

1. Call to Order. To make up for the postponed August 19 regular Board meeting, the September 2 PWA Regular Board meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Board President Charln Stewart. Board directors in attendance were Carl Jeanise, Charln Stewart, Bub Sepulvado, Gloria Thompson and Jerry Burnaman. Also, present were Board Treasurer Tina Barrett and Board Secretary Tony Laska. Mike Stewart and Mike Meyer, Board Advisors, were also in attendance.
2. Proof of notice of meeting was confirmed. A motion to include an Executive Session after adjournment and then to set the agenda was approved following a motion by Gloria Thompson, seconded by Carl Jeanise.
3. The July 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written following a motion by Gloria Thompson, seconded by Carl Jeanise.
4. PWA Board President Charln Stewart thanked the guests in attendance for their interest and participation. She reminded attendees that time for comments is reserved for the end of the meeting, that speakers need to sign up at the registration table, and time is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

5. Directors' Reports

President:

- Recall Petition Report. Charln Stewart reported that our attorney's opinion stated that there were insufficient signatures on the actual petition to make the petition valid. Further, she spoke with a number of people who had signed the petition and were under the impression that this was a petition opposing sale of Toledo Bend water to Texas investors. She had to call Larry Rice out of order for interruption of the meeting.
- In response to unfounded claims that misrepresented the Board's actions, Charln Stewart read the summary document Claims vs. Facts in its entirety.
- Nominations for the upcoming Board election were complete and there are 7 eligible and willing candidates. Don Gauthier was called out of order for interrupting the proceedings. Deputy Sheriffs called for calm in the room. Some attendees claimed that some members did not receive nomination forms in the mail. Since the mailing went to the same address as bills there's no simple explanation for this.
- Ballots will be mailed out this week with very specific instructions aimed at getting the greatest number of valid votes. Each member is entitled to one ballot per meter, voting for a maximum of two candidates. The ballots will be counted by 3 individuals and certified by the Secretary.
- Gloria Thompson reported on the evaluation to repurpose the Water Sector Grant that was awarded to PWA. One option being evaluated as part of long-term planning includes a 12-inch line connection with Many at their Matthews Lodge Road plant. This will benefit both systems. A significant part of the effort to reinstate the grant includes a review of the rate study which based future population changes on statewide data. Because this suggested a gradual decline in population, and other inaccurate factors were used, the higher figure of a 51% increase was called for. In contrast, the PWA service area is registering a growth in population which should not need such a high rate increase to meet requirements of the grant. State Senator Reese will present PWA's observations to the State's committee in charge of the grant process.

Treasurer:

- Current and comparative financials had been distributed by PW Treasurer Tina Barrett. Revenue for the month was higher than estimated but overall, it was a small amount down. Cost of repairs can be expected to continue to increase due to aging equipment that has been insufficiently maintained for years. Cash is at \$66K.
- With a motion by Gloria Thompson, seconded by Bub Sepulvado, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

LRWA:

- With decades of experience, Rusty Reeves, representing the Louisiana Rural Water Association, pointed out the necessity of cooperation among members and the Board if members want to have PWA succeed in remaining independent. He described the example of a system that serves 1,100 members that used two grants and a loan to make essential improvements. Work must be completed and the funds spent within a set period of time. PWA's \$1.8 M grant was authorized in 2022 and scheduled to be spent by December 2026. Work depends on availability of contractors, and their cost goes up as their availability decreases.

6. Operator's Report

- Cenla generated a report for August that was distributed at the meeting. Charln Stewart read a summary prepared by Cenla of problems encountered and improvements made on the operation during the past month. Many deficiencies were discovered, some of which were on the verge of leading to plant failure.
- PWA purchased 6.2 million gallons of raw water from SRA at \$1000.59 and sold a total of 2.1 million gallons in July.
- Five new meters were installed; six leaks were repaired and response completed on site for three complaints.

7. New Business / Membership comments

- The Board responded to public comments by 9 members and committed to following up as needed.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:40 P.M.
- The next regular meeting of the PWA Board will be at the Toledo Town Venue on September 16th.