr. Gray. Ms. Darce read the following into the record:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4:

MILLAGE

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| Operations & Maintenance (WS4 – Millage Key 1068 096) | 15.35 mills |
| General Obligation Bonds (WS4 – Millage Key 1068 095) | 3.00 mills |
| General Obligation Bonds (WS4 – Millage Key 1068 107) | 10.54 mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Authement, Ms. Darce, Ms. Davis, Mr. Gianfala, Mr. Gray, Mr. Grimm

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Burgess

3. Discussion and action on moving utilities on LA 3211. Mr. Gianfala advised DOTD submitted a packet of information relative to the proposed roundabout on LA 3211/Northwest Blvd. No action needed at this time.
4. Discussion and action sewer rates. Following discussion, Ms. Darce made a motion to increase the rate for sewer collection to \$25.00 for first 2000 gallons to take effect July 2026, seconded by Ms. Davis. The motion carried following a 6-0-0-1 roll call vote. YEAS: Mr. Authement, Ms. Darce, Ms. Davis, Mr. Gianfala, Mr. Gray, Mr. Grimm. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Burgess.

5. Discussion and action on changing June monthly meeting date. Following discussion, Ms. Darce made a motion to move the date of the June 2026 Regular Meeting to Tuesday, June 16, 2026, seconded by Mr. Authement. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Mr. Gray made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Darce. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026

Chad Gianfala, President
Jenny R. Darce, Secretary/Treasurer