

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

The Board of Commissioners of the Pearlington Water and Sewer District met in official session on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, in the Pearlington Recovery Center.

In Attendance:

Absent:

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

Debra Sonnier, Secretary

Chairman Pansano called the official meeting to order at 3:00 pm. 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. Attachment 1C. **PASSED**

Moved: Pavlovich

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular board meeting is October 16, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RATE INCREASE

The Board of Commissioners announced their intention to increase the water rate by \$10 per month and sewer rate by \$10 per month and set a public hearing to receive comments from the District's customers. For a list of residents that spoke, see Attachment 1B.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS

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

Moved: Pansano

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the September 2024 Payroll Docket. Attachment 4B. **PASSED.**

Moved: Bell

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the August 2024 Treasurer's Report. Attachment 4C. **PASSED.**

Moved: Pavlovich

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the following leak adjustment. **PASSED.**

Acct# 478 - \$105.02

Moved: Jackson

Seconded: Pavlovich

Ayes: Jackson, Pavlovich, Pansano

Abstention: Bell

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report. Postponed due to public hearing.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Discussion: Oak Harbor Update

- Discussed meeting with Butler Snow, HCUA's attorney, and about changes to the design of the Oak Harbor system.

BUSINESS REPORT

Discussion: Budget vs Actual

- The Budget is trending as expected. The District will lose a significant amount of money in fiscal year 2024. A new budget will be adopted once the rate increase is finalized.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

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BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Board requested two options be published on the District website to show the public how the increase will impact their monthly rates.

- 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting @ 5:17 pm. **PASSED.**

Moved: Jackson

Seconded: Bell

Ayes: All

Approved in October 16, 2024 meeting _____

Debra Sonnier, Secretary

Date