

**PEARLINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday January 20, 2021 in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Cabrina Bell, Vice Chairman
Rosa Jackson, Commissioner
John Pavlovich, Commissioner
Michael Haas, Attorney
James Lamy, Chairman
Ty Necaise, CPA
James Bennett, Commissioner

Absent:

Scott Burge, Engineer
Zoe Bowers, PWSD Operator

Chairman Lamy called the official meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silent.

Call Roll Sign in Sheet (Attachment 1A.)

Amendment to Agenda –None.

Agenda – Motion was made by Commissioner Pavlovich, seconded by Vice Chairman Bell, to accept amended agenda as presented. (Attachment 1C). **Motion Passed 100%.**

Date of the next regular meeting: February 17, 2021.

Commissioner Bennett entered the meeting @ 5:08 p.m.

REQUEST TO SPEAK (Guest Presentation)

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled: HCUA turnover of PWSD Infrastructure. There will be a meeting with HCUA to discuss turnover at a later date.

Discussion: The Board discussed the history of the ordinance and clients that were connected for sewer use only. It was also suggested by Commissioner Jackson that each Board Member should review the ordinance to see what needs to be updated.

Discussion: Mandatory connection for customers who are still using their well.

Discussion on Robert Rules of Order. Chairman Lamy asked Attorney Haas to assist him in making sure we are following the rules correctly. Attorney Haas will send out copies to Commissioner to review.

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NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Vice Chairman Bell to approve the December 2020 and January 2021 Docket of Claims. (Attachment 4A). **Motion Passed 100%.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich to approve the Minutes of November and December 2020 meeting. **Motion passed 100%.**
- **Motion** was made **was made** by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich to approve the December 2020 Treasure's Report. (Attachment 4C). Motion Passed 100%.
- **Motion was** made by Vice Chairman Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve leak adjustment for the following accounts. **Acct # 318 \$71.61, Acct #332 \$82.04. Motion Passes 100%.**
- **Discussion:** Hancock Whitney Bank increase in account fees, PWSD Board requested CPA Necaize to shop around for rates. (Attachment 4E).

OPERATOR'S REPORT

No Report.

ENGINEER REPORT

No Report.

CPA REPORT

- **CPA** Necaize stated the office is having trouble with the new copier due to everything is being operated on 1 receptacle. He checked with an electrician and stated it will be very costly to run new lines to office, due to the location of the breaker panel. He has spoken with a technician who can help run new data cable to help with the problem for a cost of \$250.00.
- CPA Necaize stated there is only 1 customer on payment plan with a balance of 532.00. This customer is set for disconnect if they payment soon.
- CPA Necaize stated he will present the budget vs actual at next meeting. Budget is on target for now.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Attorney Mike Haas spoke with the attorney of Jeremy Lee to advise the PWSD Board is unable to offer any other arrangement.
- Attorney Haas spoke with a gentleman from American Public again to advise of the money owed on the 7th avenue property. The gentleman from American Public offered to pay \$1500.00. Attorney Haas spoke with the occupant's representative to advise of the money owed for the

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judgement. Haas hopes to get the \$8,000.00 owed. He plans to file a motion to the courts to ask Judge Favre to have the homeowner pay all money owed.

- Haas also spoke with HCUA Director David Pitalo concerning Bay St Louis buying water. Chairman Lamy stated there is going to be a workshop to discuss this problem. According to the Bay St. Louis City Council there is no one complaining about the water. It is also possible that PWSD water cost could increase up to \$1.50 per thousand if BSL doesn't participate. Chairman Lamy stated he will learn more at workshop.
- **Motion** was made by Vice Chairman Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to have Attorney Haas send a letter to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for reappoint of Rosa Jackson to the PWSD Board. (Attachment 8B). **Motion Passed 100%. With Rosa Jackson abstaining.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Vice Chairman Bell to have Attorney Haas send a letter to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for reappoint of James Bennett to the PWSD Board. (Attachment 8C). **Motion Passed 100%. With James Bennett abstaining.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Pavlovich, seconded by Vice Chairman Bell to have Attorney Haas request reappointments to keep record of future appointments and reappointments. **Motion Passed 100%.**

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Chairman Lamy gave report during the Attorney's report.

OTHER BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/BUSINESS

- **Tabled:** Increase of retainer for legal services to \$800.00 per month.
- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed legal proposals received by three (3) firms. Haas & Haas, Butler Snow and Derek Cusick.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich to have a two (2) member committee of commissioners to meet with Derek Cusick to discuss legal fees. Committee members will be Chairman Lamy and Vice Chairman Bell. They will report to PWSD Board in February meeting. **Motion Passed 100%.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to adjourn meeting @ 6:55 p.m.

Approved in February 17, 2021 meeting _____

Rosa Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

James Lamy, Chairman