

DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

Board of Directors

January 21, 2026

9:00 A.M.

A. OPENING PRAYER – Wayne Spell

B. CALL TO ORDER – Andy Swims

The Directors present at the meeting were:

Director Andy Swims

Director Barry Bridgforth

Director Tim Tucker

Director Chris Wilson

Director Rodney Nash

Director Joe Frank Lauderdale

Director Pete Scott was absent.

C. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Rodney Nash made a motion to approve the minutes of December 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 Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes
Director Lauderdale	(abstained)	Director Lauderdale	(abstained)
Director Scott	(absent)	Director Scott	(absent)

\*\*\*Exhibit C1\*\*\*

D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. Current Payables

Director Joe Frank Lauderdale made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. Director Chris Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full		Flow	
Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Scott	(absent)	Director Scott	(absent)

\*\*\*Exhibit D1\*\*\*

#### E. OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Employee Handbook – Nick Manley

Manley reviewed the Employee Handbook previously presented at the December meeting and stated that it would provide guidance and direction for DCRUA employees. He agreed to email a copy of the draft to Board members and place it on the agenda for discussion at the February board meeting.

#### F. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell

Septic Haulers Update: Kristi Bowling.

Bowling provided an update on Waste Haulers, reporting that all have submitted valid Certificates of Insurance (COIs) and are current on their balances. She also reported that All In One Services was added as a new waste hauler in January.

Wayne Spell, Audrey Lewis and Kristi Bowling met to discuss transitioning of the CMOM reporting process from Waggoner Engineering to DCRUA. Waggoner will continue to provide field inspections and work with DCRUA on Industrial Surveys and responses. Lewis agreed to work with Bowling on this transition.

Wayne Spell met with Eddie Russell, Scott Cleven and Inframark's Regional Vice President Jerry Shupe, Jr. who is newly assigned to our region. Spell mentioned the new solids removal bids and asked if Inframark offers this service for other utilities. It turns out that they do and are preparing a proposal for the board to consider.

Wayne Spell verified and approved Manning McPhillips, Kelly Wright and Jon Maddox (all with Cornerstone) with the Mississippi Secretary of States Office as lobbyists on DCRUA's behalf for 2026.

Wayne Spell and Jon McLeod met with the Hernando Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the evening of Tuesday 1/20/26 to discuss our water rate proposal. The City of Hernando voted to approve the reduced water rate, at a fixed rate of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons for a four-year period, as presented by DCRUA, at this meeting.

Wayne Spell discussed DCRUA's invoice for the Yazoo Mississippi Delta Levee Board with Bill Sheppard. The permit fee increased from \$2,400.00 to \$2,465.64.

Wayne Spell received a call from Supervisor Robert Foster concerning odor around Jaybird Road. Spell was able to share that Inframark had replaced the odor controlling medium that same day.

Wayne Spell received a call from Supervisor Mark Gardner requesting an update on DCRUA's District project. Tracy Huffman provided the latest status of our deadlines, funding requests and construction status. A copy of the one-page summary was provided to board members.

\*\*\*Exhibit F1a\*\*\*

Travel update:

DCEDC State Legislative Capitol Event in Jackson, MS February 12, 2026.

DCEDC Blue Ribbon trip Washington DC March 18-20, 2026.

2. Approval for Blue Ribbon Travel – Nick Manley

Manley requested approval for Wayne Spell to travel to Washington, D.C. for the annual Blue Ribbon trip, scheduled for March 18-20. The Economic Council requested DCRUA representation at the event. Director Joe Frank Lauderdale made a motion to approve Wayne Spell's travel to Washington, D.C., March 18-20, including any designated board members. Director Barry Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

Director Lauderdale Yes  
Director Scott (absent)

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Director Scott (absent)

3. Ground Maintenance Contract Renewal – Nick Manley

Manley reported that the ground maintenance contract with Big Fish expires at the end of March 2026 and reviewed options to renew the existing contract, provide ground maintenance in-house, or seek new proposals. Wayne Spell reported that the Technical Committee discussed the possibility of investing in a tractor for bush hogging the right-of-way (ROW). It was noted that the ROW requires only annual maintenance, while the wastewater treatment facilities (WWTFs) require more frequent grooming. No action is required at this time, and the item will be included on the March agenda for a decision.

