

South Toledo Bend Water District



3260 Little Flock Road • Many, LA. 71449



Malcolm Franks, President • Michael Walker, Vice President
Anna Ferguson, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioners: Rodney DeRouen • Tim Collins

Minutes of South Toledo Bend Water Board Special Call Meeting February 28, 2020

Board Members Present: Malcolm Franks, Mike Walker, Tim Collins, Rodney DeRouen
Absent: Anna Ferguson
Others Present: Richard Leonard, Mike Pitt

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Malcolm Franks. A prayer was said, the roll was called and there was a quorum to conduct business.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Tim Collins, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed, unanimously.

No other public present.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board welcomed Mr. Mike Pitt to the meeting. Malcolm explained that due to regulations on surface treatment, we are thinking of punching a well. What we are planning to do is drill some wells and, by regulation, we have to have more land, 1-acre per well. Meyers & Associates are the engineers that are working with us on this project and they submitted a drawing of the area, to us. Mr. Pitt was asked if he would consider selling the water plant some land, possibly 1-2 acres. Due to regulations, we are not allowed to pay more than the appraised value. Mr. Pitt stated that the area we are looking at would sell for much more than the appraised value and once cleaned up, it would have the prettiest view of the cove. He has no desire to sell us this particular piece of property. They looked over the picture that Meyers & Associates sent over to see where the best area would be to do this project. Mr. Pitt recommended going back to the engineers and see about going the other way. He said this may work better for us. He stated that he wanted to help us do this and that he agreed with everything the plant was trying to accomplish. He would like his family to have drinking water that didn't have any chemicals in it. Malcolm asked if he would be okay with us getting an official appraised value of this property and Mr. Pitt said yes, but that he would have his own appraisal done, also.

Mr. Pitt asked if we had tried to contact LA Minerals, as they held property in that area also. He stated that if we could get some type of public access road, a right-of-way, from them, he would consider this plan more. The preferred option would be if we could get the right-of-way in the desired area discussed. Malcolm stated that we would have to see what this would entail.

Malcolm asked if everyone was agreeable to moving forward to have the appraisal done. We would like to meet with Mr. Pitt again in about 6-months, if he is agreeable and, in the meantime, we will try and get in contact with LA Minerals. The board will look over the different scenarios that were discussed here today. We greatly appreciate Mr. Pitt coming in and discussing this with us.

A motion was made by Mike Walker that we move forward with the appraisal, with Mike Pitt, on the property that was discussed, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, agreed by all, motion passed unanimously.

There was no other business and a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, all agreed, motion passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, March 12, 2020 AT 5 PM

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