

DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Special Meeting
February 21, 2025
1:00 P.M.

- A. OPENING PRAYER – Wayne Spell
- B. CALL TO ORDER

The Directors present at the meeting were:

Director Andy Swims
Director Barry Bridgforth was present later during the meeting
Director Pete Scott
Director Tim Tucker
Director Chris Wilson
Director Joe Frank Lauderdale
Director Steven Boxx

The February 21, 2025, Special Meeting of the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Director Swims, DCRUA President. He announced there was a quorum.

- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Joe Lauderdale made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025. 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	Absent	Director Bridgforth	Absent
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
***Exhibit C ***			

- D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. After reviewing the list of invoices for payment and discussion of various invoices, Director Andy Swims made a motion to approve invoices for payment and 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	Absent	Director Bridgforth	Absent
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
Exhibit D1			

2. After noting that DCRUA has the authority under its local and private legislation to contract upon any terms which are agreeable to the parties and based on the contracts previously approved with Cornerstone and USBank, Director Lauderdale made a motion to ratify the payment of Invoice # DCRUA-122024 for \$8,131.73 to Cornerstone and USBank (Credit Card) for \$327.03. Director Boxx 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	Absent	Director Bridgforth	Absent
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
Exhibit D2			

3. Jamie Steen reported to the Board that there was a Transfer from System Development Funds to Draw Account in the amount of \$600K on 1/23/25.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Wedgewood Golf Course Survey and Appraisal – The appraisal came in at \$37,510.00. A motion was made by Director Tucker to approve the appraisal and authorize discussions with Wedgewood Golf regarding the appraisal and Director Boxx 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 Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit E1

Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

2. Camp Creek Encroachment Update – Ross Horton provided an update on this issue. The developer is going to cap the pipe and fill in the ditch. A motion was made by Director Scott to continue to monitor Camp Creek and authorize the engineers to continue to ensure compliance with the remedy required by DCRUA and Director Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full

Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit E2

Flow

Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

3. Security Camera Upgrades – Wayne Spell presented security camera and lighting upgrade needed as well. Chris Wilson asked if this was replacing existing security, and Wayne Spell noted that it does replace some existing security, but mostly new cameras to monitor travel activity at the gates. The costs are one-time investment of \$27,523 and a monthly increase of \$105 at two plants. Board requested to table the discussion on security systems until next month. A motion was made by Director Bridgforth and Director Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full

Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit E3

Flow

Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

4. Metro System Superintendent – Jim Mozingo presented plan to address sewer

enforcement at the Metro Plant, as EPA and MDEQ encourage the local governmental entity to enforce compliance. The resulting chemical expense due to non-compliance for Metro is significant. Jim Mozingo presented two alternatives for an agreement with MTS to monitor this project. Wayne Spell recommended the technical committee review this proposal to formulate a plan for the board. Nick Manley reiterated DCRUA will have to ensure compliance and will likely not receive unsolicited assistance from EPA or MDEQ, but expectations are that DCRUA will be active in enforcing compliance. Tracy Huffman discussed history of Metro plant and significant costs to operate plant. Tracy Huffman recommended that a cost analysis be prepared for Metro and provided to the board. A motion to study the proposal and refer it to the Tech. Committee was made by Director Lauderdale and Director 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
Exhibit E4			

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell

- Mr. Spell requested the renewal of the Trustmark \$5 million line of Credit which will mature on 3/31/25. A motion was made by Director Tucker and Director Lauderdale seconded the motion.

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

- Wayne Spell met with Supervisor Mark Gardner to discuss the County's commitment to help fund the district expansion. Wayne had a phone conversation about this same topic with Supervisor Ray Denison. As part of

these conversations Gardner shared that he had asked for a motion in support of the District/DCRUA project and received full support of the Board of Supervisors. DCRUA needs to put a commitment request for the county support.

