

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT #1  
OF DESOTO PARISH  
320 LIBERTY LANE  
GRAND CANE, LOUISIANA  
December 11, 2023**

**Call to Order**

Charles Waldon called the meeting to order. Randy Rodgers, Carolyn Landrum and Rusty Morris were absent. All other board members present

**Prayer / Pledge**

Brian “Bo” Norwood led the prayer and Kenneth “Ed” Campbell led the pledge.

**Open floor discussion**

No open floor discussion

**Approval of Minutes of October, 2023 meeting**

Motion was made by Kenneth “Ed” Campbell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnie Fisher to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financials for October 2023**

Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian “Bo” Norwood to approve the Financials for October 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Fire Districts.**

Motion was made by Kenneth “Ed” Campbell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronny Land to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with the Fire Districts. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to ad 3a to Transfer Hwy 513 to City of Mansfield**

Motion was made by Donnie Fisher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenneth “Ed” Campbell to transfer Hwy 513 to City of Mansfield if it passes at their board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **Approval of Budget for 2024**

Motion was made by Kenneth “Ed” Campbell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnie Fisher to accept Budget Plan B for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Administrative Report**

Annette Burns is retiring on Jan. 31, 2024. She is planning on working one day a week at the plant and stated she would be willing to work if the need arises. Don (Trey) Flores III started working for us in the end of October at the water treatment plant. Matt Behm started in working for in September as a field operator.

Our project is going well. With the good weather we have been having the contractor was able to pour all the concrete. Cat walk is finished. We have approximately 250 new meters and 50 miles of new line. We have a website. Desotowater.com. Hope that you will browse thru it. We got the \$5,000,000.00 grant for the project. We got two applications in for the booster station and modules. Pretty much approved but not in writing at this time. We have apx. 10 new levels obtained by our employees this past year. Around 150 hours of training by our employees. We did have a profitable year with our new rate schedule. Our rate review was approved.

We billed 6.5 million gallons more this year through November compared to 2022. That is 176,764.089 gallons.

I believe that we have one of the most trained and competent staff in the state. We were given national recognition. WaterWorld magazine published an article regarding the MIEX system. That magazine is published three times a year. LRWA rewrote the article and published it in their magazine. That magazine is published monthly and is sent out to every water district in the state. We continue to be a leader in water technology in the State.

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Kenneth “Ed” Campbell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnie Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously

Charles Waldon, President  
Teresa Register, Recording Secretary

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