

**Water Works District No. 2
St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana**

**Board of Waterworks Commissioners Meeting
Water District No. 2 Office, Hwy. 36, Covington, LA**

January 12, 2026– 5:00 p.m.

Staff Present: Julie Williams – General Manager
Jessica Puckett – Office Manager
Grady Thigpen – Field Supervisor

Board Present: Benjamin Martino – President
Pierre Fabre – Vice President
Lorraine Saba – Secretary/Treasurer
Sarah Holzhalb – Board Member
Monique Stubbs – Board Member

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Benjamin Martino.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 8, 2025 meeting were read. Motion to approve them was made by Monique Stubbs and seconded by Pierre Fabre.

Bank Balances: Bank balances for the month ending December 31, 2025 were read by Lorraine Saba.

Julie Williams spoke:

Profit & Loss: There was nothing out of the ordinary on our Profit & Loss Report. Our Revenue looks good at 2.50% increase with a 1.87% increase of Total Expenditures. A Final Budget Comparison will be completed for next meeting.

Water Loss: Water loss slightly increased to 14.78%.

Servline – NLC Service Line Warranty Program: No additional information has been received from the Servline representative.

Town of Abita: Interconnect to our water main by the Town of Abita will not happen. They are going with Utilities, Inc. to provide them with water.

St. Tammany Parish Meeting: There was a meeting of St. Tammany Parish taxing bodies to see who operates off of the millage they receive. Some need a bigger share of the Ad Valorem Property Tax money. It was suggested that other

entities help them out by taking a smaller share than they are now receiving. However, Julie said that our ad valorem money is specifically for bond payback. She noted that voters had approved it for that reason.

Ben then explained that there is a taxing body shortfall of \$40M with the Criminal Justice System. He said there could be layoffs or possibly courthouse and jailhouse closings one day a week. He will attend the School Board Meeting – the largest taxing body -- and get more information.

Grady Thigpen spoke: Grady said the parish is marking lines and digging ditches on Artesian. They cracked one of our water lines, so we dug it up and put a clamp on it. He also said the last 4-inch meter was finally put in with the backflow at The Trace Senior Community. Julie added that the builder for Adoration Place Subdivision (formerly Robindale Phase 3) called her about starting construction of 20 new homes on Manor St off of Plantation St. Eventually, that means 20 new customers.

No further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Monique Stubbs and seconded by Pierre Fabre.

Submitted by: Lorraine Saba

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