

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF WATERWORKS COMMISSIONERS OF WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 (COTEAU) OF THE PARISH OF IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, (THE “DISTRICT”), TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 AT THE WATERWORKS DISTRICT #3 OFFICE, 4104 COTEAU ROAD, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560

Thereupon, President Paul Trahan called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Attendance of the Board was as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Paul Trahan, President	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ray Gary, Vice-President	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Barrett Hebert, Secretary-Treasurer	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Terry LeBlanc, Board Member	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Allen Douet, Jr., Board Member	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Also present at the start of the meeting were Brad Cradeur, Director of Iberia Parish Sewage District #1 and Waterworks District #3 (Coteau); Brenda Romero, Office Manager, and Carolyn L. Romero, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Board members present at the start of the meeting were Paul Trahan, Barrett Hebert, Ray Gary, Terry LeBlanc and Allen Douet, Jr.

No member was absent.

It was determined that a quorum was had.

APPROVE MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one was present to address the board.

ITEM #1 – DISCUSS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AMEND WATERWORKS DISTRICT #3 2024 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM IEDA BY AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER PLANT.

Brad Cradeur addressed the board regarding the new water plant that will be developed for the First Solar site and he advised that the State Bonding Commission has approved the funding for the water plant. He advised that what we are approving today is the engineers cost estimate for engineering, inspection and construction with a ten percent (10%) construction contingency on top to build a 2,000,000 gallon per day water plant primarily for the use by the First Solar Company coming in at the Air Base. He stated that the water plant can have the ability to help other customers in the future; primary source of that use for that water plant right now is First Solar.

Brad Cradeur referred to “WW District No. 3 Water Plant” and reviewed it with the board.

Brad Cradeur advised that the funding for this water plant will be from a bond issued by IEDA and there are no budgetary obligations coming from Waterworks District #3 with zero effect on the operating budget of our facility right now. He advised that the board would be authorizing the Executive Director to go before the Council to accept and acknowledge that budget and that funding to get the construction done.

He opened the floor for questions and clarification.

Discussion was had regarding prices for test wells.

Brad Cradeur advised that the test well has been dug for the First Solar Facility.

Lengthy discussion was had regarding test wells.

It was motioned by Ray Gary and seconded by Terry LeBlanc to approve a resolution to amend 2024 Waterworks District No. 3 Fund Budget in the amount of \$16,678,531 to create project line items for Water Plant Construction project, recognize private source contributions (IEDA by agreement) and appropriate expenditure line items per engineer’s opinion of probable cost and to authorize Executive Director to sign the agreement with IEDA and Iberia Parish Government. Said adjustment will have no effect on fund balance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following Resolution was offered by Ray Gary and seconded by Terry LeBlanc and carried.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2024 WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,678,531 TO CREATE PROJECT LINE ITEMS FOR WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, RECOGNIZE PRIVATE

SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS (IEDA BY AGREEMENT) AND APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURE LINE ITEMS PER ENGINEER’S OPINION OF PROBABLE COST AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH IEDA AND IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT. SAID ADJUSTMENT WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON FUND BALANCE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Waterworks District No. 3 (Coteau) that the 2024 Waterworks District No. 3 Fund Budget in the amount of \$16,678,531 shall be amended to create project line items for Water Plant Construction Project, recognize private source contributions (IEDA by agreement) and appropriate Expenditure line items per engineer’s opinion of probable cost and to authorize Executive Director to sign the agreement with IEDA and Iberia Parish Government. Said adjustment will have no effect on fund balance.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 8th day of March, 2024.

CERTIFICATE

I, Barrett Hebert, Secretary of the Waterworks District No. 3 (Coteau), do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on March 8, 2024, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

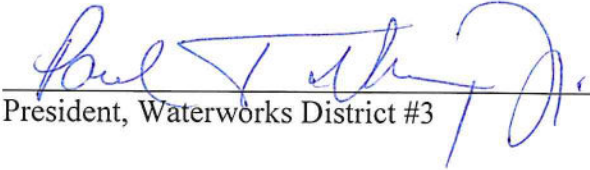
BARRETT HEBERT, SECRETARY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 (COTEAU)

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 5:21 p.m.

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


Secretary, Waterworks District #3


President, Waterworks District #3