4. DCRUA Biosolids Removal and Disposal Proposals – Ross Horton

Horton reviewed DCRUA’s Biosolids and Removal Proposals, which was opened January 6, 2026. Proposals were received from two vendors, Denali and Synagro. Denali is the current service provider, while Synagro submitted the lowest proposal. Wayne Spell discussed the potential option of utilizing Inframark as an alternative to contracting with either vendor. Eddy Russell, with Inframark, indicated that it would require approximately one year to have the necessary equipment in place to perform biosolids removal and disposal services. It was also noted that the contracts include a 60-day termination for convenience clause, should the Board elect to bring solids disposal services in house. Director Rodney Nash made a motion to authorize negotiations with Synagro for a two-year contract with one-year renewal options and a termination for convenience clause after 18 months. Director Andy Swims seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Scott	(absent)	Director Scott	(absent)

\*\*\*Exhibit F4\*\*\*

5. Center Hill WRF Influent/Effluent PS/FM Design Task Order – Audrey Lewis

Lewis presented Design Task Order 94 in the amount of \$969,967.00 and reviewed the project timeline. Andy Swims discussed the need to coordinate with the City of Olive Branch regarding utility easements, rights-of-way, and affected landowners. Director Tim Tucker made a motion to

approve Task Order 94. Director Andy Swims seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Yes	Director Swims	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Wilson	Yes	Director Wilson	Yes
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Scott	(absent)	Director Scott	(absent)

\*\*\*Exhibit F5\*\*\*

6. JC Effluent PS/FM Notice to Proceed – Audrey Lewis

Lewis reported that the Notice of Award had been issued to Hemphill Construction and that all associated contract documents had been sent to the company. The signed documents have now been received and thoroughly reviewed. Audrey Lewis requested approval for Wayne Spell to execute the contract documents as well as issue a Notice to Proceed. Director Rodney Nash made a motion for approval to allow Wayne Spell to execute the contract documents and issue the Notice to Proceed. Director Barry Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
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G. PERMITS

1. Taylor Estates (Olive Branch) – Audrey Lewis
2. Southwark Metal Manufacturing Company (Hernando) – Audrey Lewis
3. Ella Farms Subdivision (Onsite Treatment) – Audrey Lewis

Lewis presented three permits, Taylor Estates, Southwark Metal Manufacturing Company, and Ella Farms Subdivision, for approval. Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to approve all

three permits. Director Joe Frank Lauderdale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Scott	(absent)	Director Scott	(absent)

\*\*\*Exhibits G1, G2, and G3\*\*\*

## H. ENGINEERING REPORT

### 1. Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab – Ross Horton

Horton provided an update on the Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab project, noting that only a few punch list items remain. Once these items are completed, the project will be ready to close out. Andy Swims mentioned odor complaints associated with the Ross Road plant, and the Board discussed potential odor sources along with existing measures currently in place to reduce or eliminate odors.

Horton also presented a memo related to the Nolehoe Pipeline Analysis involving Southaven, Olive Branch, and DCRUA which summarized contributing factors to the capacity limitations within the Nolehoe Pipeline. It was noted that additional review of the line would help identifying the most effective actions to prevent future overflow. Suggested actions discussed included raising manholes, cleaning out the restricted section of line, further investigating with video, or installing a 12-inch parallel line with the proper design slope. No action is required at this time, and the item will be tabled for further discussion at the February board meeting.

\*\*\*Exhibit H1 Memo\*\*\*

## I. OPERATIONS REPORTS

### 1. Ross Road, Short Fork and Western Facility (Inframark) – Eddy Russell/Scott Cleven

Russell and Cleven reviewed the monthly operating report. Eddy Russell noted that another mixer went out and will need to be replaced.

\*\*\*Exhibit I1\*\*\*

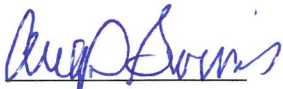
2. Metro WWTF (Mitchell Technical) – David Karr  
Karr presented Mithcell’s monthly report for Metro.  
\*\*\*Exhibit I2\*\*\*


J. FLOW SUMMARY REPORT – Audrey Lewis  
Lewis presented the flow chart for the month of December.  
\*\*\*Exhibit J1\*\*\*

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

L. ADJOURN/RECESS  
Director Joe Frank Lauderdale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Board President

  
Board Secretary