

South Toledo Bend Water District



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

Minutes of South Toledo Bend Water Board July 9, 2020

Board Members Present: Malcolm Franks, Michael Walker, Tim Collins, Rodney DeRouen, Anna Ferguson
Others Present: Rick Leonard (superintendent)

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, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.

No public was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

The minutes of the June 11th meeting were brought to the floor for approval. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11th meeting was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.

The treasurer's report for June was presented by Anna Ferguson. Checks written for the month of June were #014522 thru #014565. Board members were presented with an itemization of the credit card charges and a bank balance sheet. Total expenses for the month were \$84,312.52. Anna informed the board that the invoice that was received from SWD#1 was incorrect and that she was trying to get this corrected. She will keep trying. A motion to approve the treasurer's report for June was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.

A motion to authorize payment of the bills was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.

Assessment of financials for project completion: Malcolm informed the members that revenue is up. More people are here due to Covid-19.

Land Acquisition: Malcolm said that LA Minerals realized that we have the right to acquire the property. They would like to hold on to the mineral rights, though. When a public entity has property under imminent domain, they have the right to keep the mineral rights. They sent over paperwork, with a price that they were offering to sell the land for but, we haven't gotten an appraisal done yet. If everyone is agreeable, once we get the appraisal back, we can execute the document with LA Minerals. A motion was made by Mike Walker to authorize Malcolm Franks to execute the purchase of the property we are interested in, contingent on the appraisal price, 2nd by Anna Ferguson, agreed by all, motion passed unanimously.

Engineering update: Malcolm informed the members that he had spoken with Mark McCarty and the bank. We are ready to move forward on this, but it is all contingent on us getting the land. They are waiting for us to get the land and then we can proceed.

Refund loan options: Push this to the August agenda

Disconnects: A motion was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Anna Ferguson to resume the disconnect policy, in phases, so we don't overload staff, until everything is caught up in September, all agreed, motion passed unanimously.

Insurance non-renewal notice

Rick will be meeting with other insurance agencies to get quotes.

Rick Leonard presented the Superintendent's report for June 2020 to the Board:

- All monthly State reports and samples sent to LADHH.
- Plant processed 7,994,000 gals of water @ an average of 257,870 gals. per day and shipped out 7,915,469 gals. of water @ an averaging of 255,337 gals. per day
- Plant usage for production (chlorine, caustic, & polymer carrier waters) estimated @ 50,000 gallons.
- Plant usage for backwashing was 78,531 gallons.
- Generator main plant (battery charger)
- July 4th water usage
- Insurance quote
- Beaver hill altitude valve

Malcolm asked Rick if there was anything the plant would have to have as he is going to start working on the budget. If there is anything he can think of that is needed, to let him know.

A motion to accept the superintendent's report as presented was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

On-line bill pay: Anna spoke with Mr. Steinke who stated that he had received an email with a form that he will need to fill out. He visited our website and we will have a "red" button that the customer's will be able to click on to make a payment. A link will need to be added to the website. Once this is done, he will fill out the form and send it back to the software company to get this started.

Announcements/Comments: Due to the Covid-19, we will continue to hold the monthly meetings at the Florien Civic Center. Everyone is in agreement that we will change the meeting time to 5:30 pm from now on.

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, August 13, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

Due to Covid 19, meeting will be held at the Florien Civic Center, Florien, LA 71429

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