

## ***Project History***

- June 2008 Rep. Dorothy Sue Hill was contacted to try to get help for a community water system. Mrs. Hill contacted Mr. Rusty Reeves with the La. Rural Water Association. Mr. Reeves came to Merryville the next day. He discussed options available to us and suggested we call a community meeting to find out if there was enough interest in such a project.
- February 2009 A public meeting was held at Macedonia Church Dining Hall to discuss the need for a public water system. Residents who were in attendance agreed that it is something that has been needed for years. Volunteers signed up to serve on the Board of Directors.
- June 2009 Water District was created by Police Jury.
- July 2009 The first Board of Directors of Beau. Parish Waterworks District No. 6 was sworn in by Beau. Parish Clerk of Court, Mr. Brian Lestage.
- February 2010 Sent letter to USDA requesting permission to perform a household income survey for the district to demonstrate that it would qualify for the 75% grant threshold.
- April 2010 Request to perform income survey is approved by USDA subject to conditions.
- May 2010 G.O. Bond millage & O&M millage is approved by voters.
- August 2010 Received an email from USDA clarifying that “per recent National Office guidance” the 75% grant would not be available for the construction of a new water system unless we could document that it would be eliminating a public health threat such as contamination of residential wells. **This change left a hole in our funding plan that we have been trying to fill ever since.**
- November 2010 Submitted State Capital Outlay Request for State funding assistance in the amount of \$1,150,000 in an attempt to fill the hole left from not qualifying for the USDA 75% grant.
- June 2011 Submitted Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) & Environmental Report (ER) to USDA
- October 2011 Received response from USDA with their comments. Most important comment addressed securing the additional funds needed from another

source. Total available funds = \$2,835,470. **Total additional funds needed = \$1,115,000.**

November 2012	State bond commission approves \$25,000 in State Capital Outlay funding.
November 2013	State bond commission approves additional State Capital Outlay funding bringing the total to \$1,125,000. \$1,100,000 of these funds were approved as a Non-Cash Line of Credit, meaning that the funds are not yet available for use.
January 2014	Submitted revised PER and ER to USDA.
April 2014	Completed construction of \$62,000 construction contract to extend water lines from the Town of Merryville along US 190 to the area of Eaves Loop. Project was funded using Community Water Enrichment Funds.
September 2014	Received response from USDA regional office with their comments on the revised PER and ER.
October 2014	Submitted revised PER & ER to USDA.
February 2015	Received response from USDA state office with their comments on the revised PER & ER.
July 2015	Submitted revised PER to USDA.
August 2015	USDA approved PER and issued a "Letter of Conditions".
December 2015	State Capital Outlay Funding in the form of Cash increased from \$25,000 to \$170,500. Remaining funding in the form of a Non-Cash Line of Credit.
March 2016	Wrote letter to Governor requesting that our State Capital Outlay funding be moved from a Non-Cash Line of Credit to Cash to allow us to move forward with the project.
June 2016	Began collecting deposits and signing up customers.
November 2016	Completed construction of \$98,000 construction contract to extend water along US 190 to serve the Junction Grocery. Project was funded using a portion of the State Capital Outlay Cash funding.
February 2017	Wrote letter to Governor requesting that our State Capital Outlay funding be moved from a Non-Cash Line of Credit to Cash to allow us to move forward with the project.

- March 2017 Received bids on \$70,000 construction contract to extend water along Bennett Pit Rd. Project to be funded using the remainder of the State Capital Outlay Cash funding along with funding from the Community Water Enrichment Fund.
- April 2017 Submitted completed plans and specifications for the remainder of our overall project to both USDA & State Facility Planning to demonstrate that we are ready to go to construction as soon as State Capital Outlay funds are moved to Cash.
- June 2017 Beauregard Parish Police Jury submitted a funding application on our behalf to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for \$755,700 to fund construction of the portion of our system that would benefit those residents on the west side of LA 111 on Eli Field Rd. and Mouth of the Creek Rd. that flooded in 2016.