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BMWS Board Meeting **February 16, 2023**

Board Members in Attendance:

Darren Green, President
Paula Skipper, VP
Shelly Crawford

Members in Attendance:

Claude Williams - Operator
Kim Buckingham – Office Manager

Absent

Casandra Ritter – minutes sent 2.22.23

Minutes from last meeting – accepted Shelly Crawford – 2nd Darren Green

Voted on **Board Member** replacement for George Crosby – Shevon Harris – Owner of The Package Store – All in favor. Motion to accept – Darren Green, 2nd Shelly Crawford

New Computer – cost will be between \$800 and \$1,000. Current computer is 5 years old and starting to run slow. With the potential of new programs, it was decided that an upgrade was needed. Darren made motion to accept – Claude 2nd. Computer purchased 2.17.23 \$938.81

New **Louisiana Department of Health** (LDH) Grade Rule Checklist – the responsibility around the new checklist were discussed. Also, that Board members would help improve our score by attending Management Classes. First one that is close is in Rayville in May. I will watch to see if Delhi is going to put one on before then – or we can see if anyone would like to attend the one in Rayville.

Grants – we have been awarded two – \$34,600 (CWEF) & \$370,000 (WSP)

The motion has been made (Shelly Crawford – Darren Green 2nd) to hold another Board meeting when Glen Turner of MML&H (Engineering Firm responsible for the WSP Grant) can meet with us and discuss our plan going forward. Topics discussed: Rate Increase, handling of both grants, and next steps.

This is an exciting time for BMWS and the need to get the members on board is a necessity. The aging of our current equipment and the availability of new technology will help our system be sustainable for many more years to come.

Current Salaries – The only salary addressed at this time was the Office Manager. Others will be tabled until the next board meeting.

Meter Reader - \$ 10,800 – received \$50/month last year

Chlorine Monitor - \$ 12,624– keep at same

Operator - \$ 12,960 – did not receive an increase

Office Manager - \$ 16,560 – received increase last year from \$15,000 to \$16,560. Discussion / proposal \$120 per month increase to my Health Insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45. Darren Green made the motion to accept and Paula Skipper 2nd the motion.