

Approved

Pendleton Water Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2026, 5:00 PM  
Sabine Council on Aging  
29275 Highway 191, Many, LA, 71449

### **Call to Order**

The monthly meeting of Pendleton Water Association was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Al Drewett. He gave the opening prayer.

### **Roll Call**

The following board members were present:

Al Drewett, President  
Homer Miller, Vice President  
Jerry Burnaman, Director  
Becky Sepulvado, Treasurer  
Gwen Peterson, Secretary

A quorum was established.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Jerry Burnaman proposed a motion to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on February 16, 2026. Homer Miller seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Becky Sepulvado moved to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting scheduled for March 9, 2026. Jerry Burnaman seconded the motion, which was also carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ned Goodeaux inquired about the possibility of preparing a financial report that compares year-to-date performance to the 2025 budget. A comprehensive discussion ensued. It was recommended that the report be streamlined and compared to a proposed budget. Becky Sepulvado indicated that if she had a comprehensive list of required data, she would consult with the CPA firm.

## **President's Report**

President Drewett informed the members that the board convened and voted to authorize the employment of M&M Environmental to operate the plant, thereby saving the PWA approximately \$5,000 per month. EOM has contributed to the production of a superior quality of water. With the transition to the new company, the expectation is that the same quality will be maintained.

The Board is diligently researching funding sources and has submitted a Water Sector Grant. Applicants will be notified of the grant's approval or denial by October 2026.

Proposed improvements include:

- \* Adding a primary clarifier
- \* Installing variable frequency drives (VFDs) for the intake pump
- \* Replacing the antiquated filter control panel and filter control valves
- \* Extending the overflow pipe on the elevated water storage tank
- \* Blasting and re-coating the tank
- \* Repairing leaks
- \* Replacing the 4-inch line running east of LA 6 with an 8-inch main line
- \* Boring new pipes through the crossings on Toledo Bend "fingers"
- \* Other improvements

The Pendleton Water Association (PWA) is currently collaborating with the adjacent Ebarb Waterworks District to mutually fund an emergency interconnection between the two systems, thereby enhancing system reliability.

The Board is evaluating the application process for a capital outlay grant, which must be submitted during the current legislative session.

Gwen Peterson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Becky Sepulvado. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

