

**MADE A PUBLIC NOTICE EBARB WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2020**

Ebarb Waterworks District held its regular monthly meeting on July 9, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at the office on hwy 191. President, P.M. Woods called the meeting to order. Members present were P.M. Woods, Donald Garcie and Pete Nugent. Robert Conyer was absent. Benny Garcie passed away. Gilbert Limon, Operator/Manager, was also present.

Pete made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 regular meeting and Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Pete made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 special call meeting and Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

The board acknowledged Mr. Eugene Fremaux. They discussed this year's audit and there was one finding about the reserve account, but it was fully funded by the beginning of 2020 and it was a very good audit overall, the best yet.

There was no reason to amend the agenda.

Pete made a motion to pay the approved monthly bills and Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

There was no attorneys report at this time.

The president expressed sincere condolences for the loss of fellow member Benny Garcie, He was an exceptional board member. There was discussion about potential candidates to fill the vacant spot.

The operator presented the quotes for the generator the health department is requiring to be installed at the Negreet booster station.

Pete made a motion to purchase the Generac generator from AARCO Power Systems. Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

The board told Gilbert he needed to get quotes for installation of the generator.

Pete made a motion to put a plaque that says in memory of Benny Garcie on the generator when we get it installed. Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Old business to be discussed was that we needed to advertise for bids for drilling the new well.

Pete made a motion to put the ad in the paper about the bids for drilling the new well. Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

They discussed the lawsuit involving Grandview Estates and Gilbert stated that the insurance attorney had come out to get the information and that they were working on it.

They discussed the new contract with Sabine Water, that we were still waiting on Sabines attorney to contact our attorney as of today, so it hasn't been completed yet.

New business to be discussed the was the contract with LaMATS Debt recovery service. It's a service that collects debts and asses the fee to the debtor and it has to be renewed yearly.

Pete made a motion to pass the resolution to assess a collection fee on debts referred to a collection agency for debt recovery. Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Pete made a motion to enter into agreement with LaMATS Debt Recovery Service. Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Pete made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

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#### RESOLUTION BY EBARB WATERWORKS DISTRICT TO ASSESS A COLLECTION FEE ON DEBTS REFERRED TO A COLLECTION AGENCY

A resolution establishing that Ebarb Waterworks District authorizes the assessment of a collection fee on debts, accounts receivable, costs, fines and fees turned over to a collection agency.

WHEREAS, the board of directors recognizes that there are certain debts and accounts on which the district has been unable to collect funds due;

WHEREAS, The board of directors recognizes that there are certain fines, costs and fees ordered by the district which remain outstanding;

WHEREAS, the board of directors recognizes that as the governing authority for Ebarb Waterworks District, there exists a duty to exercise due diligence in collecting public funds;

WHEREAS, The board of directors recognizes that district is authorized by state law to contract a collection agency for the collection of one or more of the following items:

1. Debts and accounts receivable including but not limited to, unpaid utility fees, penalties, interest and other sums due the district, as applicable; or
2. Court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed to satisfy a monetary obligation ordered by the court,

WHEREAS, the board of directors recognizes that a collection fee will be required to obtain the services of a collection agency to collect these sums, and desires to assess such a fee;

WHEREAS, in case any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of said resolution, but the same shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this resolution which validates or makes legal any provision there of shall be deemed to apply hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT NOTED by the board of directors of Ebarb Waterworks District, State of Louisiana, in legal and regular and/or special session, acting as the "Governing Authority" of said district, adopt the following resolution.

BE IT NOTED, by the board of directors of Ebarb Waterworks District:

SECTION II; The district hereby assesses a collection fee in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the delinquent district debt when Ebarb Waterworks District has entered into a contract with the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau ("LaMATS) for collection of the above listed items. This fee will be added to all sums submitted to the collection agency regardless of age.

SECTION III BE IT FURTHER NOTED THAT ALL Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED on the \_\_9TH\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_JULY\_\_\_\_\_2020.

NOTICE PUBLISHED on the \_\_15TH\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_JULY\_\_\_\_\_2020.

The final adoption of the foregoing resolution having been duly moved and seconded, the roll was called, and the following votes were taken and recorded:

YEAS: \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_

There being a favorable vote on the resolution of at least a majority of the authorized members of the Governing Authority, the resolution was declared adopted on this

\_\_9\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_JULY\_\_\_\_\_2020.

\_\_\_\_\_ PM WOODS \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_ GILBERTO LIMON \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER