

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISERS OF WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 (COTEAU) OF IBERIA PARISH, LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 18 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, May 18, 2026.

ITEMS #1 & #2 - Call to order

Paul Trahan called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

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

ITEM #3 - Roll Call:

Members present: Paul Trahan, Ray Gary and James Sprague. It was determined that a quorum was had.

Members absent were Barrett Hebert and Allen Douet, Jr.

Also present at the start of the meeting were Jeremy Fontenot, 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 James Sprague and seconded by Ray Gary to accept the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Monday, April 20, 2026 as published. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Referring to “Coteau Plant Log – April & May 2026” Timothy Henry gave the Statewide Electrical Services report on Plant Operations and reviewed with the board several maintenance and repair issues involving Chlorine Booster Pump replacement, Generator shutdown and Plant Actuator.

Timothy Henry advised the board that the May 5, 2026 generator transfer failure was caused by a stuck transfer-switch coil and a replacement coil has been ordered. He advised that there is presently no generator here but there is a backup on the other storage tank.

Timothy Henry stated that he learned that the water puddles that collect on the plant floor is due to the automatic drain on the air compressor not working properly.

Discussion was had regarding the auto drier and drain.

b. Jeremy Fontenot gave the Engineer’s Report and advised the board that Water Sector Project Contract No. 1 Water Well No. 5 controls are complete and running regularly; Contract No. 2 Ground Storage Tank is running fine; The contractor is presently running conduit on Contract No. 3 Water Treatment Plant Rehab; cable trays have been installed and the contractor will return on Wednesday to continue conduit work and pull control and power wiring for the new control panel and actuator.

Discussion was had regarding the transfer switch and generator testing.

Jeremy Fontenot advised the board that he had a meeting with himself, Nick Leger, Southern Constructors and WesTech regarding expediting of the control panel at which time he was advised that there was a six (6) week lead time to get the technician. He stated that he would follow-up tomorrow (Tuesday).

Lengthy discussion was had regarding this matter.

c. There was no report from Legal Counsel.

d. Brad Cradeur gave the Executive Director's Report and advised the board that there is nothing real pressing right now.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that he attended a meeting with LA Connect on May 1, 2026 in preparation for Gumbo Grant 2.0 and learned that there is a thirty (30) day lead time on contractors that they have to give us a better understanding of precisely what their road map is going to be. For Coteau, there may be zero impact. There would be more liaison on the ground for us to talk directly to the contractor; LA One Call implemented that every construction crew that is on site as of August of 2025, someone has to have a one (1) hour certification on hand that they have taken a course for proper etiquette for digging and response. If no one has a certificate when requested, they could be pulled from the job site.

Brad Cradeur stated that he would recommend talking to Iberia Parish Council to include Potholing and excavating in parish ordinances.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that on May 4, 2026 LRWA had training for the flushing program and we have had less discoloration calls.

Brad Cradeur advised that we are still working on quotes on tank inspection.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that solidifying the finances for the actuator and the valve replacement for Contract No. 3 should be finalized in June with the council.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that Consumer Confidence Report is out and Waterworks District No. 3 (Coteau) has received an "A" 95 out of 100.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that there was an electrical outage at ARA Water Plant on April 2, 2026; the generator did not come on and operate the plant under load and First Solar was out of production for about five (5) minutes. Arcco was dispatched that evening. He stated that Arcco changed the Master Control Panel, relay panel, battery and charger, Micro Switches, ATS and the generator is still out of service.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that he would soon request a new generator and gave a general run down of his actions regarding the problems with the generator at ARA Water Plant.

Discussion was had regarding the problems with the generator.

Brad Cradeur advised the board that he would have a phone call with the owner of Arcco tomorrow (Tuesday) regarding the ATS.

More discussion was had regarding this matter.

#### ITEM #7 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Brad Cradeur made a formal recommendation to the board that he would like to not go to Iberia Parish Council for funding for all engineering and construction for the Highway 88 waterline upgrade and leave it to the developer and he suggested to have McBade Engineering as inspector.

Ray Gary asked about the status with Cade Water.

Brad Cradeur advised that he has no new update.

Ray Gary complemented Brad Cradeur for recently amicably handling problems with two (2) customers.

Brief discussion was had regarding this matter.

Brad Cradeur was thankful and stated that he feels that this is part of his job as Director.

#### ITEM #8 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Trahan advised the board that the next board meeting would be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 and agenda items would be due by Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

ITEM #9 - ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Ray Gary and seconded by James Sprague that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 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)