DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
March 19, 2025
9:00 A.M.

A. OPENING PRAYER – Wayne Spell

B. CALL TO ORDER

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
Director Steven Boxx

The March 19, 2025, 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 February 21, 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	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 C ***

D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. After reviewing the list of invoices for payment and discussion of various invoices, Director Chris Wilson made a motion to approve invoices for payment and Director Steven 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 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 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 DCRUA's legal obligation to comply with Mississippi 811, Director Lauderdale made a motion to ratify the payment of Invoice # 250297 for $4,538.40 to Mississippi 811. 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 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 D2

3. 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 Mitchell Technical Services, Director Lauderdale made a motion to ratify the payment of Invoice # 64018 for $31,682.80 to Mitchell Technical Services which was paid in accordance with DCRUA's contractual obligation. 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes

Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. SouthGroup for Pollution Policy Quote – Davy Hunt and Sarah Edmiston represented from SouthGroup Insurance. Mr. Hunt stated the first option, a $1,000,000 per occurrence with $2,000,000 in aggregate limits per policy period, would have a premium of $15,788.00 with a $5,000.00 deductible and the second option, a $5,000,000 policy, would have a premium of $24,809.00 with a $5,000.00 deductible. The policy coverage was discussed and additional clarification of when and how the policy would be utilized was requested. Wayne Spell suggested copies of the policies be sent to Nick Manley for review and with further discussion at April's board meeting.

2. Wedgewood Golf Course – Jonathan McLeod said the property appraisal was accepted and approved by the board at the February board meeting, the next step is to set up a meeting with the owner. No dates have been set yet. Andy Swims suggested possibly coordinating the meeting date with an upcoming public hearing the City of Olive Branch is going to host regarding the Pleasant Hill Road widening.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell
   - Wayne Spell, Nick Manley and Joe Waggoner met with the Cornerstone team (Lizzie Imber, Eric Tober, Mishael Falencki and Tyler Packer) in Washington DC to discuss meetings on 2/25 with Kendall Moore, Daniel Ulmer, and Cameron Obrian with Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith's office; Semaj Redd, and Abby Herfurth with Congressman Trent Kelly; Dan Hillenbrand and Sebastian Paez with Senator Wicker's office and on 2/26 met w Katie Williams EW Majority PSM. These meetings were cordial with no commitment other than to keep them in front of the respective representatives.
   - Wayne Spell met with David Pino, Director of Operations Horizon Managed to discuss Horizon's coordination of fiber to both Short Fork and Johnson Creek WWTF's.
   - The Technical Committee (Andy Swims, Pete Scott, Nick Manley, Tracy Huffman, Ross Horton) met to discuss:

     MTS's role as Superintendent
     MTS's contract changes- staffing levels
     Security gates at JCWWTF and SFWWTF
     County funding request

   - Wayne Spell met with Supervisor Mark Gardner and Medlin to discuss County funding for the district project.
   - Wayne Spell met with Jim Mozingo and David Karr to discuss the superintendent role and desired modifications to the MTS's contract.
   - DCRUA change order w Hemphill Construction was accepted by MDEQ,

which extended our loan repayment schedule by 93 days.

- Wayne reported that he requested bids from Memphis Fence and Superior Fence and Rail for automated gates at both SFWWTF and JCWWTF.

2. Security camera vote on tabled items from February's BOD meeting. A motion was made by Director Bridgforth to remove the item from the table and based on the authority DCRUA's Local and Private Legislation to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract with Final Touch Security upon finalization of terms for security cameras and systems at Metro as security is needed due to recent thefts of DCRUA Property and enter the contract in the minutes at the next meeting. and Director Wilson 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

3. Wayne Spell asked for a vote to approve the Technical Committee's recommendation to ensure compliance via inspection and enforcement at Metro Wastewater Facility and to authorize Mitchell Technical to serve in the role as Superintendent, as defined by the DCRUA Ordinance, at Metro via a contract amendment in the amount of $65.00 per hour per hour for all work performed by MTS associated with initial inquiries, investigation, and obtaining information of facility waste stream processing and sampling from facility discharge and $100.00 per hour for laboratory testing and analysis and coordinating and/or communicating with regulatory officials regarding potential enforcement and $250 per hour for David Karr or Jim Mozingo on any other work (e.g., negotiating resolutions of violations with industries/third parties) and $350 hour for Jim Mozingo when appearing in court or administrative proceeding and all work is subject to a $30,000 yearly cap and not subject to a CPI increase. In addition, the amendment would include a staffing plan which is based on the same terms as DCRUA's staffing plan with its other operator. A motion was made by Director Lauderdale for approval of contract amendment contingent upon final approval by Executive Director Wayne Spell regarding any revisions by Mitchell Technical. The motion was 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	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

