

# 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 May 13, 2021

Board Members Present: Malcolm Franks, Mike Walker, Tim Collins, Rodney DeRouen, Anna Ferguson  
Others Present: Rick Leonard (superintendent), Jennifer Hawkins (Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier)

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM 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 Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Collins, motion passed.

No public was present.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting were brought to the floor for approval. A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.
2. The treasurer's report for April was presented by Anna Ferguson. Checks written for the month of April were #014816 thru #014838. Board members were presented with a bank balance sheet. Anna asked the members if they would approve her having online access to the bank accounts. If she had to transfer funds from one account to the other, she would have to leave work, or go during her lunch hour, to the bank to take care of this. Having online access would make it simpler. All board members agreed to her having online access to the accounts. Anna stated that the bank required one other board member to sign a form giving her permission to do this. Malcolm said he would sign the form. A motion to accept the treasurer's report for April was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.
3. A motion to authorize payment of the bills was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Collins, motion passed.
4. Audit: Jennifer Hawkins (TCBT) discussed the audit. There were no issues found. Everything looks good. Malcolm asked if everyone was good with the audit and all members agreed.
5. Refinancing loan update: For the record, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April the final steps were taken to pay off the old loan. We went from a 5% apr to a 2.53% apr for around a \$575,948.18 savings. This is including what we had to pay for the servicing of the loan.
6. Bonding attorney for new project update: Mr. Offner is working on the new loan. He is sending the paperwork to our local attorney for a second look. Mr. Brandon is reviewing this on our behalf.
7. Clearing of the deed: Malcolm met with Mr. Brandon. We received a document from Weyerhaeuser. Mr. Brandon noticed some things that needed to be corrected. They are hoping to have all changes corrected and Weyerhaeuser will correct it on their end. When all is ready, Anna will need to go with Malcolm and bring a check to pay Weyerhaeuser and a check to pay the attorney.
8. Engineering update: We have extended the bidding to Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The bids will be opened in this office at that time. When we accept a bid, we will have to submit it to the State for their approval and let them know that this meets our expectations for this project.
9. Rick Leonard presented the Superintendent's report for April 2021 to the Board:
  - All monthly State reports and samples sent to LADHH.

- For the month of April, the plant processed 8,310,000 gals of water @ an average of 268,064 gals. per day and shipped out 8,157,113 gals. of water @ an averaging of 263,132 gals. per day
- Plant usage for production (chlorine, caustic, & polymer carrier waters) estimated @ 50,000 gallons.
- Plant usage for backwashing was 274,794 gallons.
- By-products letters
- Insurance claim: A breakdown of payments will be sent for the water plant, Esto booster station & Pleasure Point booster station totaling \$182,441.

A motion to accept the superintendent's monthly report was made by Mike Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Announcements/Comments: Mike said he believes the bill that allows a water district to forgive a higher than normal, water bill has passed the House and is on its way to the Senate. If it passes and, in the bill it says, "May" and not "Shall", we will need to do a resolution on our opinion of what we will do.

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

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, June 10, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

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