

MAYES COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 10, 2023

The regular monthly board meeting of Rural Water District #2, Mayes County, Oklahoma was held at the District Office. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Coblentz at 7:30 p.m.

Quorum was established – Members present: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin.

Members late: None.

Members left early: None.

Members absent: None.

Employees present: Christopher Neel, Ryann Rotert, Tommy Rotert, Kathy Waggoner, Dylan Adair, and John Waggoner.

Visitors present: None

A motion was made by Johnny Diacon and seconded by Travis Mahurin to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023, meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Amos Allen and seconded by Johnny Diacon to approve June bills check numbers 20611-20638 plus 16 bills to be paid online, July payroll and postage in the amount of \$183,732.46. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by Johnny Diacon to approve new BU#s 3056, 3057, 3058, 3059, 3060 and 1775. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Dale Yoder and seconded by Johnny Diacon to approve the following benefit unit transfers: BU#s 1092, 1395, and 19-B. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Johnny Diacon to acknowledge the Voluntary Surrender of BU# 2734 by Regina Jinks. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Cobb to approve the transfer of \$20,000.00 from BancFirst to the Revenue Fund. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Michael Southern and seconded by Johnny Diacon to pass the OOWA rate increase of \$0.05 per thousand gallons on to customers, effective for the July usage (August billing). The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by Johnny Diacon to renew membership with Grand Gateway with check number 20639 in the amount of \$1,500.00. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

Manager Chris Neel gave an Engineering Report: A motion was made by Michael Southern and seconded by Dale Yoder to approve the DMD Construction Independent Contractor Agreement. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

Engineer almost has valve project ready to put out for bids; hoping to have next month for approval/acceptance of bid. Still working with new company at Port of Inola, wanting up to 2 million gallons a day, proposing a new 18 inch line. Still waiting on ODOT and CoE for the Highway 412 bridge line replacement. Has a meeting July 11, 2023 about a Highway 412 interchange.

Manager Chris Neel gave a Manager's report: Water loss was down to 8.8%. This may not be accurate, Master B had to be estimated, has Haynes coming to look at what the issue may be. There were two breaks on 8 inch lines this month, called in contractor Kelly King to help fix one of them. Disbursement was a little higher this month, had a large order of MIUs to start replacing non-reading ones. One of the trucks broke down, had to be in the shop. Found an electrical issue and got it repaired.

Executive Session was not entered.

Under Old Business:

Upon recommendation from the Public Finance Law Group, we elected Invesco as the investment vehicle with Bank of Oklahoma.

Under New Business:

Amos Allen and Johnny Diacon attended the ORWA Equipment Expo. There they heard of a new way to treat for chlorine with a gas instead of liquid that may help with the chlorine problems we have experienced with the Town of Inola. They found a new contact for pump motor repair and a hose company with Lay Flat hoses that might be useful. They also found out the ORWA does free water loss auditing that may be helpful. They both enjoyed the training and recommended other Board members take advantage of upcoming events.

A motion was made by Johnny Diacon and seconded by Dale Yoder to adjourn. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Charles Coblentz, Amos Allen, Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, Johnny Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Charles Coblentz at 8:37 p.m.

Secretary Treasurer
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