- Spell called concerning the status of the contracts for the Center Hill land purchase.
- Wayne Spell visited with David Karr, MTS who introduced Devin Snyder, Class Four Operator and recent hire of MTS. They also discussed the chemical costs of operating Metro WWTF to MDEQ standards.
- Spell e-mailed a Revised Purchasing Policy to the Technical Committee for review and recommendation to the full board.
- SouthGroup \$5 million Environmental Spills liability Application has been submitted for a rate quote.
- Wayne Spell attended the 11th Annual FCA Breakfast and was recognized for his service on the FCA Regional Board.
- DCRUA has received reimbursement for the stolen Forklift from SouthGroup Insurance which included rental cost (\$45K).
- DCRUA has received our first annual invoice from the Yazoo Mississippi Levee Board for our discharge levee crossing. \$2,500 one-time fee, \$2,400 recurring fee.
- Wayne Spell continues to investigate upgrading the entrance gates for both Metro and Short Fork WWTF's.
- Entergy Damage Claim letter of rejection was received 2/14.

2. Financial/Budget Update – Jamie Steen presented financial information showing a surplus of \$288K from FY2024. She presented a spreadsheet showing how these funds could be applied to the FY2025 budget if the members elected to do so. It was noted that this issue will be discussed in more detail at the March meeting.

G. PERMITS

1. C-Store at Church Road and Craft Road (Olive Branch) Audrey Lewis presented permit for approval. Barry Bridgforth recused. This easement has special stipulations requested regarding costs for access should DCRUA require access that is covered in pavement. A separate easement or the permit would document DCRUA would not be responsible for costs associated with replacing pavement to get access to the infrastructure included in the easement. Andy Swims made the motion for approval for the permit contingent up recording easement or including language in the permit noting that DCRUA would not be responsible for replacing pavement to procure access to the infrastructure within the easement was made by Director Andy Swims and seconded by Director Boxx. The motion passed as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes

Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Recused	Director Bridgforth	Recused
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
Exhibit G1			

2. Olive Branch East Area 2 Annexation – Audrey Lewis presented permit for approval. A motion was made by Director Lauderdale to approve the permit and seconded by Director Wilson. 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
Exhibit G2			

3. DeSoto County BOS – Emergency Ops Center – Audrey Lewis presented permit for approval. Director Lauderdale made a motion to approve the permit contingent on analysis of flow data and seconded by Director Bridgforth. 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
Exhibit G3			

H. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Ross Horton presented report for Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab and payment application # 9 for \$853,752.39. A motion was made by Joe Lauderdale to approve the payment application #9 and seconded by Tim Tucker. 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Ross Horton discussed the contract completion for the Shortfork and Ross Road Rehab Project. He presented a change order from the contractor to request 93 additional calendar days to change the contract completion date from 2/26/25 to 5/30/25. After a discussion of the project and noting the issues causing the delay experienced by the contractor, Ross Horton pointed out that the change order is not outside the project's scope and does not add any additional costs to the project. A motion was made to approve the change order by Director Bridgforth and seconded by Director Scott. 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit H1

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Inframark Report (Ross Road, Short Fork, and Western Facility) – Eddy Russell and Scott Cleven reviewed the monthly report. They discussed fiber options for internet access and waiting for quote from AT&T to provide access. Wayne Spell explained the fees would be approximately \$800/monthly and services are desperately needed to properly run SCADA.
2. Mitchell Technical Services, Inc. (Metro WWTF and Fox Creek) – Jim Mozingo presented the Metro monthly report.

- J. Flow Report - Audrey Lewis reviewed report and mentioned Hernando flow is highest, explaining potential, I & I issue.

K. Land Acquisition for future Eastern Treatment Plant – It was noted that the signed Contract was received for the DePriest Property in the total amount of \$1,000,000.00. A motion was made to authorize EAI/WEI to proceed with rezoning of the property by Director Andy Swims and seconded by Joe Lauderdale. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

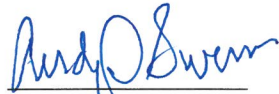
Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx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

Exhibit K1

L. ADJOURN/RECESS

Director Andy Swims made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Joe Lauderdale 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes


Board President


Board Clerk