

PEARLINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Nolan Pansano, Chairman
Cabrina Bell, Vice Chairman
Rosa Jackson, Treasurer
John Pavlovich, Commissioner
Debra Sonnier, Secretary
Derek Cusick, Attorney
Carolyn Wilkinson, Administrator

Absent:

Ty Necaise, CPA
Scott Burge, Engineer

Chairman Pansano called the official meeting to order at 3:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Attachment 1A

APPROVAL TO THE AGENDA

MOTION to accept the agenda as presented and/or amended. Attachment 1C. **PASSED**

Moved: Sonnier

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular board meeting is May 15, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

REQUEST TO SPEAK (Guest Presentation)

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to approve the April 2024 Docket of Claims. Attachment 4A. **PASSED.**

Moved: Sonnier

Seconded: Jackson

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the March 2024 Treasurer's Report. Attachment 4B. **PASSED.**

Moved: Bell

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 2024 Meeting. Attachment 4C. **PASSED.**

Moved: Bell

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the following leak adjustments:

- Acct.# 430 - \$99.71
- Acct.# 4601 - \$125.04

Moved: Pansano

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Discussion: Customer's Report

- 16086 4th St. – No power at the property, we can't turn on service until power is restored. Final Letter was sent. Justice court proceedings will begin next week if no progress is made.
- 17065 Cedar Dr. – Sent out a compliance letter. House is vacant. We are monitoring the property.
- 16494 White's Rd. – Left door hanger to call the office. Final Letter was sent. Justice court proceedings will begin next week if no progress is made.
- 6332 Hwy 604 – Still pending, waiting on MDOT.
- 6093 Maple Dr. – Bill is still not paid. Disconnected for non-payment. Customer has no power and we are monitoring usage.

Discussion: Vehicle Report

- Chevy was sent to Hunt's Automotive for pulley and belt replacements.
- We may be able to purchase a vehicle from Fastenal for less than \$20K.
- Checked with Jimmie Ladner about a truck for Pearlington Water & Sewer District. He is checking with the Board and will get back with me.

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Discussion: Billing Update

- No payment plans at this time.
- 4 Active customers have been disconnected as stated in customer's report.

Discussion: Field Report

- Working on concrete cylinder valves on White's Rd.
- Techs continue to check the end of lines and valves to release gas that forms from grease and junk in the line.
- Danny Miller pumped out 2 tanks this month on 17035 Cedar Dr and 6027 Rd. 220.
- I prepared a checklist for the techs to complete each time they visit a site to do a sewer inspection. We changed out 5 pumps this month.
- Worked with the staff to ensure they are checking for the last change out date to make sure the customers aren't damaging the equipment.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Discussion: Western WWTF Outfall Relocation Project

- Final Documentation submitted to MDEQ for close out of project through the RESTORE ACT Funding.
- Treated effluent from the treatment plant is now being discharged to the Pearl River instead of Mulatto Bayou.

Discussion: Stennis Wastewater Conveyance Project

- Project is now being advertised for bids.
- Bids will be received April 25th.

Discussion: Oak Harbor Acquisition

- Utility Services has completed the process of selling other utility systems. They and the HCUA attorney should now be proceeding on the sale of Oak Harbor.
- Indications are that Utility Services will be transferring the Oak Harbor system, at no cost.

BUSINESS REPORT

Discussion: Budget vs Actual

- An updated budget report will be presented at the next board meeting. An amendment will be needed in the next month or two.

Discussion: Working with Lobbyist

- Wrote a letter for each congressman and senator informing them of the critical need for water improvements in Oak Harbor.
- Trey has been in constant contact about his meetings. He has met with all of our legislators and the and the chairman of the committees.
- Trey has delivered the letters and requested more information about the system.

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Discussion: Compliance Issues

- Will work with Derek to start Justice Court proceedings on two customers.
- One customer is an elderly person with occupants in the household. I plan to get with Derek and look for ways to press charges on the abled bodied individual(s), and not the elderly person.

Discussion: Vehicle Donation

- The Hancock County Port has offered a Ford SUV to PWSD. I don't know if it will meet our needs but we could use it for a couple of things, such as:
 - This would give the office staff a vehicle to use for company business.
 - Bank Deposits and Supply runs
 - Travel to Trainings
 - Meter Readings

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Discussion: Oak Harbor

- Mr. Bobinger recommended we contact Rep. Brent Anderson and Sen. Philman Ladner to discuss the need for funding for improvements to Oak Harbor.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Discussion: Chairman Report

- HCUA needs 2 people to do an advance training.

Discussion: Other Board Member Reports

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting @ 3:41pm. **PASSED.**

Moved: Jackson

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

Approved in May 15, 2024 meeting

Debra Sonnier, Secretary

Date