

APPROVED MINUTES

Utilities Board Meeting

Council Chambers, Daphne City Hall & April 24, 2024 & 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The regular April 2024 Board meeting for the Utilities Board of the City of Daphne was held on April 24, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Daphne City Hall and called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Chairwoman Selena Vaughn, followed by the Roll Call:

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Selena Vaughn, Chairwoman

Tim Patton, Vice Chairman

Billy Mayhand, Secretary/Treasurer Mayor Robin LeJeune, Board Member

Councilman Joel Coleman, Board Member - arrived at 5:06pm

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jerry Speegle – Board Attorney

Scott Polk - General Manager

Bobby Purvis - Operations Manager

Alex Godfrey - Administrative Services Manager

Lori Wilson – Executive Assistant Lexus Carlee – Finance Manager

Samantha Coppels - Communications Manager

Others Absent:

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairwoman led the Board and meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Minutes

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The Chairwoman requested any additions, corrections, or deletions for the submitted minutes of the regular Daphne Utilities Board meeting of March 27, 2024.

With no additions, deletions or corrections, the Chairwoman declared that the submitted minutes of the regular Daphne Utilities Board meeting of March 27, 2024, would stand approved.

v. OLD BUSINESS –

A. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Resolution 2024-01 – Resolution to Adopt and Approve the MWPP (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention) Program for 2024 (Board Action – RESOLUTION)

Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Scott Polk announced that this resolution is part of the annual report that is submitted to ADEM for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention program, noting that the highlights are included in the board book but the actual report is more extensive, the program has been reviewed by staff and engineers and no issues were discovered.

Mr. Patton did point out one typographical error which was noted and would be corrected by staff.

MOTION by Vice Chairman Tim Patton to approve Resolution 2024-01 to adopt and approve the MWPP (Municipal Water Pollution Prevention program for 2024; Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Billy Mayhand.

AYE: Coleman, LeJeune, Mayhand, Patton NAY: ABSENT: ABSTAIN: Vaughn MOTION CARRIED

VII. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Board Attorney Jerry Speegle had nothing further to report for this month.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Manager Lexus Carlee reviewed for the Board: total assets, revenue for the year, metered services, except for natural gas, were over budget, year-to-date revenue current under projections; she gave the explanation for the natural gas revenues under budget; expenses under budget. She concluded with a clarification of the monthly cash payments.

IX. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. GM Report

General Manager Scott Polk updated the Board members on: the Rehab of Well #2 (#15), cleaning up some submissions at ADEM's request; the demolition of the Malbis Storage Water Tank delays and possible suggestions for the debris to be used for an art sculpture by local artist Bruce Larsen; completion of the gas line hook-up for the back-up generator at the WRF in preparation for hurricane season; completion of the Trojan elevated water storage tank project; explanation of the EPA's final drinking water standards for PFAS; and lastly, clarified the recent Standard and Poors Global Ratings analytical error in their assessments of municipal utilities.

Samantha Coppels advised of recent media coverage regarding the Malbis tank and Daphne Utilities staff involvement with the Chamber of Commerce's STEP (student training exploration program) students offering insight into working in the utilities industry.

B. Operations Report

Mr. Bobby Purvis offered to answer questions regarding his submitted report and updated the board on a few projects: 9 of 12 lift station upgrades have been completed; purchase order had been released on smart meters and awaiting the delivery; purchased equipment listed on the budget that included a track-lift, 4 trucks, the automatic transfer switch for the large

generator at the WRF is not expected to be received until mid-2025, the WRF software had been completed, 12 by-pass connections and suction pipes had also been installed; lastly a sod-cutter had been purchased. He answered questions regarding the Utilities' assistance at the Justice Center project.

- C. Engineering & Consulting Reports nothing to add to the submitted reports
- X. BOARD ACTION previously addressed.
- XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Chairwoman Vaughn opened Public Participation at 5:26 pm. With no participants the Chairwoman closed Public Participation at 5:26 pm.

XII. BOARD COMMENTS -

Councilman Joel Coleman apologized for running a bit late.

Mr. Billy Mayhand had no comment.

Mr. Tim Patton gave kudos to everyone and commented on getting prepared for hurricane season. Mayor LeJeune had no comment.

Chairwoman Vaughn congratulated Mr. Tim Patton on his first grandchild.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional comments, the Chairwoman Vaughn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Billy Mayhand made the Motion to Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.

Preceding minutes submitted to the Daphne Utilities Board by:

Loit Wilson, Executive Assistant, Daphne Utilities