

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
WATERWORKS DISTRICT #1
OF DESOTO PARISH
320 LIBERTY LANE
GRAND CANYON, LOUISIANA
June 23rd, 2025
6PM**

Call to Order

K. E. "Ed" Campbell called the meeting to order. Ronnie Land and Donnie Fisher were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Randy Rodgers led the prayer. K. E. "Ed" Campbell led the pledge.

Open Floor Discussion

K. E. "Ed" Campbell talked about the water system grade we received for 2024, which was an "A".

Approval of Minutes May 2025 meeting

K.E. "Ed" Campbell had a correction of the minutes, David Ryals position is Water System Superintendent. By laws state superintendent not administrator. Randy Rodgers made the motion to approve minutes with the correction Joe Etheredge 2nd the motion.

Approval of Financials May 2025 meeting

K.E. "Ed" Campbell discussed the total working capital Waterworks District 1 has on hand. K.E. "Ed" Campbell asked for a motion to accept. Rusty Morris made the motion to approve the financials from the May 2025 meeting. Joe Etheredge 2nd the motion.

Committee Reports

K.E. "Ed" Campbell spoke about the financial committee, and the long-term debt of the bonds for water plant expansion. We have a large payment for these bonds due August 1st. K.E. "Ed" Campbell wanted to keep the board members informed as far as the financials with the bond repayment, for Waterworks District 1. Randy Rodgers asked how much the government owes for plant expansion; Debra Chatman spoke with the board members about the payment's forthcoming. Debra Chatman stated to the board that a separate bank account should be established, for the bond repayment, so the payments can be directly drawn from that account on the due date. Monies have been deposited into savings accounts which the payments cannot be drafted out of, and the appropriate amount of money per month has not been deposited. K.E. "Ed" Campbell explained the accounts we have for emergency funding, and regular operations. There are certain accounts the district must maintain by law for operation.

Water System Report/Plant Expansion Update

K. E. "Ed" Campbell requested update from Tim Bryson (plant manager) on the plant expansion. Tim Bryson spoke on some small issues that have come up that are being addressed by the builders. There is more dirt work and road work that must be addressed as well. K.E. "Ed" Campbell asked about the completion date, which was originally set for May 2025. That date has now been pushed back to the end of June 2025. David Ryals stated that there was a walk through with the engineers scheduled for later in the week to discuss the completion of the project.

Millage meeting June 23rd

Debra Chatman spoke about the public meeting that will be held at the regular Monday evening board meeting on June 23rd. Millage will be added to the agenda for voting on by the board, Randy Rogers inquired as to how much we would be requesting, the tax assessor's office informed us that 1.06m should be requested.

David Ryals spoke briefly about Hwy 764 being closed due to the road washing out from excessive rainfall, repair of this Hwy 764 will require the district to move our 8" water main. The repair will take approximately 2 months, moving our lines won't take long, waiting for more information from DOTD.

David Ryals also spoke about the need for water filling stations, one on each end of the parish, to get all these boring crews off our hydrants.

Waterworks has 2 filling stations that are older and have never been used, he wants to talk to the parish about possible locations. Michael Jeter discussed the stations being updated with a keypad, each company that needs water would have their own number assigned to the company. Michael Jeter also proposed solar panels and rechargeable batteries as the power source.

David Ryals talked about the upcoming audit and forms that needed to be filled out by each board member. Debra Chatman passed out the paperwork that needs to be filled out by each board member.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session, as requested by Randy Rodgers.

Adjournment

Adjournment was done during the executive session.