

KUSHLA WATER DISTRICT MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 25, 2024
Minutes

The 656th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kushla Water District was held at 4:00pm on Tuesday, June 25, 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, Jennie Reese, and William Andrews. Nathaniel Cotton and Nannie Rolison 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:

Sherrel Smith spoke on her mother Lizzie Brown's behalf asking the Board for a reduction on her mother's large water bill that was due to a leak or what the Board could do to help her mother's situation. Christopher Williams, Chairman, stated he would contact her to discuss what could be worked out.

Mac Hart addressed the Board concerning the issue of getting water to his property. Christopher Williams, Chairman, stated Chad Hennis, superintendent along with Jerry Luker and Jay Ross would look into it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman, Christopher Williams entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2024, Board Meeting, as written. Earl Hudson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Karen Taylor. The Board were all in favor of the approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2024, Board Meeting.

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

STANDING REPORTS:

Engineer (Jerry Luker): See Addendum -- Engineer's Report. Topics listed in report were the Mausap Road project with the waterline relocation completed, reported permit application at 7660 Highway 45 is with ALDOT and expect permit back in the next week or so, and reported on the ARPA Funds with a report due to the County by July 3, 2024.

Attorney (Jay Ross): Jay Ross reported that there are no legal matters to address at this time.

Superintendent (Chad Hennis) -- Report of May 2024

1. Well 3 and 4: 19,467,054 gallons
2. Water sold: 13,514,288 gallons
3. Water loss: 3.5%
4. Service Cost: \$3.10 per 1000 gallons
5. Service Leaks: 8625 Chunchula Georgetown Rd
5595 Dogwood Trail
6525 Hwy 45
8405 Hwy 45
7383 Fir Dr
6. Number of Work Orders Completed: 74
7. Number of AL811 Locates: 56
8. All Bact-samples: Coliform Absent

Secretary/Bookkeeper

- Profit and Loss Report for May 31, 2024, was given to each Board Member.

Christopher Williams, Chairman, ask the Board to accept the Profit and Loss Report ending May 31, 2024, as printed. Jennie Reese made a motion to accept the Profit and Loss ending May 31, 2024, as printed and William Andrews seconded the motion. The Board were all in favor to accept the Profit and Loss ending May 31, 2024, as printed.

Auditor: 2022-2023 Audit Report – Deborah Hodges - Prichard, Dewberry & Hodges, CPA Motion to accept 2022-2023 Audit as presented was made by Earl Hudson. The motion was seconded by Jennie Reese and William Andrews. The Board were all in favor to accept the 2022-2023 Audit as presented. Deborah Hodges stated that the Audit 2022-2023 would be available to KWD in a few weeks.

Finance Committee Chairman (Earl Hudson):

- Renewal of CD (1055.10) \$190,495.92 @ 5.00% 12 months -June 6, 2025.
Reported CD (#1055.11) would be renewing on August 4, 2024.

Office Assistant (Susan Rodgers) – Report of May 2024

- Number of customers billed 05/01/2024: 2191 – \$73,037.65
- Number of payments received 05/01-05/31/2024: 2447- \$85,685.98
- Number of accounts with Late Penalty 05/16/2024: 352 - \$2,931.42
- Number of Bank Check payments received: 177 - \$7,561.63
- Number of Cash payments received: 340 - \$11,633.95
- Number of Credit Card/On Line payments: 787 - \$33,427.47
- Number of Delinquent/Locked Accounts: 2
- Number of Paid/Unlocked: 1

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 being completed.
- Chad Hennis, Superintendent, reported no updates on the erosion occurring around our water lines on Rudolph Gallash Road.

- Proposed water use and service rate increases:

Commercial Rates

Remove ¾” service from commercial rates.

Increase commercial meter installation: 1” service \$2,200

1 ½” service \$3,200

Increase commercial base rates: 1” service \$50.40

1 ½” service \$62.40

2” service \$134.40

Increase commercial rates per thousand: 1” service \$6.00/thousand

1 ½” service \$6.00/thousand

2” service \$6.00/thousand

Residential Rates

Increase residential meter installation: ¾” service \$1,300

1” service \$2,200

1 ½” service \$3,200

Increase residential base rates: ¾” service \$17.85

1” service \$44.10

1 ½” service \$54.60

2” service \$117.60

Increase residential rates per thousand: ¾” service \$4.95/thousand

1” service \$4.95/thousand

1 ½” service \$4.95/thousand

2” service \$4.95/thousand

Christopher Williams, Chairman, entertain a motion to approve the proposed water use and service rate increases as a package. William Andrews made a motion to approve the water use and service rate increases package as proposed. Earl Hudson seconded the motion and the Board approved the water and service rate increase package.

Karen Taylor made a motion for the new rates to go into effect August 1, 2024. William Andrews seconded the motion of effective August 1, 2024 of the new rates.

- 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.
- Discussion of lobbyist and grant writer: Chairman, Christopher Williams, addressed the Board stating would table for discussion until a later meeting.
- Collection fees to Saraland on Fire Hydrants—Christopher Williams, Chairman, stated Jerry Luker and Chad Hennis, superintendent, working on obtaining the exact number of fire hydrants and discuss at upcoming board meeting.
- Committee Reports-
William Andrews requested more time to research and investigate to complete report on updating KWD security system and present to the Board at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

A motion was made by Earl Hudson and seconded by William Andrews to enter into Executive Session. Christopher Williams, Chairman, called for a roll call vote from the Board to enter into Executive Session.

Karen Taylor, Earl Hudson, Jennie Reese, and William Andrews voted yes to go into Executive Session. The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:30 PM and ended at 5:47 PM with a motion by Karen Taylor to come out of Executive Session and Earl Hudson seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Earl Hudson for the Family leave policy to be amended and adopted effective June 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Jennie Reese and approved by the Board. The Family leave policy amended and adopted by the Board effective June 26, 2024.

Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting was made by Earl Hudson. 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 June 25, 2024.

Jo Ann Marquis
Jo Ann Marquis, Secretary/Bookkeeper

7/22/2024
Date