

DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
October 16, 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

The October 16, 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 Scott made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of September 18, 2024. 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 C ***

- D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

1. After reviewing the listing of invoices for payment, Director Scott made a motion to approve all invoices for payment including disbursements for Entergy and Republic Services, which were paid prior to the October board meeting. 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	Absent	Director Boxx	Absent
Exhibit D			

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/pump being a sole source, Director Bridgforth made a motion to approve P.O. #1115 in the amount of \$57,583.00 to Fluid process & Pumps as a sole source vendor. Director Tucker 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	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Boxx	Absent	Director Boxx	Absent
Exhibit D2			

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. DCRUA Lobbyist Discussion – Nick Manley reviewed the proposal from Cornerstone for state and federal assistance in obtaining funding for DCRUA. The contract is \$16,000.00 per month with this amount split between DCRUA and The Horn Lake Creek Basin Sewer District. It was noted that DCRUA did not receive funding last year from the State of Mississippi, so a lobbyist may assist with future funding for the Federal Court mandated Horn Lake Creek Basin Sewer District disconnection from Memphis Project. The contract fees will be covered in the budget by credit of same amount due to timing of loan payments being later than expected. Cornerstone will work with the Desoto Economic Council lobbyist for a joint approach for Desoto County and provide resources for the state and federal level. Director Bridgforth made a motion to approve a one-year contract with Cornerstone in the amount of \$16,000 with \$8,000 paid by the Horn Lake Creek Basin Sewer District and \$8,000 paid by DCRUA. Director Tucker 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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Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
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2. College Hills MDEQ Permit Renewal Intervention Letter – Tracy Huffman presented a previous letter dated 04.22.24 for permit # MS00051764 regarding objection to the College Hills subdivision treatment facility renewal. Mr. Huffman stated that Great River Company is willing to connect to DCRUA's lines but not willing to give up their certification. However, under DCRUA's Retail Agent Policy, the City of Olive Branch would need to be the retail agent for the wastewater at College Hills. At this juncture, there is not an indication that the operators of the College Hill Subdivision Wastewater Treatment Plant desire to sell its system to Olive Branch. Based on the discussion, Director Swims made a motion to submit a letter to MDEQ rescinding its prior objection and revising such objection that the connection to DCRUA is contingent upon the City of Olive Branch serving as a retail agent for College Hills. Director Lauderdale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Bridgforth	Yes	Director Bridgforth	Yes
Director Lauderdale	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
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G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell
 - Mr. Spell stated that Carl Ray Furr's wife passed away. They are accepting donations to a scholarship fund in her memory. Board members can donate on an individual basis.
 - Mr. Spell announced an invitation to Chairman Trey Lamar fundraising event then turned this item over to Director Bridgforth. Director Bridgforth stated this event is on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm, then encouraged everyone to attend.
 - The Washington DC trip was a success. Met with Senator Cyndi Hyde Smith,

Senator Rodger Wicker and several other representatives regarding DCRUA's funding needs. Photos were also presented.

- Mr. Spell stated that the WEFTEC conference was a positive educational experience and thanked Audrey Lewis, Waggoner Engineering and Inframark for their attendance and support.
- Nick Manley, Pete Scott and Wayne Spell met with the Abby family - Johnson Creek landowners regarding DCRUA's desire to purchase an adjacent 40-acre parcel. Their preference is to sell the whole property not just the 40-acre parcel. Appraisals are currently in progress.
- Mr. Spell stated there was a theft at the Metro Plant on September 30th. Items included a forklift, a large shop vac, tools and a truck. The truck and tools belonged to Mitchell Technical Services. An insurance claim is being filed for the missing items at a \$25,000.00 deductible. Mr. Spell requested that Mitchell Technical look into the cost of replacing the forklift, one is currently being rented. The chain and lock on the gate going into the Metro yard were cut, Mr. Spell stated that security monitoring may be beneficial, a quote has been requested from Final Touch Security.
- Mr. Spell stated there is a one-day trip on October 31, 2024 at the MEC from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm if anyone is interested in participating to please let him know.

2. Olive Branch Crossing Along Upper Camp Creek Int. North. Audrey Lewis stated there is a shared path at the Olive Branch Soccer Fields which would twice cross over the Camp Creek Interceptor. Due to the depths of the DCRUA pipes there is no concern for crossing and asked for approval. Director Lauderdale made a motion to approve. Director Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

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Exhibit F2

G. PERMITS

1. Center Hill Farms Phases 1 & 2 (Olive Branch) – Audrey Lewis presented this application and stated there will be 148 lots and will share the Braybourne Facility. Director Swims made a motion to approve the permit. Director Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

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Exhibit G1

Bridgetown Fire Department (Hernando) – Ms. Audrey Lewis stated this will have on-site treatment plan. This on-site treatment plant still needs health department approval. Director Wilson made a motion to approve this permit pending health department approval. Director Bridgforth seconded the motion. 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	Recused	Director Lauderdale	Recused
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Yes	Director Scott	yes
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Exhibit G2

H. ENGINEERING REPORT

1. Metro WWTF Upgrade – Mr. Ross Horton reviewed the Metro project; the concrete pad has been poured for the new storage tank and delivery of the new tank should arrive in November.
2. Short Fork and Ross Road Rehab Project – Mr. Ross Horton presented Hemphill's pay application #5 in the amount of \$0, as the contractor was not on site in September. Mr. Ross Horton then informed the board that the sludge is currently being removed from Ross Road and may overrun the estimated cost on the project. He will bring additional information back to the board next month.
Exhibit H2
3. Drainage Ditch across Lower Camp Creek Sewer Lines – Mr. Ross Horton noted from last month a stormwater drain and ditch has been constructed by the developer of the Camp Creek Subdivision. This ditch line runs across DCRUA's easement. Ross Horton further explained that erosion control is being implemented and still in progress. There was some discussion regarding NRCS going out to the property

for review and that this issue needs to be corrected. Nick Manley, Andy Swims and Waggoneer Engineering will draft a letter to the developer and NRCS to correct this issue as it is currently out of DCRUA's compliance regulations.

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Inframark Report (Ross Road, Short Fork, and Western Facility) – Mr. Eddy Russell presented the operations and maintenance report from Inframark. He also presented pictures and information regarding the cottage house tour that took place at Johnson Creek
2. Mitchell Technical Services, Inc. (Metro WWTF and Fox Creek) – Mr. David Karr presented the September report. Mr. Karr also discussed that there are possibly industries discharging materials that are not approved. These discharges are resulting in violations of the plant. Identifying industries causing these problems can be difficult. Letters have been sent to all industries by DCRUA to identify industries that could be the problem. These surveys are being provided to EAI/WEI for analysis. There was then a discussion regarding an industrial treatment program. Mr. Karr then presented two quotes for a Furrows Pump which is needed for metal reduction. Director Lauderdale made a motion to approve the lowest quote to ETEC in the amount of \$14,981.35. Director Bridgforth seconded the motion.

Exhibit I2

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Exhibit I2

- K. Flow Report and True Up Discussion - Audrey Lewis – Ms. Lewis reviewed report.

***Exhibit K ***

- L. Executive Session (no longer needed as appraisal was not received)

M. ADJOURN/RECESS

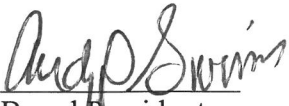
Director Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

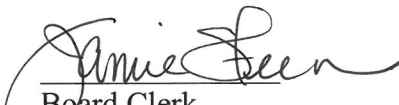
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Board President


Board Clerk