

South Toledo Bend Waterworks District



3260 Little Flock Road • Many, LA. 71449

Dianne Lampman, President

• Robert "Bob" G. Marshall, Vice President

Geri Alford, Secretary/Treasurer

Commissioners: Rodney DeRouen • Malcolm Franks

Minutes of South Toledo Bend Water Board June 10, 2014

Board Members Present: Dianne Lampman, Geri Alford, Robert Marshall, Rodney DeRouen and Malcolm Franks

Others Present: Don Kelly, Tom Harless and Stephen Steinke

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Mrs. Lampman. The roll was called and there was a quorum to conduct business. An opening prayer was said by Mrs. Lampman.

Item 8a to discuss the ISA Stewart Insurance renewal quote was added to the Agenda by Mrs. Lampman.

A motion to adopt the Agenda as amended was made by Geri Alford, second by Rodney DeRouen and the Agenda was approved by all.

A motion was made by Robert Marshall to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2014, second by Rodney DeRouen, motion carried.

Geri Alford gave the Treasurer's report. Checks 012532 through 012566 were written. The total monthly expenses were \$40,317.97. **A motion was made by Rodney DeRouen, seconded by Malcolm Franks to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lampman updated the board of several different items;

- She stated that the study of Parochial Retirement vs. Social Security system will be presented to the Board by Stephen Steinke later in the meeting.
- On 5-29-14 SPPJ sent a check for \$5,000.00 for the backwash value on the LA GAP project that was changed from Prospect Road funding.
- CCR Report 2013 notification in paper on 5-21-14 and on water bills mailed in June 2014 and it can be viewed at: http://www.toledo-bend.net/stbwd/CCR_13.pdf
- Road crossings and road bores were discussed and the SPPJ's Ordinance was discussed.
- Alan Offner called and wanted to know if STBWD wished to revisit the refunding of the \$2,950,000 revenue bonds. No action was taken by the board last year. Mr. Steinke will check with Mr. Offner.
- Website has been updated with new board member, 2014 Annual billing of \$267.20 to P. O. Box 60 by June 10, 2014 that allows purchase of 12,000 gallons during the twelve month period. If usage exceeds 12,000 gallons, customer will be billed at \$4.20 per 1,000 gallons for additional usage in June 2015.

A motion was made by Malcolm Franks to accept President's update, seconded by Robert Marshall, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lampman reported that the language change she requested from Senator Long this Legislative Session was amended into House Bill 2 and HB 2 was approved by both houses of the legislature on June 2, 2014 for \$630,000 Priority 1 funds from the 50/NCN "Esto Booster Station Discharge and Supply Line" and CHANGED to "Water Distribution System Improvements, Including Water Meters UNTIMELY - Replaces 550807."

Malcolm Franks and Robert Marshall will attend the LRWA Conference in Lake Charles on July 16, 2014 to gather information on automated readers, etc.

Mrs. Lampman will schedule for the July Board meeting to have Mark McCarty, Meyer & Associates attend to discuss projects possibly planned.

She reported that she had received a letter regarding the current Glatfelter Insurance Policy due to expired on 9-1-2014 for the water plant that stated that ISA/STEWART INSURANCE ASSOCIATES INC. AGENCY HAS BEEN TERMINATED BY LOUISIANA SPECIALTY BROKERS, INC. Because we will not have a renewal quote through ISA Stewart, she had contacted Stiel Insurance of Acadiana to get a quote through our current insurer, Glatfelter. She has the application completed to submit to them to get a quote for the August 12, 2014 board meeting and Mr. Bernie Sloane will present it. Mr. McElhattan, ISA Stewart will be providing quotes to the Board from Alteris Insurance Services who has entered the State of LA for the Board's consideration for coverage, as well.

Stephen Steinke, CPA, presented a cost study of Parochial Retirement vs. Social Security system to the Board for consideration. The possibilities of the employees voting to go into the Social Security system would have cost savings of almost \$23,000. All employees would have net savings after taxes of approximately \$4,500 per year. After employees would vote to go on Social Security, termination of the Parochial plan would be 1 year following approval by all employees and the board. The new requirements by the State requiring a change in accounting because of GASB 68, would require STBWD record its portion of any "unfunded liability" of Parochial on its accounting records yearly. At the end of 2012, the unfunded liability of Parochial by the State was about \$25 million and Stephen Steinke will have to find out what STBWD's portion of that amount would be. After a lengthy discussion and question/answer session by the Board regarding allowing the employees to vote to get out of the Parochial system and go to Social Security, it was discussed that the employees would lose the entire 16.75% of the match that STBWD has put into the fund toward their retirement amounts. It was decided by the Board that it would not be in the employees' best interest.. **A motion was made by Robert Marshall to not present this option to the employees and follow the State of LA requirements regarding the accounting requirements, seconded by Malcolm Franks, and approved by all.**

A motion was made by Geri Alford, seconded by Rodney DeRouen to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matter with an employee, motion carried.

BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Upon return from Executive Session for an hour, **a motion was made by Geri Alford to return from Executive Session, Rodney DeRouen seconded and approved by all.**

NO MOTIONS OR ACTIONS WERE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A motion was made to allow employee one more chance to improve on reporting his work absences and coming to work, employee is still on probation till August 25, 2014, a second was heard and motion carried.

Sandy Tankersley, Operator/Manager on duty gave the report through the end of July 2014.

- All reports completed and send to LDHH as required.
- Plant averaged 536,000 gallons treated water per day.
- Ebarb averaged 221,000K per day.
- Repaired leaks on Hood Blvd., Holly Berry and in Shadows.
- Parts for the plant generator are being tracked down by Emergency Power, Shreveport, LA.
- Effluent valve replaced on filter #4.

After discussion, a **motion was made by Geri Alford to accept the plant report as presented, seconded by Rodney DeRouen, motion carried.**

There was no other business and **a motion to adjourn was made by Robert Marshall, second by Geri Alford, motion carried.**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, July, 8, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. - South Toledo Bend Water Plant

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