

**Board of Commissioners**  
**Waterworks District No. Fourteen of Ward Five**  
**Parish of Calcasieu**  
December 11, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Fourteen of Ward Five, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (the "District") met in Regular Session at the designated meeting place of said District at the Waterworks District 14 of Ward 5 Office, 206 Highway 109 South, Starks, Louisiana, on December 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM with the following members present:

Present: Greg Gillis, President  
Ruth Sparks, Vice-President  
George Miller, Commissioner  
Brian Corbello, Commissioner  
Randy Doyle, Manager

Absent: Jeremy Istre, Commissioner

Guests: Jessica Weber

Devin Granger

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Gillis and the roll called with the above results.

Minutes of the November 13, 2024 regular meeting were read. George Miller moved we accept as read, Brian Corbello seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Four (4)  
Nays: Zero (0)  
Absents: One (1)

Copy of bills given to Commissioners. Ruth Sparks moved and George Miller seconded that we pay outstanding bills. Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Four (4)  
Nays: Zero (0)  
Absents: One (1)

Motion by Brian Corbello to adopt the following Resolution:

*The Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Fourteen of Ward Five approves and adopts amended figures to the following line items of its projected 2024 budget to ensure compliance with Louisiana State law:*

<u>Line item 890</u>	<i>Original Budget</i>	<i>Amended Budget</i>	<i>Change</i>
<i>Per Diem</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>	<i>\$4,800</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>
<i>Social Security</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$300</i>	<i>(\$300)</i>
<i>Professional Services</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>	<i>\$130,000</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Contract Services</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>(\$5,000)</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>\$46,000</i>	<i>\$43,000</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Repair/Maint. Building</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Repair/Maint. Dist. Sys</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$4,900</i>	<i>\$5,100</i>



<i>Repair/Maint. Vehicle</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$1,125</i>	<i>\$1,875</i>
<i>Plant Maintenance</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$600</i>	<i>\$9,400</i>
<i>Communications</i>	<i>\$17,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$7,000</i>
<i>Advertising/Dues</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>\$2,300</i>	<i>\$2,700</i>
<i>Materials/Supplies</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$2,200</i>	<i>(\$200)</i>
<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>\$12,250</i>	<i>\$2,750</i>
<i>Gas/Oil</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$9,500</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Uniforms</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Tools</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Machinery and Equip.</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Tap In Fees</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>\$8,700</i>	<i>\$5,700</i>
<i>NCSC</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$1,800</i>	<i>(\$200)</i>
<i>Misc. Revenues</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>	<i>\$8,500</i>	<i>(\$3,500)</i>
<i>CEA- Other Gov.</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>\$26,800</i>	<i>\$6,800</i>
<i>State Grants- CWEF</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$73,000</i>	<i>\$73,000</i>

*Line item 894*

<i>Interest Income</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$2,600</i>	<i>\$600</i>
<i>Advalorem Taxes</i>	<i>\$85,000</i>	<i>\$76,600</i>	<i>(\$8,400)</i>

Seconded by Ruth Sparks. Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Four (4)  
Nays: Zero (0)  
Absents: One (1)

Motion by George Miller to amend the agenda to include the action item of voting on a Resolution to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury regarding the rate increase of its intergovernmental service charge from 2.5% to 2.75%; seconded by Ruth Sparks.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Four (4)  
Nays: Zero (0)  
Absents: One (1)

Motion by Ruth Sparks to adopt the following Resolution:

*The Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Fourteen of Ward Five, Parish of Calcasieu, wishes to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury regarding the increase of the intergovernmental service charge percentage from 2.5% to 2.75% beginning in year 2025. Further, the Board of Commissioners grants unto its Board President, Greg Gillis, permission to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.*

Seconded by George Miller. Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Four (4)  
Nays: Zero (0)  
Absents: One (1)



Motion by Ruth Sparks to approve the adjustments made by the clerical workers during the month of November, 2024; seconded by Brian Corbello. Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas:	Four (4)
Nays:	Zero (0)
Absents:	One (1)

Having no further business, George Miller moved to adjourn and Brian Corbello seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas:	Four (4)
Nays:	Zero (0)
Absents:	One (1)

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

  
Catherine Barks, Recording Secretary

NOTES: The Board would like to seek Water Sector 2<sup>nd</sup> round funding for the replacement of the water meter system currently in use due to availability and warranty issued; the Board wishes to request the remainder of the ARP funds be used to correct voltage fluctuation issues at the well that cause issues during winter storms, otherwise the Board will proceed with the RR crossing connection; and the Board considered a 15% water rate increase for all categories of customers. The rate increase will be presented to USDA for review and approval prior to the Board's vote.