

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

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Absent:

Nolan Pansano, Chairman
Cabrina Bell, Vice Chairman
Rosa Jackson, Treasurer
John Pavlovich, Commissioner
Debra Sonnier, Secretary
Derek Cusick, Attorney
Ty Necaie, CPA
Scott Burge, Engineer
Carolyn Wilkinson, Administrator

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 June 19, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

REQUEST TO SPEAK (Guest Presentation)

David Pitalo, HCUA – Oak Harbor discussion. The transfer of the system has been submitted to PSC for approval. We will be provided with a list of customers that we must notify. An RFQ has been published regarding the collection system upgrades. Request that PWSD fund the interconnection between the Oak Harbor system and our system.

Trey Bobinger, Funding Update – Mr. Bobinger called into the meeting. He updated the Board on his efforts to procure funding for the well upgrade. PWSD was awarded \$500,000 from the state for well upgrades.

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OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Pump replacement charges to the customer.

- The Board did not act on this item. The policy will remain as it is currently written. The increased repair cost will be considered while studying the need for a rate increase.

Discussion: Pump out charges to the customer.

- The Board did not act on this item. The current policy covers damage incurred from customers and the charges associated with pumping out tanks.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Moved: Jackson

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

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

Moved: Bell

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

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

Moved: Pansano

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

Discussion: 2023 Annual Drinking Water Report from Health Department.

- Scott Burge presented the annual drinking water report. No action was taken as a result of this discussion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Discussion: Customer's Report

- 16086 4th St. – Final Letter sent out.
- 17065 Cedar Dr. – Final Letter sent out. Home owner living in the home.
- 16494 White's Rd. – Put a door hanger for home owner to call the office. Sent out a final letter.
- 6332 Hwy 604 – Still pending, waiting on MDOT.
- 6093 Maple Dr. – Monitoring home.

Discussion: Vehicle Report

- NONE

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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.
- Weed eating update was provided.

Discussion: Equipment Report

- Checked with Jimmie Ladner about a truck for Pearlington Water and Sewer District. He is checking and will get back with me.
- Found out there is a website Fastenal.com that has trucks for sale.

Discussion: Hydrant Maintenance

- NONE

Discussion: Billing Update

- No payment plans at this time.
- 4 active customers have been disconnected, See above.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Discussion: Western WWTF Outfall Relocation Project

- Final Documentation submitted to MDEQ for close out of project through the RESTORE ACT Funding.

Discussion: Stennis Wastewater Conveyance Project

- Construction contract has been awarded to DNA Underground in the amount of approximately \$6.3 million.

Discussion: Oak Harbor Acquisition

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

Discussion: Oak Harbor Sewer Improvement Project

- Hancock County Utility Authority has advertised for Request for Qualifications for engineering services for the project.

Discussion: Oak Harbor Water Improvement Project

- The Mississippi Legislature has appropriated \$500,000 through Senate Bill 2465 for improvements/interconnection of the Oak Harbor water well.

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.

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Discussion: Working with Lobbyist

- Mr. Bobinger did an outstanding job with the Oak Harbor procurement. He was a pleasure to work with during the legislative session.

Discussion: Compliance Issues

- We thought we had traction on the two noncompliance customers that are set to be turned over to Justice Court, but our efforts proved null. Justice Court proceedings will continue in the coming days.

Discussion: Vehicle Donation

- The Hancock County Port has offered a Ford SUV to PWSD. I have notified them that we will accept the vehicle. It will be brought to the Board for approval once we receive it.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Discussion: Justice Court

- Mr. Cusick will work with the Operator to sign affidavits against the noncompliant customers.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Discussion: Chairman Report

- NONE

Discussion: Other Board Member Reports

- NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting @ 4:43pm. **PASSED.**

Moved: Pavlovich

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

Approved in June 26, 2024

Debra Sonnier, Secretary

Date