**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**WATERWORKS DISTRICT #1**

**OF DESOTO PARISH**

**320 LIBERTY LANE**

**GRAND CANE, LOUISIANA**

**February 26, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Charles Waldon called the meeting to order. Carolyn Landrum and Kenneth “Ed” Campbell were absent. All other board members present

**Prayer / Pledge**

Brian “Bo” Norwood led the prayer and the pledge.

**Open floor discussion**

Introduced Gabriel Whitaker as our newest board member

**Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2024**

Motion was made by Randy Rodgers and 2nd by Brian ‘Bo’ Norwood to approve the minutes of January 29, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financials January 2024**

Financials for January were not prepared in time. Will be approved in the March meeting.

**Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Treatment Expansion**

Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2nd by Randy Rodgers to approve the change order No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Engagement Letter for Foley and Judell for bond for LDH Revolving Loan Fund for Membrane Upgrade Project**

Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2nd by Randy Rodgers to approve the engagement letter for Foley and Judell. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution for LDH Funding for Membrane Upgrade Project**

Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2nd by Randy Rodgers to approve the LDH Funding for Membrane Project. Roll call vote was taken: Donnie Fisher yea; Brian “Bo” Norwood yea; Ronnie Land yea; Randy Rodgers yea; Rusty Morris yea; Gabriel Whitaker yea; Charles Waldon yea; Kenneth “Ed” Campbell absent; Carolyn Landrum absent. Motion carried unanimously.

**Amendment for the Emerging Contaminants Grant**

Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2nd by Rusty Morris to accept the amendment. Motion carried unanimously

**Employee Insurance update and possible action on rates**

District was informed of a rate increase by the jury that the health premiums were going up. Received a email stated that the rates were staying the same until late March. When the bill arrived, it had the increase on it. Premiums were not held out of employee payroll to cover the rate increase Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2nd by Randy Rodgers to let Waterworks cover the past premiums. Employees would be responsible for the new rates on the next payroll. Motion carried unanimously

**Administrative Report**

Pat was in school this past week. A truck overturned on Smyrna Road. Hit our water line. Plant upgrade is on hold. Waiting on equipment. We are waiting on City of Mansfield board to either accept or turn down assuming the Hwy 513 water system. Extended the line on Gravel Point Road. Annette Burns has official retired. She is working for us one day week to help Tim with paperwork. System is

running good. Feb. was a good month

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2nd Ronnie Land to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously

Charles Waldon, President

Teresa Register, Recording Secretary