DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
May 21, 2025
9:00 A.M.

A. OPENING PRAYER – Steven Boxx

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 May 21, 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 Steven Boxx made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 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
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***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 Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Exhibit D1

An invoice # 149126 from Inframark in the amount of $101,189.91 was added to be paid. After noting the additional invoice, Director Swims amended his motion and Director Wilson amended his second to include Inframark for $101,189.91.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Letter to MDEQ requesting Pinecrest connection to the Braybourne Interceptor – Audrey Lewis drafted a letter regarding the Pinecrest connection to DCRUA which letter is included as an Exhibit to these minutes. After reviewing and discussion of the letter, Director Joe Lauderdale made a motion to have the letter sent to MDEQ and Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Exhibit E1

Letter is included as an Exhibit to these minutes.

2. MTS Contract Amendment – Nick Manley reviewed contract amendment and requested approval of the amendment. The amendment allows MTS to provide a superintendent to assist with enforcement of the sewer use ordinance in an effort to improve the testing results required by MDEQ and requires MTS to maintain three employees to staff Metro. Motion was made by Director Pete Scott to sign the amendment and seconded by Director Joe Lauderdale. The motion passed by a vote as

EXHIBIT E1

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**365 LOSHER STREET, STE.310
HERNANDO, MS 38632
PH. 662.298.2295**

May 21, 2025

Mr. Bradley Crain
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
515 East Amite Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Re: Connection of Pine Crest Sewer Company Lagoons to Braybourne Interceptor

Dear Mr. Crain,

The DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority (DCRUA) acknowledges Pine Crest Sewer Company's intent to proceed with an update to their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in DeSoto County. We have no objections to this update and recognize the need for continued sewer service as efforts progress to bring the regional treatment system to this area of the County.

Additionally, we confirm our desire for the flow from Pine Crest Sewer Company's certificated area along Center Hill Road to connect to the Braybourne Interceptor once it is constructed and becomes available. This flow will then be treated at the Center Hill Water Reclamation Facility (CHWRF) before discharging into the Coldwater River. Both the Braybourne Interceptor and the CHWRF are anticipated to be constructed and fully operational prior to the expiration of Pine Crest Sewer Company's updated NPDES permit.

Should you have any questions or require further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number above.

Respectfully,

Wayne Spell
General Manager/Executive Director, DCRUA

follows:

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Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
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Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit E2

3. Fiber to JCWTF, SFWTF and Metro – David Pino with Horizon provided an overview of connectivity issues at these sites. David explained options to provide internet service. AT&T can provide a service for $700/month. The actual cost for infrastructure is undetermined at this time. There were several options discussed. He discussed the need at Metro for lab and office to be physically connected. Any location that has SCADA should have controlled access doors to these physical areas. Inframark has a contract with DCRUA that states they are to provide internet access to their job and this contract renews at the end of this fiscal year. MTS contract also states they provide cost for internet access. Horizon can also provide phone services; however, no action was taken on this issue. Horizon will put together a proposal on providing fiber access to requested locations for review and discussion at a later board meeting.

4. Entry Gate Security Upgrades – Eddy Russell discussed quotes he received and requirements for dual gates doors vs. a single gate door with remote access available. Total cost, all in $27,125 for Short Fork gate reviewed. Superior Fence and Tocowa Electric for electrical are included in total cost. David Karr presented quotes for a gate at Metro to limit/monitor access. Gates quotes for Short Fork from Superior Fence in the amount of $26,005.26 plus quote from Tocowa Electric in the amount of $2,000 for electrical and Metro quote from Superior Fence of 23,342.24 plus $3,200 Tocowa Electric for electrical and Cleveland Construction for $8,650.00. The funds will be paid by capital funds. The total cost for gate and installation is $34,402.89. Wayne Spell stated these requests are capital improvements. Wayne Spell asked for a motion to install gates at these two facilities. Motion to move forward with installation by Director Joe Lauderdale and seconded by Director Pete Scott. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes

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Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit E4

