

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

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Absent:

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

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

APPROVAL TO THE AGENDA

MOTION to accept the agenda as presented. **PASSED**

Moved: Sonnier

Seconded: Jackson

Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting is November 20, 2024 at 3 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE INCREASE (2ND HEARING)

The Board had asked for analysis of two rate increase options as follows:

- Option 1: As announced, \$10 for water and \$10 for sewer, per month. This is a flat rate increase across the board on all accounts.
- Option 2: Keep the current minimum rate of \$60 and increase the rate per 1,000 gallons to meet the budgetary needs.

These options were posted on the District's website and were opened for discussion from the public. For a list of residents that spoke, see Attachment 1C.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to approve the October 2024 Docket of Claims. **PASSED.**

Moved: Jackson

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the October 2024 Payroll Docket. **PASSED.**

Moved: Bell

Seconded: Jackson

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's Report. **PASSED.**

Moved: Bell

Seconded: Sonnier

Ayes: All

MOTION to discuss the following rate increase. **PASSED.**

- Water service - \$10 flat rate increase, minimum rate per month will be \$30.
- Sewer service - \$10 flat rate increase, minimum rate per month will be \$50.

Moved: Sonnier

Seconded: Bell

Roll Call to pass rate increase as announced: **PASSED 4-1.**

Pansano – Yes

Bell – Yes

Jackson – Yes

Sonnier – No

Pavlovich – Yes

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Attachment 6A

BUSINESS REPORT

Attachment 7A

MOTION to approve the FY2025 budget. Attachment 7B. **PASSED.**

Moved: Bell

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

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ATTORNEY’S REPORT

HCUA has provided an agreement to operate the Oak Harbor system. He has reviewed the agreement and recommends the Board adopt it after HCUA’s board approves it.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to recess the meeting @ 4:37 pm until October 30, 2024. **PASSED.**

Moved: Jackson

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

Approved in November 20, 2024 meeting _____

Debra Sonnier, Secretary

Date