DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
December 18, 2024
9:00 A.M.

A. OPENING PRAYER & DEVOTION – Wade Stevens, Pastor from Longview Point Baptist Church

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 December 18, 2024, 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 REGULAR & EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Director Tim Tucker made a motion to approve the regular minutes of November 20, 2024. 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 Steven Boxx made a motion to approve invoices for payment and 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	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 equipment repairs, Director Lauderdale made a motion to approve P.O. # 1138 in the amount of $4,981.00 to Control Systems, 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. MOU payment to City of Olive Branch for the amount of $299,147.23 from the System Development Fund was made and no action required as the MOU regarding the payment was approved previously by board.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Metro Superintendent – Nick Manley explained purpose of this position to help lay groundwork to identify businesses that may be contributing to violations at Metro. Jim Mozingo explained current violations and the need to spend additional funds to find the source of the problem or spend additional funds on chemicals to bring Metro in compliance. The best option is to address the chemicals at the source so that metal removal process is move successful. Heavy metals also produce more sludge which requires removal. Mozingo proposed that MTS be named as the superintendent at Metro to enforce the service use ordinances. Jim also stated the possibility DCRUA to recouping its cost from businesses that are not in compliance. A formal proposal with cost will be presented to the executive director and board for consideration. There are

over 100 companies which discharge, however, a large percentage of these can be ruled out and would not require investigation.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell
   - Mr. Spell attended the 12/2/24 Board of Supervisors meeting where the County's state legislative priorities were discussed. The DCRUA/District funding need is listed as the first priority.
   - Mr. Spell confirmed the stolen forklift deductible is $1,000. We need board approval to purchase the Bobcat forklift from Connell Material Handling proposed by David Karr. Insurance will reimburse the purchase price and rental cost less deductible. The quote was $38,216.58 and a motion was made by Director Pete Scott to approve purchase and seconded by Director Andy Swims. 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 F1

   - Masion Reiff met with Wayne Spell, Eddy Russell, Scott Cleven and David Karr about iLoq applications for DCRUA security. An estimate from Flylock in the amount of $10,129.26 was received to upgrade security at all locations. Further research will take place pending the availability of internet access at South Fork and Johnson Creek and replacing gates may need to be considered.
   - Mr. Spell asked Ross Horton for an update on the Camp Creek Drainage status. Ross Horton said they are monitoring site and developer is working with county on alternate plans. Bridgforth discussed risks and historical issues. Ross Horton will meet with the county to get more information and follow up with developer for a timeline.
   - Mr. Spell proposed that we call a special BOG meeting for 1/22/25 thus freeing up the regularly scheduled meeting date of 1/15/25 for legislative meetings in Jackson, MS. A motion was made to move the meeting to 1/22/25 by Director Joe Lauderdale and seconded by Director Tim Tucker. An additional motion by Director Andy Swims and seconded by Director Steven Boxx was made for approval of travel for 1/15/25 meeting in Jackson, MS. Both motions passed with 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

- Mr. Spell provided an estimate of the timeframe for the 2024 fiscal year true up. New Metro readings will be available in March 2024.
- Mr. Spell shared that he had been in discussions with Christy Barclay about fiber connections to Johnson Creek and Short Fork WWTFs. He is waiting for her response and will follow up.
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) update provided by Tracy Huffman - $40M increased funding currently proposed and should be approved this week (no funds allocated at this time but increased funding for DCRUA to be approved which will allow for allocation of funds to DCRUA).
- Fox Creek Permit renewal-request for authorization to sign. A motion was made by Director Steven Boxx to approve execution and signature of the Fox Creek Permit renewal. Seconded by Director 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	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

3. Approval of purchase of chemicals. Mitchell Technical Services purchased in the past with 15% markup and sales tax through a chemical allowance paid monthly with annual true up by DCRUA. A motion was made to allow DCRUA to purchase chemicals for the Metro Facility by Director Pete Scott and secondly by Director Chris 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

4. Board appointments for Southaven and Horn Lake: Chris Wilson and Steven Boxx were reappointed for City of Southaven and Horn Lake, respectively.

6. Financial Update for HLCISD Project – Jamie Steen explained and provided the information for the payment and reimbursement process associated with the DCRUA expenses for the HLCISD Project.

Exhibit F6

G. PERMITS – None

H. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Ross Horton presented report for Metro WWTF Upgrade – Lemoine Company has placed the new Storage tank.

2. Short Fork and Ross Road Rehab Project – Ross Horton reviewed current construction progress. A motion was made by Director Joe Lauderdale and seconded by Director Andy Swims to approve Hemphill Pay Application #7 for $1,523,979.20.

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 and H2

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Inframark Report (Ross Road, Short Fork, and Western Facility) – Mr. Eddy Russell presented the operations and maintenance report from Inframark. Eddy discussed several trees requiring removal.

2. Mitchell Technical Services, Inc. (Metro WWTF and Fox Creek) – Mr. David Karr

presented the November report.

J. Flow Report - Audrey Lewis reviewed report.
Exhibit J

K. Executive Session –

In accordance with Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, a motion was made by Director Bridgforth to go into executive session to discuss land purchase and seconded by Director Lauderdale approval. 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	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

1. Land Acquisition –No motion made regarding property acquisition.
2. Personnel – Mr. Spell explained to the health insurance approved for the new office manager cannot be obtained through the county as expected due to part time status. Director Tucker made a motion to add the health insurance allowance of $771.40/month to Glenn Miller's salary and seconded by Director Barry Bridgforth. 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	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

Exhibit K2

A motion was made to close Executive Session by Director Tim Tucker and seconded by Steven Boxx. 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	Absent	Director Lauderdale	Absent
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

L. ADJOURN/RECESS

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

Andy D Swims

Board President

Jamie Steen

Board Clerk