DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
July 16, 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 Rodney Nash (sworn in today)

Olive Branch Substitute DCRUA Director, Scott Young, appeared later in the meeting in place of Director Andy Swims.

The July 16, 2025, meeting of the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Director Andy Swims, DCRUA President. He announced there was a quorum.

C. 1. Swearing in Board Member – Rodney Nash was introduced and sworn in as board member representing the City of Horn Lake.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Chris Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2025. 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
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Exhibit C2

MUNICIPAL DOCKET
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
July 15, 2025, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

ALDERMEN							
Mayor Jimmy Stokes II	Ward 1 Joshua Langston	Ward 2 Tommy Bledsoe	Ward 3 Jackie Bostick	Ward 4 Kelly Smith	Ward 5 LaShonda Johnson	Ward 6 Charlotte Armstrong	At Large Larry McKinney

Meeting Called To Order	Mayor Jimmy Stokes II
Invocation:	Alderman Johnson
Pledge of Allegiance:	Alderman McKinney
Roll Call	

I. **Vote on Municipal Docket**
II. **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of minutes for July 1, 2025, Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting.
B. Resolution revoking City of Horn Lake Assessment and Contributions for DeSoto County Crime Stoppers.
C. Request to transfer Fire Department 2010 Ford F150 VIN#1FTEW1E84AFB33481 to the Animal Shelter.
D. Request to promote John Paul Lavender to Certified Firefighter Level III at a rate of $18.66 per hour effective July 20, 2025, in the Fire Department.
E. Request to promote Kimani Cross to Certified Firefighter Level III at a rate of $18.66 per hour effective July 20, 2025, in the Fire Department.
F. Request to promote Jason Sprouse to Certified Firefighter Level III at a rate of $18.66 per hour effective July 20, 2025, in the Fire Department.
G. Request to increase stipend pay for the following employees in the Fire Department effective July 20, 2025: Michael Collins $500.00 annually, Kimani Cross $500.00 annually, Joseph Gee $500.00 annually, Isaac Huggins $500.00 annually, John Paul Lavender $500.00 annually, and Jason Sprouse $500.00 annually, as they have completed out of rank testing.
H. Authorize to adjust utility bill individual itemized list for June 2025 in the amount of $6,209.65 and for any reductions finding the bill was unreasonably increased because of unforeseen circumstances and that the customer did not receive the benefit of the service.
I. Request to appoint Rodney Nash, Assistant Utility Director, to be the new representative for Horn Lake on the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority board.

Mayor

City Admin

J. Request for Shayne Carnes in the Utility Department to attend a 1-day MSRWA sponsored water operator training class in Oxford, MS on July 23, 2025.
K. Request to purchase a CID Swing Boom Cutter attachment for the city street department skid steer from Contractor Supply Company in the amount of $11,400.00, being the lowest and best bid received.
L. Request to purchase a 2020 YANMAR VIO 80 MINI EXCAVATOR for the utility department from Contractors Supply Company in the amount of $56,000.00, being the lowest and best quote received.

M. Request for Rodney Nash, Assistant Utility Director, to attend the 2025 WEFTEC Conference in Chicago September 27-October 1, 2025, at no cost to the city.

N. Request acceptance of Neel-Schaffer letter dated July 9, 2025, for Youth Baseball Field Renovations at Latimer Lakes Park totaling $150,000.00 ($90,000 for design phase and $60,000 for Construction Administration phase).

O. Request approval for Clay Richey, Tournament Director from USSSA Baseball to host three (3) tournaments August 29-31, September 19-21, and October 24-26, 2025, at Latimer Lakes Park.

P. Request promotion of Officer Taylor Lawson from P3 to P4 at a rate of $30.33 per hour effective August 3, 2025, in the Police Department.

Q. Acknowledgement and acceptance of Neel-Schaffer letter dated July 9, 2025 for a bond release on the Scannell Spec Building.

R. Resolution to elect LaShonda Johnson as 2025 MML voting delegate representing Horn Lake in the MML 2nd Vice President election

III. **Claims Docket**

IV. **Presentations/Special Guests**

V. **Planning**

A. **Swearing in of Planning Commissioners:** Lakita Fox, ward 1, Jessie Ware, ward 2, Calvin Freeman, ward 3, Kirby Carter, ward 4, Morris Taylor, ward 5, Mark Crawford, ward 6, Chad Engelke, At Large and Janice Vidal, Mayor.

VI. **New Business**

A. Resolution to Clean Private Property.
B. Discussion regarding retired flag drop box.
C. Discussion of appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore.

VII. **Citizen Remarks**

A. Brenda Bostick – rental properties and grass

VIII. **Mayor / Alderman Correspondence**

IX. **Department Head Correspondence**

A. Police- Received and approved application for a block party in the 3400 block of Laurelwood on August 23, 2025, 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

X. **City Attorney Correspondence**

X. **Executive Session**

A. Discussion of personnel matters in the Admin/Finance Department.

XII. **Adjourn**

DeSoto County MS

OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF DESOTO

I, **Rodney Nash** do solemnly swear/affirm that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, and obey the laws thereof: that I am not disqualified from holding the office of Board of Governors **(Horn Lake) DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority** and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Rodney Nash

Rodney Nash

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of July, ~~2023~~. 2025.

CHANCERY COURT DESOTO COUNTY, MISS.

