

**PEARLINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

James Lamy, Chairman
Rosa Jackson, Commissioner
James Bennett, Commissioer
John Pavlovich, Commissioner
Michael Haas, Attorney
Zoe Bowers, PSWD Operator
Scott Burge

Absent:

Cabrina Bell, Vice Chairman
Ty Necaise, CPA

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

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

- None (Attachment 1C).

AGENDA

- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to accept amended agenda as presented (Attachment 1D). **Motion passed.**
- Date of the next regular Regular meeting: July 17, 2019 (Attachment 1E).
- Introduction of new employee: Renee Pitre was introduced to the Board of Commissioners. Renee was hired to fill the vacant part-time position due to the death of Ms. Connie Beum (Attachment 1F).

REQUEST TO SPEAK (Guest Presentation)

- Office Manager Wilson presented account #739 for a leak adjustment of \$346.73, all documentation presented. **Motion** made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, for the one-time adjustment of \$346.73 (Attachment 2A). **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, for pool adjustment of \$46.92 on account #31. (Attachment 2B.) **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, for leak adjustment of \$10.73 for account #373 (Attachment 3B, not listed on docket. Presented late). **Motion passed.**

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OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion** - Update on Audit: Tabled. CPA Necaise was not present (3A).
- **Discussion** - Customer payment plan: Tabled (3B).

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the June 2019 Docket of Claims (Attachment 4A). **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pavlovich, to approve the May 2019 Treasurer's Report (Attachment 4B). **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to approve the May minutes for 2019 (Attachment 4C). **Motion passed.**
- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve minutes of the May 2019 recess meeting (4D). **Motion passed.**

OPERATOR'S REPORT

- Operator Zoe presented a copy of the 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Operator Zoe stated a copy has been put on PWSD, Library, and Post Office website.
- Operator Zoe also reported that a Field Operator went to hang a door hanger, and the police came to the home looking for the homeowner. PWSD Operator was asked to get on the ground and he was searched. PWSD Operator was in uniform and in the company truck. PWSD Operator was shaken up by the incident. Chairman Lamy will speak with PWSD Operator and have him write a statement so we can do a follow up with the Sherriff's Department to insure PWSD workers are not harmed when situations arise (Attachment 5A).

ENGINEER REPORT

- Engineer Burge presented a Status Report on the projects that are prioritized on the list for BP Funding. Engineer Burge also presented a news release from GOMESA and a proposal that has been submitted to GOMESA for funding and a preliminary budget cost. The PWSD Oak Harbor Project is on the HUCA list. Chairman Lamy wanted verification that PWSD would own the system if funded through GOMESA since the project has been submitted via HCUA. According to Engineer Burge, PWSD would own the system. Chairman Lamy had several questions and Engineer Burge gave answers regarding funding requirements (Attachment 6A).

CPA REPORT

- CPA Necaise was not present to give a report (Attachment 7A).

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ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- Attorney Haas stated he has contacted the Utility Services to discuss the interest PWSD has in purchasing Oak Harbor. Attorney Haas stated he let it be known that PWSD is very interested in a purchase.
- Attorney Haas also stated the homeowner that was found pumping sewer over fence has not contacted his office as he stated he would. Attorney has stated we can bring him before the County Judge and ask the homeowner to stop cross-connection and pumping sewage over fence. **Motion** made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, for Attorney Haas to proceed with litigation against homeowner with illegal sewage disposal and cross-connection (Attachment 8A). **Motion passed.**

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Chairman Lamy stated that Mayor of Bay St. Louis is wanting to purchase water from HCUA. The Mayor is ready to purchase if the price is right. Chairman Lamy stated he will speak with Director Pitalo as to what the purchase will do to PWSD. Chairman Lamy stated that PWSD and the Kiln has been carrying the load of paying for water for more than 10 years (Attachment 9A).
- Oak Harbor Purchase was discussed earlier by Engineer Scott Burge (Attachment 9B).

Other Board Member Report

- Commissioner Jackson presented a copy of County-provided services that can help pay a water bill for customers who may be having a hard time. Office personnel has been given a list to hand out to our PWSD customers when this need arises.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None (Attachment 10A).

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion** was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 P.M. (Attachment 11A). **Motion passed.**

Rosa Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer

James Lamy, Chairman