DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
September 17, 2025
9:00 A.M.

A. OPENING PRAYER – Wayne Spell

B. CALL TO OREDER – Andy Swims

The Directors present at the meeting were:

Director Andy Swims
Director Barry Bridgforth
Director Pete Scott
Director Tim Tucker
Director Chris Wilson
Director Joe Frank Lauderdale (was absent from the meeting)
Director Rodney Nash

C. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Rodney Nash made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2025. Director Chris Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit C1

D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. After reviewing the list of invoices for payment, Director Chris Wilson made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. Director Pete Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit D1

Jamie Steen informed the board that Zach Cook, Manger with USACE, informed DCRUA of a credit for the Metro fund of $150,000 and stated the unused funds could be transferred to other funds upon request by the DCRUA board. Jamie Steen requested a motion to be made to transfer funds from the Metro Capital Account to the Short Fork/Ross Road and Johnson Creek project funds. Director Tim Tucker made a motion to send a letter to USACE requesting transfer the funds. Director Chris Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Denali Contract – Nick Manley
   Manley requested authorization to sign the Denali amendment which would extend the contract at current contract prices through 12/31/2025. In the meantime, DCRUA will

rebid or renegotiate terms for sludge removal. Director Rodney Nash made a motion to authorize the signing of the Denali amendment. Director Andy Swims seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit E1

Wayne Spell stated that other companies have expressed interest in bidding on these services. Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to open the RFP bidding process to the other interested companies. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

2. Cleveland Contract – Nick Manley

   Manley presented the need to renew the Cleveland Contract. After discussion, Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to extend the Cleveland Contract for three years at the current rates. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes

Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit E2

3. Story Bank Depository and Line of Credit Proposal
   Bobby McRee, Story Bank representative, presented the proposal for DCRUA's banking with Story Financial. Director Pete Scott made a motion to execute the proposal and move forward with the partnership with Story Financial for depository and line of credit. Director Barry Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit E3

4. Alan Melicks' Property Damage Settlement – Wayne Spell
   Spell presented the estimate of the damage to Alan Melicks' property due to a felled tree, from DCRUA Property on Melick's property with the total cost amounting to $2,975. Director Tim Tucker made a motion to approve the payment of $2,975, contingent upon Alan Melicks signing the liability release form. Director Barry Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit E4

There was further discussion to remove a dead tree in the Fox Run Cove area to avoid similar damage. McGuffie Tree & Land Services quoted $800 to remove the tree. Barry Bridgforth made a motion to move forward with having the tree removed. Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
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F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell
   - The DCEDC hosted a bus tour for our Washington DC Congressional staff. The tour provided a firsthand look at the growth and resulting challenges DeSoto County faces with our sewer and road infrastructure needs. Lunch was provided by NCEPA along with an overview of their relations with TVA and the challenges TVA is experiencing. The tour continued after lunch with a stop at the Agri Center on Starr Landing Road and a wrap-up meeting at the new Ranger Center on the Desoto campus of NWCC where Mary Lee Brown, Tim Verner, Audrey Lewis, and Wayne Spell addressed the urgent need for funding of the district project. Andy Swims and Nick Manley attended the day's events as well.
   - Wayne Spell attended the Ribbon Cutting for Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith's DeSoto County field office. Spell visited with the Senator and her Chief of Staff, Doug Davis during this event which was well attended by local officials and the community leaders.
   - Wayne Spell volunteered to man the corporate gift table for the morning flight of FCA's annual fundraising golf outing at Cherokee Golf Club.
   - Wayne and Vickie Spell, Barry Bridgforth and Pete Scott attended a dinner honoring Bill Rasco as the Boy Scout's Man of the Year. The event was well attended and well received by Rasco.
   - Wayne Spell, Andy Swims, Tracy Huffman, Audrey Lewis, Nick Manley, and Gary Rikard discussed DCRUA's reply to the MDEQ in our negotiations over fines and penalties assessed by the MDEQ for discharge violations at both Metro and Ross Road facilities.

- Wayne Spell purchased a flower arrangement on behalf of the Board of Governors to express our sympathy in the passing of Andy Swims' Father, Gerald Swims. "He was a good man. Loved God and a good spiritual leader."
- Wayne Spell, Nick Manley and Jamie Steen concluded negotiations with Story Bank representatives banking proposal and line of credit. It has been a three-month journey to arrive at the agreement to be presented to the DCRUA board for approval on 9/17/ 2025.
- Wayne Spell attended the Board of Adjustments meeting on Monday evening to represent DCRUA and introduce our team. The following email was sent as confirmation of the request being granted. "I'm pleased to announce that DCRUA was granted a conditional use permit for our Center Hill WTF. The permit was issued for 99 years." This was the fifth and last public meeting in our request for permission to build on the proposed site. Thank you, Audrey and Tracy, for your presentation at the hearing last night and Andy for your presence and continuing support of this project.
- Wayne Spell and Eddie Russell discussed the proposed Short Fork WTF water well study with Greg Brown of Pickering Engineering. Waggoner Engineering proposed that Brown conduct this study for DCRUA. Jon McLeod reviewed options for a well and potential issues being encountered, specifically grit in the system. A non-potable well appears to be the best option for plant use and to continue using city water for administration. Jon recommends a 6 inch well, which would require MDEQ permits. Director Rodney Nash made a motion to approve preparation of the permit application to MDEQ to install a non-potable well and to authorize bids for the project. Director Barry Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote as follows:

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Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

- Wayne Spell met with the Technical Committee, Andy Swims, Joe Frank Lauderdale, Pete Scott along with Nick Manley and Eddie Russell to discuss:

  Renewal options for the Inframark contract.
  Ross Road -Olive Branch clean-out issue and solutions.
  Internet Fiber connections for Johnson Creek, Short fork and Metro WTF's.

