

KUSHLA WATER DISTRICT MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
March 26, 2024  
Minutes

The 653rd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kushla Water District was held at 4:00pm on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at the Kushla Water District office, 6210 Highway 45, Eight Mile, Alabama.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chairman, Christopher Williams, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Members present were Karen Taylor, Earl Hudson, Nathaniel Cotton, Jennie Reese, and Nannie Rolison. Shane McClain and William Andrews were not present at the board meeting. Non-Members present were Jo Ann Marquis and Chad Hennis.

**INVOCATION:** was led by Earl Hudson

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS/REQUEST:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman, Christopher Williams entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2024, Board Meeting, as written. Earl Hudson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Karen Taylor.

**Web Report:** The Web Report for March 2024 was given to each Board Member.

**STANDING REPORTS:**

**Engineer (Jerry Luker):**

Jerry Luker reported on the Mausap Road project. Once he knows the county has approved the contract for the road work on Mausap Road then we will be able to move forward with W. R. Mitchell (contractor) purchasing all water line materials and start work as the contractor will only have 20 days to complete the Mausap water line relocation project.

**Attorney (Jay Ross):** Jay Ross discussed and answered questions about grant writers and lobbyists with the benefits of having them working for KWD to obtain potential grants and funds. Mr. Ross reported that he addressed two legal matters for KWD.

**Superintendent (Chad Hennis) -- Report of February 2024**

1. Well 3 and 4: 13,450,591 gallons
2. Water sold: 9,764,086 gallons
3. Water loss: 4.4%
4. Service Cost: \$2.52 per 1000 gallons
5. Service Leaks: 11301 Roberts Road  
4123 Aba Dr
6. Number of Work Orders Completed: 83
7. Number of AL811 Locates: 30
8. All Bact-samples: Coliform Absent

**Secretary/Bookkeeper**

- Profit and Loss Report for February 29, 2024, was given to each Board Member.

Christopher Williams, Chairman, ask the Board to accept the Profit and Loss Report ending February 29, 2024, as printed. Nathaniel Cotton made a motion to accept the Profit and Loss ending February 29, 2024, as printed and Karen Taylor seconded the motion.

**Finance Committee Chairman (Earl Hudson):**

- No movement of CD's in February 2024

**Office Assistant (Susan Rodgers) – Report of February 2024**

- Number of customers billed 02/01/2024: 2177 – \$66,482.85
- Number of payments received 02/01-02/29/2024: 2510- \$94,675.20
- Number of accounts with Late Penalty 02/16/2024: 429 - \$4,310.76
- Number of Bank Check payments received: 175 - \$6,713.98
- Number of Cash payments received: 382 - \$17,868.85
- Number of Credit Card/On Line payments: 766 - \$39,328.92
- Number of Delinquent/Locked Accounts: 27
- Number of Paid/Unlocked: 19

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- Christopher Williams, Chairman, stated Jerry Luker, Engineer had already reported earlier in his Engineer's report on the Mausap Road project –water line relocation.
- Chad Hennis, Superintendent, reported no updates on the erosion occurring around our water lines on Rudolph Gallash Road.

Earl Hudson, Nathaniel Cotton, and Shane McClain (on phone) presented reports on water rate increase and pay increase for employees.

- Shane McClain spoke over the phone to the Board about the detailed reports passed out to them on KWD water use and service rates with recommendations on changes that need to be made to the rates.
- Shane McClain then spoke over the phone on the report of a pay increase for employees for 2024.

Christopher Williams, Chairman, stated that the Board would review the reports presented by the committee on the water use and service rates along with the pay raise increase for employees and at the next meeting in April we would discuss and vote.

- Christopher Williams, Chairman, stated the selling of water to other systems would be tabled until we obtained all information we need to know from all parties that would be involved.
- Chairman, Christopher Williams, addressed the Board stating Jay Ross addressed earlier in meeting on grant writers and lobbyists. He stated the Board would discuss and vote on a lobbyist and/or grant writer for KWD.
- Committee Reports-

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- Discussion of collection fees to Saraland –  
After discussion, Christopher Williams, Chairman stated the sewer service collection fees to Saraland would be left as is due to the contract term not ending until March 31, 2025, and at that time would review and see about possible increase to the sewer service collection fees to Saraland.  
Christopher Williams, Chairman discussed the fees for the fire hydrants servicing in Saraland and questioned the number of fire hydrants. It was decided to table the discussion on the fire hydrants until next month.

Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting was made by Nathaniel Cotton. The motion was seconded by Karen Taylor and approved by the Board.

I, Jo Ann Marquis, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate report of the meeting of Kushla Water District Board of Directors held on March 26, 2024.

Jo Ann Marquis  
Jo Ann Marquis, Secretary/Bookkeeper

4/15/2024  
Date