

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISERS OF WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 (COTEAU) OF IBERIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of Waterworks District No. 3 (Coteau) of Iberia Parish, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at the office, 4104 Coteau Road, New Iberia, Louisiana on Monday, January 12, 2026.

Paul Trahan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

ITEM #3 - Roll Call:

Members present: Paul Trahan, Ray Gary, Barrett Hebert, Allen Douet, Jr. and James Sprague. It was determined that a quorum was had.

Also present at the start of the meeting were Jeremy Fontenot, Engineer with McBade Engineering; Brad Cradeur, Director of Iberia Parish Sewerage District No. 1 and Waterworks District No. 3 (Coteau); Timothy Henry with Statewide Electrical Services and Carolyn L. Romero, Recording Secretary.

ITEM #4 - PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

ITEM #5 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Barrett Hebert and seconded by James Sprague to accept the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday, November 17, 2025 as published. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #6 – DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING

a. Referring to personal notes, Timothy Henry gave the Statewide Electrical Services report on Plant Operations and advised the board that Number 5 Water Well was started up on December 22, 2025 and stated that he would let the engineer cover this on his report.

Timothy Henry advised that there were issues with Filter Pumps 1 and 2 and stated that in his opinion there is a need to have a specialist come to check alignment and have a professional alignment.

Discussion was had regarding this matter.

Brad Cradeur stated that he would call Griner Drilling on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

More discussion was had regarding this matter.

b. Jeremy Fontenot gave the McBade Engineering Report and advised that Contract No. 1, Water Well No. 5 is producing more than expected, therefore, the Booster Pump is not injecting sufficient chlorine and we are currently running on Water Well No. 4.

Discussion was had regarding water production.

Jeremy Fontenot advised that a meeting is scheduled with the contractor and the contractor's attorney at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026 to discuss the liquidated damages and moving forward to close this project.

Jeremy Fontenot advised the board that Contract No. 2 Ground Storage Tank is same update as last month; it's ready to go and we need to put that on line, which would be done in the near future.

Jeremy Fontenot advised the board that we are working on submittals on Contract No. 3; all critical submittals have been approved except for one.

Brad Cradeur stated that, on the record, he wants to make sure we stay on top of it to complete submittals by March or April, 2026.

Jeremy Fontenot advised the board that Contract No. 1 and 2 should be good to go once we get the chlorine pumps resolved and we would start construction on Contract No 3.

- c. There was no report from Legal Counsel.
- d. Brad Cradeur gave the Director's Report and stated that he had good news in general.

Brad Cradeur reiterated, as Jeremy Fontenot advised, that a meeting is scheduled with the contractor and the contractor's attorney at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026 to discuss the liquidated damages on Contract No. 1, Water Well No. 5 project. We are proceeding as such and he confirmed with Paul Trahan that they would meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that water grade information for our water system was uploaded today; Financials have been submitted; rate study is still valid; the extra credit certifications supplied by Ray Gary and James Sprague have been submitted.

Brad Cradeur stated that Iberia Parish has hired the lobbying firm of Reese and Adams; a firm well known in the federal sector in Capital outlay. He advised that he has been heavily involved in the infrastructure in Iberia Parish for a while now and is pushing for some water infrastructure projects. He reviewed with the board three (3) projects which are in their packet and advised that he would like to give these projects to the lobbying firm to get money to try to get some of these larger projects, not on the water system's dime. He also advised the board that they should make suggestions for projects that they would like to visit,

A brief discussion was had regarding this matter.

Brad Cradeur asked the board to take the packet with them and review it more.

Discussion was had regarding customers who have not connected to water service on Seymour Miguez Road.

Brad Cradeur advised that there is almost \$300,000.00 which is readily available for infrastructure.

Brad Cradeur advised that we have received Cade Water Inter-connection plans and an opinion of probable cost for that project. He explained the cost and responsibility of Waterworks District No. 3 (Coteau) and the manner in which the connection would be made and the portion of money agreed to.

Brad Cradeur advised that Jeremy Fontenot and Dale LeBlanc would review the plans and make sure that they are comfortable with them and a meeting would be held with Cade Water, their lawyer, our lawyer and Brad Cradeur to try to work out the actual specifics then come back to the board; make sure everyone is comfortable and go from there.

Brief discussion was had regarding this matter.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that he met with the company of Core and Main, and they offered us a ten (10) address pilot. The proposal is that we would buy for \$3,700.00 ten (10) residential cellular meters for testing purposes and he explained at length the research and process involved for reporting.

Discussion was had regarding cellular meters.

It was agreed that Brad Cradeur would do more research on the cellular meters before a purchase is made and would give an update at the next meeting.

Brad Cradeur reviewed with the board the past year operating income budget and stated that we are doing well. Revenue and expenses from operating budget of ARA, First Solar income is good.

ITEM #7 – NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ITEM #8 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brad Cradeur advised that we must move the date of the next meeting and suggested February 23, 2026 with agenda items due by February 18, 2026.

Brief discussion was had regarding the date of the next board meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on February 23, 2026.

Paul Trahan advised the board that the next board meeting would be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 and agenda items would be due by Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

ITEM #9 - ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Barrett Hebert and seconded by Allen Douet, Jr. that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes were taken from notes and Tascam Recorder and transcribed by Carolyn L. Romero.

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BARRETT HEBERT, SECRETARY  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT #3 (COTEAU)

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PAUL TRAHAN, PRESIDENT  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT #3 (COTEAU)