Misty Heffner

Misty Heffner, Chancery Court Clerk

By: M. J. Thaxton, DC

My Commission Expires
January 3, 2028

FILED
JUL 16 2025
MISTY HEFFNER, CLERK

D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. After reviewing the list of invoices for payment and discussion of various invoices, Director Joe Lauderdale made a motion to approve invoices for payment and Director Chris Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
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Exhibit D1

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Updated Priorities USACE – Audrey Lewis went over the current priorities through FY29 with discussion. No action taken.

2. Updated Horn Lake Creek Basin Model – Audrey Lewis discussed project cost schedule with various impacts on citizens depending on project funding. No action taken.

3. Budget/Accounts Update – Jamie Steen presented the budget and several accounts with discussion. No action taken.

4. Center Hill WRF Rezoning Update – Tracy Huffman discussed his meeting with Supervisor Medlin to review site selection for the new plant and other sites reviewed and the cost alternatives associated with each site. Other options were reviewed and costs estimated to enhance current site selection including moving plant further from the road. The Board of Supervisors will be presented with these enhancements when they hear and vote on rezoning on 7/21/25. If approved by the board of supervisors a request will be made to the Board of Adjustments for a Conditional Use Permit.

5. Nolehoe Analysis Alternative – Tracy Huffman presented a proposal for a Malone Road to Pleasant Hill Road SSES Siphon Study. The $35,200 cost of the study will be shared between DCRUA, Southaven, and Olive Branch. DCRUA would contract with EAI/WEI for the full amount with 1/3 reimbursement approved by the City of Olive Branch and the City of Southaven. This cost is much lower than the previously proposed research. A motion was made to enter into a contract with EAI/WEI, but at

the request of Director Andy Swims the Board agreed to table the discussion until the August meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell
   - The AT&T Assessment Contract was signed, and they began the evaluation of fiber installation at the Johnson Creek Facility on July 15th, 2025.
   - Wayne Spell asked Ross Horton to provide an update on the Camp Creek Restoration project. Ross Horton said he is in contact with Greg Smith, who is the consulting engineer for the developer and work should commence for final completion of the project pending favorable weather conditions.
   - August 1, 2025, will mark the payoff of DCRUA's first SRF loan. Loan # 1 was for $8,585,496 at 1.75% interest.
   - The Technical committee met on July 15th, 2025, to discuss the Metro Chemical budget, containment wall and temporary trailer: the First Security Bank proposal; and the Short Fork water bill increase.

     Wayne Spell presented quotes for approval of renting an office trailer from United Rentals for the Metro plant site. David Karr will obtain information on tearing down and removing the existing trailer. After noting the need for the trailer and the issues with the current trailer, a motion was made to approve United Rentals quote in the amount of $4,757.50 by Director Pete Scott and seconded by Director Tim Tucker. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Young	Yes	Director Young	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
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Exhibit F1

   - Short Fork Water Well Study: Wayne Spell asked the board to authorize a well study for Short Fork WTF as the water bills have increased substantially over the last year. He reviewed the bills and how they have increased overtime. A motion was made to authorize Waggner Engineering to conduct a study for a water well to serve the facility by Director Pete Scott and seconded by Director Rodney Nash. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Exhibit F1

- Wayne Spell informed the Board that an MEC Annual Report was available for their review.
- Superintendent Role Update: David Karr – indicated that work has started in identifying industries that may be causing compliance issues at Metro.
- DeSoto County has named Andrea Pettigrew as the new Interim County Administrator working alongside Vanessa Lynchard until her retirement at the end of the year.
- As a reminder to our members: The Flow True-up is open. Please check with your respective administrations on making any payments due so that DCRUA can settle this account with all members.

2. Auditors' presentation – Franks, Franks, Wilemon, Hagood – Bryon Wilemon presented the audit results to the board with some discussion. A motion was made to accept the audit by Director Barry Bridgforth and seconded by Director Chris Wilson. The motion passed as follows:

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Exhibit F2

3. Residential flow to Metro WWTP – Andy Swims – Will be reviewed next month.

G. PERMITS - None

H. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Ross Horton presented the report for Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab as well as payment application # 14 for June 2025 in the amount of $484,887.75. A motion was made by Director Chris Wilson to approve payment of application #14 and seconded by Director Barry Bridgforth. The motion passed as follows:

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Exhibit H1

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Inframark Report (Ross Road, Short Fork, Braybourne and Western facilities) – Eddy Russell
   Eddy Russell reviewed the monthly report. He presented the need to replace one mixer but stated he would like to purchase two mixers to have one as a back-up. Two mixers would cost $70K. After some discussion about budget restraints and funding and noting DCRUA's authority to purchase items needed by DCRUA for its wastewater purpose on terms agreeable to both parties as set forth in the local and private legislation, a motion was made to approve the purchase of one mixer not to exceed $40K by Director Tim Tucker and seconded by Director Chris Wilson. The motion passed as follows:

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Director Young	Yes	Director Young	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
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Exhibit I1

2. Mitchell Technical Services, Inc. (Metro WWTF and Fox Creek) – David Karr
   – David Karr reviewed the monthly report with the board for the June activity. He Submitted a quote for approval of a gear drive for an aerator. A motion was made to purchase at a cost not to exceed $2,500 by Director Tim Tucker and seconded by Director Barry Bridgforth. The motion passed as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Young	Yes	Director Young	Yes
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Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
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Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Exhibit I2

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

K. Executive Session – None

L. ADJOURN/RECESS

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

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Board President

Board Clerk