

Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North

307 Rue Scholastique Road

Lafayette, Louisiana 70507

Thursday, May 21, 2020

at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES*

Regular Board Meeting Held Via AT&T Telephone Conference

COMMENCEMENT

Agenda Item No. 1: **Call to Order**

The Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North (hereinafter sometimes referred to as LPWDN") meeting of May 21, 2020, was called to Order by District President, Harold Hebert

Agenda Item No. 2: **Pledge of Allegiance – skipped**

Agenda Item No. 3: **Roll Call**

Members Present:

Brad Racca, Harold Hebert, Paul Champagne, Kenny Suire, Toby Domingue, Preston Bernard, Robert Marceaux, Jared Richard and Martin Mouton

Members Absent:

None

Agenda Item No. 4: **Recognized Guest(s)**

Byron Guillory, Chief Admin. Officer/Legal Counsel
Bill Neef, Engineer
Mary S. Dwyer, Administrative Assistant/Minutes Clerk

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Agenda Item No. 5: **Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2020**

A Motion was offered by Robert Marceaux, seconded by Paul Champagne, to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2020. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 6: **Discussion of New Business**

None.

Agenda Item No. 7: **Discussion of Old Business**

None.

Agenda Item No. 8: **Policies and Procedure Committee**

None.

Agenda Item No. 9: **Construction Committee**

None.

Agenda Item No. 10: **Review/Finance/Administrative Committee**

Paul Champagne informed the Board that the invoices have been reviewed and he recommends that the invoices for the month be paid.

A Motion was offered by Brad Racca, seconded by Kenny Suire to pay invoices for the month. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 11: **Legal Committee**

Deferred to later in meeting

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Agenda Item No. 12: Bill Neef (Neef Engineering)

Neef informed the Board as to the status of LPWDN's annual audit.

Neef informed the Board as to the status of documents to be submitted to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.

Neef outline for the Board and discussion was had regarding the 2020 Operations and CIP Budget through April 2020

Preston Bernard queried as to the effects of the COVID pandemic on LPWDN. Discussion was had amongst all.

Agenda Item No. 13: Byron Guillory (Chief Administrative Officer/Legal Counsel)

Guillory recommended to the Board that it consider purchasing a remote monitoring system for LPWDN's Plant from Tesco Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$33,727.00

A Motion was offered by Brad Racca, seconded by Preston Bernard approving the purchase of a remote monitoring system for LPWDN's Plant from Tesco Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$33,727.00. The Motion was unanimously approved with the exception of Robert Marceaux who was temporarily dropped from the AT&T Telephone Conference call and therefore did not cast a vote.

Guillory recommended that the Board consider a Resolution finding that the proposed Transmission line Project consisting of an additional water distribution line to be located adjacent to Desoto Rd., Benoit Road, Mardi Gras Rd., Joli Rd., Dillon Rd., and Gayle Rd. is based upon a finding that said project is necessary and is needed for the continued use and benefit of the public and will meet and satisfy the needs of the public and, further, authorizing the acquisition of necessary property and/or servitudes and/or other property rights, including, if necessary, through the use of expropriation, to construct said project.

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A Motion was offered by Preston Bernard, seconded by Robert Marceaux approving a Resolution finding that the proposed Transmission line Project consisting of an additional water distribution line to be located adjacent to Desoto Rd., Benoit Road, Mardi Gras Rd., Joli Rd., Dillon Rd., and Gayle Rd. is based upon a finding that said project is necessary and is needed for the continued use and benefit of the public and will meet and satisfy the needs of the public and, further, authorizing the acquisition of necessary property and/or servitudes and/or other property rights, including, if necessary, through the use of expropriation, to construct said project. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Guillory recommended that the Board consider allowing Tim Rush, an LPWDN employee, to carry over any unused paid personal time for the 2019/2020 calendar year to the 2020/2021 calendar year.

A Motion was offered by Robert Marceaux, seconded by Toby Domingue, allowing Tim Rush, an LPWDN employee, to carry over any unused paid personal time for the 2019/2020 calendar year to the 2020/2021 calendar year. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Guillory recommended that the Board consider a Resolution authorizing the mediation of LPWDN claims against and by J.S. Haren Company and Merchants National, Inc. Bonding.

A Motion was offered by Kenny Suire, seconded by Robert Marceaux approving a Resolution authorizing the mediation of LPWDN claims against and by J. S. Haren Company and Merchants National, Inc. Bonding. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Guillory informed the Board that the LPWDN office is closed due to COVID 19 and will remain closed until further notice.

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There being no further business, President, Harold Hebert, declared that the Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North meeting of May 21, 2020 be adjourned.

The foregoing is an accurate and true representation of the Minutes of the Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North meeting of May 21, 2020.

s/ Paul Champagne

PAUL CHAMPAGNE
Secretary/Treasure

s/ Mary S. Dwyer

MARY S. DWYER
Administrative Assistant/Minutes Transcriber

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