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Pendleton Water Association Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 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 5:03 PM by President Al Drewett.

Roll Call

The following board members were present:

Al Drewett, President
Homer Miller, Vice President
Jerry Burnaman, Director
Gwen Peterson, Secretary
Becky Sepulvado (absent)

A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

After Prayer, Jerry Burnaman moved to approve the Minutes of Special Meetings February 9, 2026 and February 12, 2026; seconded by Homer Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Recognition of Membership

President expressed his appreciation to all members who attended the meeting to stay informed about the activities of the Pendleton Water Association (PWA). He further emphasized that all suggestions are valued.

President's Report

Operator's Report was received from EOM after 4:00 PM today. Copies will be available for distribution at a later date upon request.

Al Drewett, President, stated it is the intent of the PWA Board to represent each member of the association to the best of our ability, have good quality water, and to maintain control of the plant.

A grant has been submitted to secure funding for needed projects without raising water rates.

The board is securing bids from companies to operate the plant. One bid has been received from Waggoner, Bossier City, and a pending bid from M&M Environmental, Lake Charles, LA.

One contentious issue surrounding M&M's involves the potential appointment of Tony Ferrell and Jennifer Savell as probationary operators under Mike Fontenot, the Level 4 operator. Ferrell's primary responsibility would be to ensure the production of high-quality water, with no management duties.

Things that have been accomplished recently by the board: PWA had 2 bank accounts— income and expense. These have been combined into one account in order to prevent a bank fee for NSF checks.

The Louisiana Department of Health has notified the Pendleton Water Association (PWA) that the vent on the ground storage tank requires replacement. Bids have been solicited for this project, and a local fabricator has been selected to construct the vent.

The board is deliberating on the hiring of a plant manager. A comprehensive job description outlining the duties and responsibilities of the position must be drafted. This task cannot be completed until the specifics of the operations contract are finalized.

The board will continue to investigate strategies to minimize operating expenses without compromising the quality of water.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Jerry Burnaman, seconded by Homer Miller. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.