

# **APPROVED MINUTES**

# **Utilities Board Meeting**

# Council Chambers, Daphne City Hall \* February 26, 2025 \* 5:00 p.m.

# I. Call to Order

The regular February 2025 Board meeting for the Utilities Board of the City of Daphne was held on February 26, 2025, in the Council Chambers at Daphne City Hall and called to order at 5:00 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 Councilman Joel Coleman, Board Member
Members Absent:	Mayor Robin LeJeune, Board Member
Others Present:	Jerry Speegle – Board Attorney – arrived at 5:01pm Scott Polk – CEO/General Manager Lexus Carlee – Chief Finance Officer Alex Godfrey – Chief Information Officer Samantha Coppels –Chief Communications Officer Lori Wilson – Executive Assistant Kelly DeLaney - Customer Service Manager
Others Absent:	Bobby Purvis – Chief Operations Officer

# III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Jerry Speegle arrived at 5:01pm.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes

# Utilities Board Meeting Minutes January 29, 2025

The Chairwoman requested any additions, corrections, or deletions for the submitted minutes of the regular Daphne Utilities Board meeting of January 29, 2025.

With no additions, deletions or corrections, the Chairwoman declared that the submitted minutes of the regular Daphne Utilities Board meeting of January 29, 2025, would stand approved.

# V. OLD BUSINESS -

A. None

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS -

#### A. None

# VII. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Speegle had nothing to add to his submitted report and offered to answer questions.

#### **VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Finance Manager Lexus Carlee highlighted for the Board: increase in total assets, revenue, expenses, and total net income on track to meet annual budget, spending has slowed and awaiting arrival of invoices.

# **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

# A. GM Report

CEO/GM Scott Polk reported to the Board regarding: project at Pollard Road and CR64, the WRF 20-year plan initial draft task order to move forward with moving to a 33% engineered solution and awaiting Board comments, the rehab of Well #15 project continues to have issues with inaccurate flows, the repair is complete on the 15" gravity main break at Tiawasse Creek with stream restoration underway, evaluating implementing a new alert system to eventually replace the Everbridge alert system, problems that developed with the Maple Street Biscuit Company, receipt and review of the two new GOMESA grants for installation of six permanent natural gas bypasses at critical lift stations, update information of Summer Oaks development by Adams Homes and that private sewer system, and lastly notification that Belforest Water is increasing their rates 25%.

# **B.** Operations Report

Chief Operations Officer Alex Godfrey stated that Mr. Polk covered much of his report and offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

Chairwoman Vaughn inquired about what is needed from the Board for the next step on the long-term plan; Tim Patton stated that he would meet with Scott Polk to review and discuss and that it would be back before the Board next month. Mr. Polk advised that he reviewed the task order last week before sending to the Board members and because it is over \$100,000, the Board would have to approve the purchase for the ability to move forward with that and any questions the Board would have, the engineering firm is agreeable to coming to a board meeting and answering any questions. Mr. Patton requested as much clarification as possible. Mr. Polk noted that he would send a revised task order and have it available to be voted on at the next board meeting.

- C. Engineering & Consulting Reports nothing to add to the submitted reports
- IX. BOARD ACTION previously addressed.
- **X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** At 5:22pm, Chairwoman Vaughn opened and closed public participation noting that there was no participation.

# XI. BOARD COMMENTS -

Mr. Tim Patton commented on the board book and appreciated all the pictures. Councilman Joel Coleman complimented how well the reports are organized. Mr. Billy Mayhand had no comments. Chairwoman Vaughn expressed her excitement regarding the "Daupler" project.

## 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 5:23 pm.

Preceding minutes submitted to the Daphne Utilities Board by: