

ST. MARTIN WATER & SEWER COMMISSION NO.1

Board Meeting Minutes: Monday – February 26, 2024

4:00 p.m. @ 1073 Tower Tank Rd., Stephenville, LA

Board Members:

Present: Daniel Rawls, PH.D, Ricky Acosta, Jimmy Bailey, Elwood Scully and Leroy Gros

Absent: None

Quorum present: Yes

Sewer and Water: Joey Auster – Quad A Environmental and Chad Duran – SMWS

.Board President Rawls called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

.President Rawls leads the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

.President Rawls opened the floor for guests and public comments – Gary Ragusa with Aqua Metric Sales Company

.Approval of Minutes – Minutes approved for January 22, 2024 meeting
Motion made by Elwood Scully; second by Leroy Gros and passed

. Old Business

- Discussion on Stephenville Recreation Park Sewer Line Issue – None
- Discussion on City of Morgan City Water Contract – Billing has increased waiting on contract
- Discussion on Platform for Generator at the Booster Station – Board is in agreement to place the generator on a movable trailer instead of building a platform. Board agreed to have Mrs. Landry contact LDH for approval
- Discussion on Policy Procedure Manual – Mr. Scully gave each Board Member 7 pages from the old policy to amend before next month's meeting
- Discussion on Water Line along Hwy 70 – Board agreed to contact Miller Engineering in reference to this matter and to receive quotes on installing a slow start at the booster station

. New Business

- Gary Ragusa with Aqua Metric Sales Company discussed several different types of water meters and their different capabilities
- Discussion and Action to adopt Teche News as the Official Journal for St. Martin Water and Sewer Commission No.1

Motion made by Leroy Gros; second by Ricky Acosta and passed

- Discussion and Action relating to the 2023 Report Regarding Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Motion made by Ricky Acosta; second by Leroy Gros and passed

- Discussion regarding the increase of Water and Sewer Rates by April of this year

.Comments from Operator and Quad A Environmental (Joey Auster)

- DEQ permit for dry beds in Stephenville and Belle River – Completed
- One pump is out at lift station 16 – Board ask Mr. Auster to purchase another pump

Motion made by Jimmy Bailey; second by Elwood Scully and passed

- Mr. Auster would like to order 2 flushing valves and 3 meters – Board agreed

Motion made by Jimmy Bailey; second by Ricky Acosta and passed

.Approval of Current Invoices

- All invoices approved

Motion made by Jimmy Bailey; second by Leroy Gros and passed

.Adjournment

- Adjourned

Motion made by Ricky Acosta; second by Jimmy Bailey and passed

/s/ Daniel Rawls, Ph.D

Daniel Rawls, Ph.D., President
St. Martin Water and Sewer Commission No.1
Board of Commission

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