# PEARLINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

## February 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday 19 February 2020 in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Absent:

James Lamy, Chairman
Cabrina Bell, Vice Chairman
Rosa Jackson, Commissioner
John Pavlovich, Commissioner
James Bennett, Commissioner
Zoe Bowers, PSWD Operator
Ty Necaise, CPA
Susan Haas, Attorney
Scott Burge

Michael Haas, Attorney

Chairman Lamy called the official meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silent. (Attachment 1A).

Amendment to Agenda –None. (Attachment 1C).

**Agenda – Motion** was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to accept amended agenda as presented. (Attachment 1D). **Motion Passed 100%**.

Date of the next regular monthly meeting: March 18, 2020. (Attachment 1E).

# **REQUEST TO SPEAK (Guest Presentation)**

Hezekiah Thompson and Dawny Ginter from Aflac Insurance presented a proposal to the PWSD for employees. Aflac is designed for small business with3 or more employees. PESD will review packet and decide if it will work for PWSD employees. (Attachment 2A).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tabled: Chairman Lamy stated he met with David of HCUA and Patricia to discuss PWSD Infrastructure. Chairman Lamy stated he also spoke with Eddie Favre after his meeting with David and Patricia. Eddie Favre stated he was Mayor when the Utility Authority was formed, and he signed the papers for the Bay to purchase water. The Bay Council does not want to agree to it because they did not vote on it. Chairman Lamy stated Eddie Favre stated to hold off on any actions right now and there are getting up a workshop to discuss what can be done. Attachment 3A).

Tabled: Policy amendment for account adjustments related to meter malfunctions. (Attachment 3B).

**Tabled:** Extension (Subdivision) policy. (Attachment 3C).

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Discussion: Audit update, CPA stated all paperwork will be complete soon. (Attachment 3D).

Discussion: Attorney Susan Haas stated, Attorney Mike Haas has reached out to American Pride Attorney who represented the new owner who acquired the land thru tax sale. Attorney Susan Haas stated it is possible the old owner has repurchased the property back. We are now waiting on response from the American Pride attorney. Old owner did call PWSD to get amount owed when he was taken to court. Amount given was \$3000.00. Old owner has not come by to pay on this bill. (Attachment 3E).

**Discussion:** Commissioner Jackson asked to get the number of homes PWSD has turned off and to verify if the properties are still occupied. Per Operator Zoe PWSD has six (6) houses that has been turned off and they are all occupies as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Operator Zoe stated they check on these houses once a month to make sure no reconnect has taken place. PWSD is going to reach out to County code inspector to see if we can declare the properties as a public nuisance. (Attachment 3F).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to approve the February 2020 Docket of Claims. (Attachment 4A). Motion Passed 100%.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to approve the January 2020 Treasurer's Report (Attachment 4B). Motion passed 100%.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to approve the January 2020 regular meeting. (Attachment 4C). Motion Passed 100%.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Bennett for leak adjustments on the following accounts. Acct# 285 \$76.28, Acct# 357 \$53.00, Acct# 124 \$48.42, Acct# 125 \$51.26. (Attachment 4D). Motion Passed 100%.

#### OPERATOR'S REPORT

Discussion: Operator Zoe stated both Tech will be attending class on 16April 2020 and using company truck. RV Park will need a 2inch main to supply adequate water pressure per Engineer Scott. (5A).

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

**Discussion:** Engineer Burge Stated the BP Treatment Plant Outfall project is now going to be discharged in the Pearl River and not Pates Bayou. The Bayou Lacroix project is being funded this year. PWSD is hopeful the Oak Harbor Project may be next. (Attachment 6A).

### **CPA REPORT**

• CPA Necaise gave an update on the payment plan residents. There are currently 3 residents on this plan for a total of \$1035.00, this is very good news. (Attachment 7A).

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## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Susan Haas gave her report during discussion at 3E. (Attachment 8A).

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Chairman Lamy stated he reached out to Theresa Ryan newly elected Board 3 Supervisor and invited her to the PWSD meeting. Chairman Lamy also stated he reached out to Philip Moran and Brent Anderson with an invite to the PWSD meeting. Chairman Lamy stated it was suggested by a resident that PWSD should have a Suggestion Box in the lobby. Board members felt this may be a good idea also. Eddie Favre wanted to know why each District has a different policy, the Board of Supervisors would like to see one standard policy. This will be a bit difficult since each district has different issues and locations. PWSD is willing to see if some of the District policy can be standardized. (Attachment 9A).
- Chairman Lamy stated he presented the evaluation information to the HCUA Board and David Patilo will get an evaluation going forth. This should help with accountability.
- Other Board Member Report None. (Attachment 9B).
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
- None

## **ADJUORNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich to adjourn th meeting @ 6:13 p.m. Motion Passed 100%. (Attachment 11A).		
Rosa Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer	James Lamy, Chairman	

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