Next steps for Metro WTF compliance.

- Wayne Spell reached out to Gary Rikard, Butler Snow for an update on our negotiations with the MDEQ in Jackson. They have received our proposed settlement offer and we expect a reply as early as next week.
- Wayne Spell asked Audrey Lewis for an update on the Camp Creek Sewer line encroachment. Lewis updated the Board on the Camp Creek encroachment. Audrey Lewis will request additional work from the developer after discussion and review of current progress.
- Wayne Spell asked the board to approve the fiber additions to Johnson Creek, Short Fork and Metro WTF's. David Pino provided cost estimates for the individual plants. DCRUA will incur a cost of $19,000 to install the fiber at Short Fork. The reason for the cost at Short Fork is AT&T will have to run the fiber a mile from the existing infrastructure. There is no cost for the fiber installation at the new office trailer and Metro. There is an additional cost at Metro to run the fiber from the office to the lab. This additional cost will be determined and presented to the board later. There is a three-year contract with monthly rates locked in for the duration of the contract. The operators have agreed to pay the monthly cost. At the end of the three-year period, the contractors can negotiate with other carriers. Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to approve the contract with AT&T for fiber installation with an estimated cost of $19,000 for Short Fork and the cost for the other entities to be determined and presented. Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
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Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

- Wayne Spell presented packets for the WEFtec Conference to each board member who is attending.

2. Inframark Contract – Eddy Russell

Russell presented the Inframark contract proposal with a cost of $1,565,332, which includes 10 employees. The terms of the contract will remain the same, with some modifications for approval of maintenance expenses. Andy Swims, Pete Scott, and Joe

Frank have reviewed the contract in detail and various other options that would best benefit DCRUA. Director Andy Swims made a motion to approve the Inframark contract as presented with the 10 employees. Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit F2

3. Butch Twyman Insurance – Barry Bridgforth
   Bridgforth stated this is an alternative to our current insurance provider. Butch Twyman gave an overview of his company stating they primarily work with public entities. The company currently serves over 50 clients in Tennessee and is now expanding into Mississippi. Butch noted that it takes 4 to 6 weeks to get a quote. Tim Tucker recommended staying with the current provider for this renewal cycle and looking at getting quotes next year. DCRUA will put it on the calendar for next year six months out from the next renewal date to get quotes from other insurance companies.

G. PERMITS

1. Hawks Landing S/D – On-Site Septic – Audrey Lewis
   Lewis presented the Hawks Landing S/D permit for approval. Director Tim Tucker made a motion to approve the permit for Hawks Landing S/D. Director Pete Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes

Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

H. ENGINEERING REPORTS

1. Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab – Audrey Lewis
   Lewis presented the report for Short Fork and Ross Road stating they are completing the reseeding and connecting the flow meters. The manufacturer will be onsite for start-up and test the flow meters and mixers. Audrey presented Hemphill's August Pay Application #16, which did not include a current amount due. Director Andy Swims made a motion to approve the zero pay application. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit H1

2. Centerhill Property – (not originally on the agenda) – Audrey Lewis
   Lewis stated a letter from MDEQ was received regarding upcoming deadlines for SRF loans 13-16 and a response needs to be drafted to MDEQ responding to their letter with current project statuses. Director Andy Swims made a motion for EAI/WEI to create a response to MDEQ's letter regarding current deadlines. Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Nick Manley stated that there are some corrections that need to be made to finalize closing on the Centerhill Property. Director Rodney Nash made a motion to authorize Butler Snow to assist with closing for both the Depriest family and DCRUA. Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Ross Road, Short Fork & Western Facility (Inframark) – Eddy Russell
Russell and Scott Clevin reviewed the monthly report and discussed the cleanout of Ross Road lift station. He stated that the City of Olive Branch is dumping at Ross Road, and this is creating an accumulation of grit. Andy Swims discussed efforts being made by the City of Olive Branch to improve these operations to avoid these issues.

2. Metro WWTF (Mitchell Technical) – David Karr
Karr presented the Metro report for the month of August.

Karr discussed efforts to reduce incidents of non-compliance. He stated that he visited Memphis Propeller and has concerns about possible discharge of cadmium, which may be below the reporting threshold. Karr also discussed another company with a large amount of chemicals on hand, but a very minimal reported on the DMR. He will research this further. DCRUA is committed to achieving compliance and will work with MDEQ, EAI/WEI, and other professionals to determine a plan to improve compliance.

J. FLOW SUMMARY REPORT – Audrey Lewis
Lewis presented the flow chart for the month of August.

Wayne Spell provided an update regarding the FY 2024 True-Up. He informed the board that he has been in contact with Mayor Johnson regarding the Hernando True-Up balance for FY24 currently past due. Mayor Johnson has agreed to prioritize the payment to bring their account current.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to enter Executive Session. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

After discussion of personnel for the DCRUA Executive Director, a motion was made by Director Tucker to pay Wayne Spell in the amount of $110,000 per year for a minimum of 30 hours a week, along with authorizing Mr. Spell to participate in Desoto County health insurance program and reimbursing Desoto County for the cost of Mr. Spell's health insurance. Director Swims seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	No	Director Wilson	No
Director Bridgforth	No	Director Bridgforth	No
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Director Tim Tucker made a motion to end the Executive Session. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

L. ADJOURN/RECESS

Director Rodney Nash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Chris Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Board President

Board Secretary