

**PEARLINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

December 16, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Absent:

James Lamy, Chairman

Cabrina Bell, Commissioner

Rosa Jackson, Commissioner

Denise Wilkinson, Commissioner

Zoe Bretzius-Bowers, PWSD General Manager

Ty Necaise, CPA

Michael Haas, Attorney

Chairman Lamy called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK

No Written Requests

OLD BUSINESS

- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve the November 2015, Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve the December 2015 Docket. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve the November 2015 Treasurer Report. **Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

Date of next regular monthly meeting was announced as January 20, 2015, at the Pearlington Recovery Center.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- HCUA Activity

Chairman Lamy and Ty Necaie attended the Kiln Water and Sewer December meeting and spoke to the entity's board members about the idea of the PWSD taking over the Pearlington well to keep costs down. At the HCUA meeting it was acknowledged that Bay St. Louis and Waveland cannot be forced to purchase water from HCUA because they cannot inter-mingle fluoridated water with non-fluoridated water. The Hancock County Utility Authority would need to begin fluoridation to make the systems compatible before they could force adherence to the original agreement among the entities. Board Attorney, Michael Haas addressed the HCUA Board on behalf of the PWSD. David Pitalo, Executive Director of HCUA, is planning to invite MDEQ to a meeting to address entities' concerns about operation costs and potential rate increases in the near future.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

None

CPA'S REPORT (TY NECAISE)(1 Attachment)

- Presentation of Monthly Budget Report
- Transfer of Funds: **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson to authorize Commissioner Bell to obtain necessary paperwork to establish a CD with available funds. **Motion passed.**
- Audit Proposals: Three audit proposals were requested by the Board's CPA. **Motion** was made by Rosa Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell to approve Gerald W. Rigby, CPA,PC, to complete the 2015 audit for the Pearlington Sewer and Water District at a cost of \$6,800. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Rosa Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell to approve Ty Necaie to prepare the audit report at a cost of \$950. **Motion passed.**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (2 Attachments)

Operations:

- PWSD General Manager submitted an Operations Status Report for Board review.
- Two residences are facing the issue of step tanks being installed in a manner that impacts neighboring property. Those installations are the responsibility of the Hancock County Utility Authority, not the PWSD.
- A list of surplus items is being prepared for submission to the Board. There is an option to advertise surplus items for sale at no cost to the district.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- There were no liens or court actions to report.
- Mr. Haas requested an update from the PWSD General Manager about the effectiveness of sewer cut-offs. PWSD General Manager stated that two residences have been disconnected from sewer and their addresses have been passed on to the Health Department.
- An employment hearing will be held in a couple of weeks for a previous employee.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Public Request to Speak (continued)

Anthony Vernaci expressed concern about the water line to his house. Although he is not connected to the water line, he felt that it was not being flushed appropriately and he was concerned for his neighbors. He said he spoke to MDEQ and they told him he would need authorization from the Board to test the water. In resolution, the PWSD General Manager stated that the auto flusher could be placed back on the line and the water could be tested by the PWSD. Mr. Haas requested Mr. Vernaci to return to the Board in a month and report on progress toward resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bell, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Denise Wilkinson, Secretary/Treasurer

James Lamy, Chairman