PEARLINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Absent:

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

Vice Chairman Bell called the official meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silent reflection (Attachment 1A).

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

• None (Attachment 1C).

AGENDA

• Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to accept agenda as presented (Attachment 1D). Motion passed.

REQUEST TO SPEAK (Guest Presentation)

 Sharon Hogie, from Church of Christ, came to inquire on the extremely high water bill and usage at the church. The church is only used once a week. Per CPA Necaise, there has be higher than normal usages. Sharon stated nothing has changed and they have checked toilets for leaks and found none. Sharon stated there is an outside faucet and she cannot say if anyone could be using water when the church members are not there. PWSD stated that we will have the tech run some tests and contact Sharon of the finding (Attachment 2A).

OLD BUSINESS

- Update on Audit: Per CPA Necaise, the audit has been given to the auditor (Attachment 3A).
- CD Renewals: Commissioner Bell was able to get a renewal rate of 1.85 for 12 months.
- Discussion: Customer Payment Plan is still being worked on and will be presented at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Date of the next regular monthly meeting was announced as May 15, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at the Pearlington Recovery Center.
- **Motion** made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to approve the April 2019 Docket of Claims (Attachment 4A). **Motion passed.**
- Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to approve the April 2019 Treasurer's Report (Attachment 4B). Motion passed.
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to approve the February minutes for 2019 (Attachment 4C). **Motion passed**.
- **Motion** was made to approve minutes of the March 2019 meeting. Minutes were not sent to the commissioners prior to the meeting (Attachment 4D). **Tabled.**
- Discussion: The board discussed whether we should require rental property accounts to be in property owner's name (Attachment 4E). No action taken.

OPERATOR REPORT

• Operator Zoe stated she is having a hard time getting rid of the old pumps that were changed out. The dump will not allow them to be dumped at their site. Installers did not provide numbers for the old pumps. PWSD suggested taking them to a hazardous waste site. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to declare 47 single phase sewer pumps as 0 value to be disposed of (Attachment 5A). **Motion passed.**

ENGINEER REPORT

• Engineer Burge stated that General Manager Lee Purvis spoke with the owner of the Oak Harbor Water & Sewer Station and he threw out a sailing price of \$ 400,000.00. Engineer Burge stated his office has been asked to give some cost estimate on improving the Oak Harbor System (Attachment 6A).

CPA REPORT

- CPA Necaise gave the Budget vs Actual Report and budget is looking very good. The insurance is at 50% due to lump sum paid to the Policy Center. PWSD should still be ok (Attachment 7A).
- **Discussion-**Delinquent accounts has collected \$1,000.00 (Attachment 7B).

ATTORNEY REPORT

- Attorney Haas stated his office received a summons from the Hancock County Chancery Court in reference to a judgement Pearlington PWSD was given on a delinquent account. Per the Chancery Court, the judgment cannot remain on property once it is lost for property taxes (Attachment 8A).
- Discussion-Results of court proceeding will be discussed in executive session (Attachment 8B).

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- CPA Necaise discussed the HCUA meeting in the absence of Chairman Lamy and stated there is still ongoing discussion concerning the EPA upcoming projects. PWSD is still hoping we can acquire Oak Harbor and get it on the EPA's list (Attachment 9A).
- Oak Harbor Purchase will be discussed in special call meeting on April 24, 2019 (Attachment 9B).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to enter executive to discuss personnel issues and litigation results at 6:44 P.M. All Board Members voted in the affirmative (Attachment 10A). Motion passed.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, at 7:04 P.M. To end executive session and open the meeting back to the public. All Board members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.
- Discussion: Attorney Haas stated the litigation went very well and the Judge awarded judgement in the PWSD favor for all damages to PWSD property by pd by the owner. Owner was also responsible for attorney fees.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to authorize the office supervisor to work from home up to 2 hours per day until she has been released from the doctor to return to work. All Board Members voted (Attachment 10B). Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

• Motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to recess the meeting until April 24, 2019 at 5 P.M. (Attachment 11A). Motion passed.

Rosa Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

James Lamy, Chairman