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell
   - Wayne Spell and Jon McCleod met with representatives of Wedgewood Golf Course to discuss DCRUA's desire to cross the golf course with a gravity flown sewer line. Discussions were long but seemed to end with a general agreement to allow the construction. The compensation and exact route of the line are yet to be determined. Wedgewood claims that the golf course would need to close down entirely during construction.
   - Eddie Russell, Inframark set up the DCRUA booth for Earth Day on the square in Hernando. Glenn Miller assisted with DCRUA handouts and props, but Eddie manned the booth solo. Many thanks to Eddie for his dedicated service to DCRUA.
   - The DeSoto County Planning Commission met to consider the DCRUA zoning request. Thirteen of fifteen commissioners were in attendance as well as many from the county in opposition to the request. Wayne Spell introduced the DCRUA representatives present, Audrey Lewis presented our proposal and Andy Swims, Tracy Huffman and Audrey Lewis answered questions from the commissioners. After much discussion a motion passed to table the discussion until the next meeting date. The next meeting is May 29, 2025.
   - DCRUA provided a tour of the Johnson Creek WWTF conducted by Eddie Russell and Scott Cleven. The group consisted of several commissioners and the President of the Forest Hill Homeowners association. The group met in the conference room for introductions and an overview, viewed the facility from the second-floor observation deck and toured the plant. It was agreed that the tour was a positive event.
   - We received a thank you note from Final Touch Security for our continued patronage of their business.
   - Wayne Spell requested travel authorization for himself and the Board to the WEFtec convention in Chicago, IL for September 27th to October 1st. Expo only rates are $205 until June 27th.

   Motion to review approval for Jamie Steen's travel and travel approval for Executive Director and Board was made by Director Pete Scott and seconded by Director Joe Lauderdale. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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2. DC Updates – Barry Bridgforth, Steven Boxx, and Tracy Huffman updated the board on meetings with Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, and Trent Kelly's staff. Steven Boxx said he presented the significant financial impact on citizens should DCRUA not receive funds for the project. Barry Bridgforth stated Wicker said he would support DCRUA for funding in the appropriations meeting.
3. FY26 Budget – Jamie Steen presented budget information for consideration. No action taken but just for review for discussion and providing to members at next meeting.
4. Nolehole Sewer Extension – Andy Swims and Tracy Huffman presented graphical view of sewer lines between the Nolehole sewer currently operated by DCRUA and the metering point on Malone Road and Andy Swims requested DCRUA take over these lines handling flow from both Olive Branch and Southaven. The City of Olive Branch does not want to continue maintenance of these lines. DCRUA would maintain the right of way for the area. Andy presented facts supporting the best scenario for DCRUA to takeover lines since multiple municipalities are impacted. Andy Swims made a motion for DCRUA to take on the designated line and Olive Branch will continue the work with others to address the issues and title transfer, the motion was seconded by Director Pete Scott. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Exhibit F4

5. 5/29 Planning Commission presentation – May 1st meeting was tabled to 5/29.

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 # 12 for $4,085.25. A motion was made by Director Chris Wilson to approve the payment application #12 and seconded by Director Tim Tucker. The motion passed as follows:

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Exhibit H1

A change order was requested by Hemphill Construction for a time extension of 60 days. The extension is requested to remove additional dry tons of sludge in basin at a cost of $251,000. Prices are consistent with the contract. After noting that the Change Order is not outside the original scope of the project, a motion was made by Director Pete Scott to approve the extension and seconded by Director Joe Lauderdale. The motion passed as follows:

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Exhibit H1

2. Horn Lake Basin Influent Pump Station – Tim Verner
   No updates. It is moving along as planned.

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Inframark Report (Ross Road, Short Fork, and Western Facility) – Scott Cleven and Eddy Russell
   Eddy reviewed the monthly report.

2. Mitchell Technical Services, Inc. (Metro WWTF and Fox Creek) – David Karr – David reviewed the monthly report with board for April activity. Discussed options about mold remediation and replacing the trailer. Motion was made by

Director Pete Scott to obtain quotes on a replacement trailer and removal of current trailer and authorize a contract to be signed with Cleveland Construction in an amount to be ratified at the next board meeting and seconded by Director Barry Bridgforth. The motion passed as follows:

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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

J. Flow Report - Audrey Lewis reviewed the Flow Report.

K. Executive Session – None

L. ADJOURN/RECESS

Director Joe Lauderdale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Steven Boxx 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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Board President

Board Clerk