

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 December 3, 2020

Board Members Present: Malcolm Franks, Mike 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 change #10 on the agenda as noted was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed. A motion to adopt the agenda with the changes noted was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed unanimously.

No public was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The minutes of the November 12th meeting were brought to the floor for approval. A motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.
2. The treasurer's report for November was presented by Anna Ferguson. Checks written for the month of November were #014683 thru #014718. Board members were presented with an itemization of the credit card charges and a bank balance sheet. A motion to approve the treasurer's report for November was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.
3. A motion to authorize payment of the bills was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.
4. Board member commission renewal update: The police jury voted to renew Anna's commission with the board at their November meeting. They will provide us with a copy of the Resolution.
5. Financials & Engagement: Jamie Holloway (Gov't Consultants) & Michael Busada (Butler/Snow) were present to discuss the bonds that were done for the water district in 1997. They believe they can offer the district a lower interest rate. A motion that we adopt a resolution that authorizes the board to proceed with the refinancing of the bonds and see if we can get a better interest rate was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, all agreed, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 12.3.2020.#1 having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAINED: 0

6. Engineering update: We need to think about doing a 2nd well. Project costs are increasing. All board members stated that they wanted to continue with the project. All are comfortable with moving forward.
7. A motion to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION was made by Mike Walker, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, all agreed, motion passed. A motion to come out of SESSION, without any actions or motions being made, was made by Anna Ferguson, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, motion passed.
8. 2021 COLA: A motion was made by Mike Walker that we execute a 2.5% cost of living increase for the employees, 2nd by Anna Ferguson, all agreed, motion passed.

9. Per Diem: A motion was made by Tim Collins that we increase the per diem for the board members to match the legislative per diem, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, all agreed, motion passed unanimously.
10. Land Acquisition update: A motion was made by Mike Walker that we offer Weyerhaeuser the same amount as we paid for the land to buy out the timber lease, 2nd by Rodney DeRouen, all agreed, motion passed unanimously.
11. Rick Leonard presented the Superintendent's report for November 2020 to the Board:
 - All monthly State reports and samples sent to LADHH.
 - For the month of November, the plant processed 5,588,000 gals of water @ an average of 180,258 gals. per day and shipped out 5,491,697 gals. of water @ an averaging of 177,151 gals. per day
 - Plant usage for production (chlorine, caustic, & polymer carrier waters) estimated @ 50,000 gallons.
 - Plant usage for backwashing was 96,303 gallons.
 - DBP's letter
 - Army Rec Rd. water line extension

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Announcements/Comments: We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and hopefully it is a safe one.

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, January 14, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
South Toledo Bend Water Plant – 3260 Little Flock Road, Many, LA 71449
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