

DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
November 20, 2024
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 was present later during the meeting

The November 20, 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 Joe Lauderdale made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of October 16, 2024. 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
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Absent	Director Boxx	Absent

***Exhibit C ***

- D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. After reviewing the list of invoices for payment, Director Swims made a motion to approve all invoices for payment including disbursements for Entergy and Republic Services, which were paid prior to the November board meeting. Director Scott

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	Absent	Director Boxx	Absent
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. #1118 in the amount of \$8,264.00 to Control Systems, P.O. #1119 in the amount of \$4,875.00 to Smith & Loveless, and P.O. #1121 in amount of 6,632.78 to Lamb's Machine Works, Director 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	Absent	Director Boxx	Absent
Exhibit D2			

3. The first \$87,617.51 loan payment to MDEQ for SRF-C280887-11 for the Lower Camp Creek/Metro project due November 10, 2024, was made prior to the board meeting to avoid being late. Director Scott made a motion to ratify the payment and Director Bridgforth seconded the motion.

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Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
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Exhibit D3

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell

- Mr. Spell met with Fortis Construction to discuss bidding on Sludge Removal
- Sent letter to Eddie Belk, USACE Director of Civil Works, for requesting allocation to fund DCRUA for fiscal year 2025.
- Mr. Spell discussed an opportunity to meet with MS legislature the 3rd week of January. It may be in the best interest of DCRUA to move the January board meeting to January 22nd to allow for this meeting. Further discussion will be at the next board meeting. Director Bridgforth suggested coordination with the DeSoto Economic Development Council.
- Mr. Spell stated Tim Byrd provided an update regarding beaver eradication at both Short Fork and Johnson Creek.
- Mr. Spell received a request from Eudora Volunteer Fire Department which is a non-profit, wanting their permit fee to be waved. If it was a governmental entity, it would be exempt. Nick Manley stated if it is not a governmental entity, we are not allowed to waive the fee. Nick will research to see if we are able to approve requests such as this and if so, will provide information to Mr Spell to respond.
- Harold Williams requested a refund of DCRUA fee because he has decided not to build. Motion was made by Director Lauderdale to refund the fee contingent on the Board of Supervisors refunding the Build Permit Fee. Director Bridgforth seconded the motion. The Board approved the refund via unanimous vote of all directors present.
- Personal contribution to Carl Furr's spouse to Mississippi State by letter.
- Security upgrades in progress for plants.
- Camp Creek drainage issue – T. Huffman, R. Horton, and B Bridgforth had meeting with developer and contractor. They are going to relocate their pipes and return DCRUA site to original state. Waggoner engineering to coordinate with developer for removal of pipe.
- Handout form – entitled "Waste to water" for public relations.

2. Nick Manley presented Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Olive Branch, DCRUA, and Allen-Olive Branch, LLC for Cost Sharing For Construction of Regional Sewer Systems and Facilities ("MOU"). The total estimated cost for the project will be \$788,942 for the project and DCRUA's cost sharing amount is \$248,918. The "MOU" has been approved by Olive Branch and Allen-Olive Branch, LLC. The Project will facilitate taking Fox Creek offline in the future. Use of system

development fees will be used by DCRUA to pay for this capital project. Funds will be paid to City of Olive Branch upon approval of the MOU. A Motion to approve MOU and funding with system development fees was made by Director Bridgforth and seconded by Director Tucker.

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Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes
Exhibit F2			

3. Mr. Spell presented the insurance renewal with Southgroup and explained the premiums increased due to inflation and adding the Metro facility upgrade. The renewal was signed prior to the board meeting to meet the renewal deadline of 11.19.2024. Nick Manley noted no deductible for general liability and at this juncture, cyber security insurance is not included.

Board members requested a presentation of coverage in the future by agent at the board meeting. The board also asked for research into coverage for Lower Camp Creek pipelines similar to coverages on other pipelines currently in place. A motion was made to ratify approval signature by Director Andy Swims and seconded by Director Boxx.

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Director Boxx	Yes	Director Boxx	Yes

4. Discussion of appointment of superintendent for Metro Facility - Metro has had metals issues and Waggoner has solicited information from users to determine source of these metals. DCRUA is considering appointing a superintendent for the Metro facility and they would investigate the source of metals and use DCRUA ordinance power to push users to eliminate this waste. Mitchell Technical Services will provide further information on responsibility and methods to enforce compliance.
5. SRF Loan Documents – previously approved by board in July was signed by Wayne

for loans 14, 15, and 16.

Exhibit F5-1 F5-2 F5-3

G. PERMITS – Audrey Lewis presented permits for discussion and/or approval.

1. Pinecrest – a facility off Forest Hill will not be able to meet DEQ guideline for ammonia limit with current planned development and have inquired if DCRUA would be interested in taking their facility. DCRUA is a wholesale agent, so it could not own the facility; however, the City of Olive Branch could consider this. The current permit is up for renewal. Director Swims will research and provide additional information at a later date.
2. Olive Branch Annexation, Renasant Park (Hernando), Crestview Pointe Subdivision and Stevens Farm (Hernando) were presented along with maps and other pertinent information specific to each. A motion was made by Chris Wilson to issue the requested permits and seconded by Director Boxx.

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

Exhibit G1 through G5

H. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Metro WWTF Upgrade – Mr. Ross Horton stated new storage tank delayed until December and further update next month.
2. Short Fork and Ross Road Rehab Project – Pay application # 6 for October presented for approval in the amount of \$524,634.90. Mr. Ross Horton also reviewed construction progress. A motion was made by Director Joe Lauderdale and seconded by Tim Tucker to approve Hemphill Pay Application #6 for \$524,634.90.

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Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	Yes

Director Boxx Yes
Exhibit H1 and H2

Director Boxx Yes

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Inframark Report (Ross Road, Short Fork, and Western Facility) – Mr. Scott Cleven presented the operations and maintenance report from Inframark. Scott presented a purchase request for purchase of a SE 200 Controller in a quoted amount of \$2,600. A motion was made by Director Tucker and seconded by Director Boxx to approve the purchase.

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

Exhibit I1

Exhibit I1-A

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

2. Mitchell Technical Services, Inc. (Metro WWTF and Fox Creek) – Mr. David Karr presented the November report. Mr. Karr said he has obtained quotes for a new loader and the cost is around \$49K for US equipment and \$31K for foreign made equipment. The two loaders are comparable, but concerns over availability of parts with foreign machine. The insurance policy will reimburse DCRUA for the loader after DCRUA pays the \$25K deductible.
Exhibit I2

- J. Flow Report - Audrey Lewis reviewed report. FY24 true up expected by January 25th.
Exhibit J

Sepical Note – Denise’s last day will be Thursday and Glenn Miller has been hired as the new office manager.

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:

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

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Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

- A motion was made by Director Swims to order title and offer a contract on the DePriest property with stipulations regarding successful rezoning with owner assistance, suitable site for intended purposes, etc. in the amount of \$800,000 for the entire parcel (single contract to include both parcels) and \$25,000 earnest money on the contract. Director Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

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Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

- A motion was made to close Executive Session by Andy Swims and seconded by Barry Bridgforth. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

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Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

L. ADJOURN/RECESS

Director Chris Wilson 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 Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Absent
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes

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Director Wilson	Yes
Director Bridgforth	Absent
Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes
Director Boxx	Yes


Board President


Board Clerk