

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TANGIPAOA WATER DISTRICT OF MARCH 4, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Water District met in Regular Session on the 4th day of March 2024 at the District Office in Natalbany, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Commissioner John S. Wilde Present – Gary Kelley, Charlie Harrison, Gary Bankston, Larry Byers, John S. Wilde, Don Marshall, Jeremiah Davis and Marlon Milton. Absent- None. Also present was Mr. Patrick Coudrain- Legal Counsel and Mr. Chuck Spangler- Engineer. The invocation was led by Commissioner Don Marshall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Marlon Milton.

GUESTS AND COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2024- A motion was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Milton to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 20, 2024, and that they be dispensed and published in the Official Journal. Roll-call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: 1 (Davis)

NOT VOTING: None

PUBLIC INPUT - ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Byers to amend the agenda by unanimous vote to add the following matters:

1. Election of Board Secretary
2. Personnel matters (salary increase)
3. Update regarding Dutch Lane Well

Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

A. APPROVE CHECK REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY 2024 (Meter Deposit Account)- Motion was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve the check register for February as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

B. APPROVE DON MARSHALL/TREASURER AS CHECK SIGNER FOR ALL BANK ACCOUNTS- Motion was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Milton to approve a resolution to add Commissioner Don Marshall as a check signer on all bank accounts. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: 1 (Marshall)

NOT VOTING: None

C. ELECTION OF SECRETARY- Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Bankston to open nominations for the temporary secretary position (to be filled until Mr. Wilde terms off the board and his replacement is appointed). Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

Mr. Byers was nominated for the temporary secretary position.

Motion was made by Marshall and seconded by Mr. Bankston to close nominations for the temporary secretary position. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

Mr. Byers was elected temporary secretary.

D. PERSONNEL/ SALARY INCREASE- Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Bankston to authorize Mr. Schlicher to increase the salary of the Chief Financial Officer by 20%-30% of her current salary due to her increase in workload by 20%-30%. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Kelley, Bankston, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: 1 (Harrison)

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None
NOT VOTING: None

TABLED ITEMS – None

OLD BUSINESS- Mr. Spangler gave updates on the following projects:

A. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FYR 2021

A1. NEW WELL AND TANK ON HWY 40 WEST- Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Byers to approve payment of estimate no. 11 (requisition no. 48) from Maguire Iron in the amount of \$24,225.00. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

B. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FYR 2023

B1. BOOKER ELEVATED TANK- No action taken

C. EASTERN HEIGHTS- After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Milton to table items no. 4 & 6 of the engineer's report. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS- None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGES – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

A. OPERATIONS- None

B. FINANCIALS- None

DUTCH LANE WELL- Motion was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Marshall to enter executive session to discuss the Dutch Lane Well. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

Motion was made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Bankston to exit executive session. Roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Kelley, Bankston, Harrison, Byers, Wilde, Marshall, Davis, Milton)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

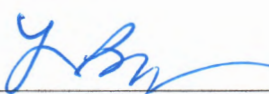
ABSTAIN: None

NOT VOTING: None

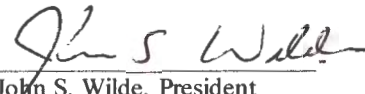
Upon exiting executive session, Mr. Wilde made it known that no action was taken during executive session.

With no further business appearing, on motion by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mr. Marshall, Commissioners of the Tangipahoa Water District adjourned.

ATTEST:



Larry Byers, Secretary
Tangipahoa Water District



John S. Wilde, President
Tangipahoa Water District