4. Resolution for Extension of Trustmark Line of Credit -Wayne Spell requested that the line of credit with Trustmark Bank be extended noting that the new extension had the same terms as the existing agreement. A motion was made by Director Swims to approve 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	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit F2

5. True Up Approval –The DCRUA Board discussed have two options for the FY 24 Budget True Up. The first option is to refund budget variance adjustment of $288K as part of the true-up. The second option is true up flow adjustment only. A motion was made by Director Swims to table this discussion for more review. The motion was 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	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit F3

6. Center Hill WRF Property Rezoning Status – Audrey Lewis discussed the status and Timeline of the rezoning process. April 1st - submit application to planning department, April 14th for post signing is part of the application and public hearing process must be physically posted on the property and May 1st - planning commission meeting for hearing.

G. PERMITS - None

H. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Ross Horton presented the report for Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab as well as the payment application # 10 for $0.00. A motion was made by Director Scott to approve the payment application #10 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	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 H1

2. Horn Lake Basin Influent Pump Station – Tim Verner reviewed the status of the pump station required to intercept all sewage for the district along with a conceptual plan of the station. The City of Southaven is working with the district on two possible locations for the pump station. An update will be provided at the next meeting. A motion was made by Director Wilson for approval of the conceptional plan and location of a pump station and seconded by Director Scott. The motion passed 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit H2

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Inframark Report (Ross Road, Short Fork, and Western Facility) – Scott Cleven presented the operations report and noted that he had three items to discuss with the board requiring significant purchases as follows:

The first was-two quotes for 8" pump hoses and recommend using Xylem since they provided the current pump. The cost would be $6,464.93. A motion was made by Director Lauderdale for approval of the purchase 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	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 I1

The second-South Fork is currently running on one spare pump since two pumps Simultaneously failed. Cleven presented three options and the respective quotes: First quote - Fluid Process for a 150HP pump that will work with the lift station at a cost of $75,390. This was recommended by Inframark. Second quote – a Hydra Service pump would be $49,853. Cleven stated these Don't seem to hold up as well. Third quote – a QuickSip pump would be $59,000. The board discussed the need to replace two pumps and keep the current pump as a spare. Based on the authority in DCRUA's Local and Private Legislation and as needed for adequate treatment of wastewater, A motion was made to purchase two Fluid Process pumps at the quoted amount of $75,390/each by Director Tucker and seconded by Director Swims. 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	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit I1

The third item is at Short Fork as it has two scum pumps that need to be replaced. Inframark obtained two quotes with Hydra Service at a cost of $8,052 (small pump) and Fluid Process at a cost of $16,000. It was noted that 7.5HP is being used now as a replacement. Inframark suggested purchasing two pumps. Based on the authority in DCRUA's Local and Private Legislation and as needed for adequate treatment of wastewater, a motion was made to purchase two pumps with Hydra Service quoted amount of $16,104 by Director Lauderdale and seconded by Director Swims. 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	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit I1

2. Mitchell Technical Services, Inc. (Metro WWTF and Fox Creek) – David Karr presented the Metro monthly report. He stated that the Uni Pure mixing shaft had failed and the current equipment is not under warranty. Karr presented two options to address this failure. These options were to repair the existing shaft by welding the broken mixing agitator or replace it with a new shaft. A quote from Uni Pure System for a new tubular shaft replacement for the reactor mixer is $18,140. Either option will require a crane for removal and installation. Based on Karr's recommendation to repair the mixer prior to consideration of replacement, a motion was made to proceed by Director 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	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 I2

J. Flow Report - Audrey Lewis reviewed the Flow Report and mentioned Hernando flow is a little high and stated an estimated flow adjustment for the balance of FY25 may be required.

K. Executive Session – None

L. ADJOURN/RECESS

Director Bridgforth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Lauderdale 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

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Board President

Jamie Green
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Board Clerk