

MAYES COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 8, 2024

The regular monthly board meeting of Rural Water District #2, Mayes County, Oklahoma was held at the District Office. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Michael Southern at 7:38 p.m.

Quorum was established – Members present: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin.

Members late: None.

Members left early: None.

Members absent: Charles Coblenz and Amos Allen

Employees present: Christopher Neel, Brian Kellogg, Ryann Rotert, Thomas Rotert, and Kathy Waggoner.

Visitors present: Eric Dangler / Solid Ventures, Inc.

Under Public Comment: Eric Dangler with Solid Ventures, Inc. was present to inquire about extending a line to their property. He was informed that an easement would be needed from the property owner to the west unless 574 road is a county road in which case there should be an easement already. Mr. Dangler asked if the line could go south across 574 road, from the end of the existing line, to the property on the south side, then go east to his property and back north across 574 road. This option was less feasible due to the permits and permissions that would be required. Mr. Dangler was informed to get with the property owner to the west and see if they will grant an easement before exploring other options.

A motion was made by Travis Mahurin and seconded by John Hardin to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Cobb to approve March bills check numbers 20854-20879 plus 16 bills to be paid online, March payroll and postage in the amount of \$142,516.79. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Ed Yoder to approve new BU# 3084.. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by John Cobb and seconded by John Hardin to approve the following benefit unit transfers: BU#s 2912, 2541, 2668, 2491, and 1493. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

The Developer's Agreement from Solid Ventures, Inc. / Eric Dangler was tabled pending applicant's decision on moving forward and/or getting an easement granted.

A motion was made by Dale Yoder and seconded by John Cobb to approve the Multi-Points of Use Application from Cindy Berg to add one residence to BU# 950. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by Travis Mahurin to approve renewing CD# 657565 with Armstrong Bank on a six (6) month term upon maturing. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by John Hardin and seconded by John Cobb to approve Pay Request No. 5 from DMD Construction in the amount of \$33,881.75 on the 2023 Valve Project. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by Dale Yoder to approve awarding the bid for the 2024 US 412 Grand River Bore and Water Line Project to General Underground Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$798,338.00. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

Engineer Brian Kellogg gave a brief Engineering Report: Discussion regarding utilizing the remaining loan funds for either a new meter reading system and/or upgrade or put toward paying extra principal on the loan. No action taken.

Manager Chris Neel gave a Manager's Report: The number of meters and/or MIUs not reporting remains near 1,300. Planning on having the maintenance operators work only on meter and/or MIU repair/replacement to get the number of No Reads down and hire DMD Construction to handle all leak repairs. Water loss was at 18% for March; the water loss had been underestimated in previous months and the discrepancy was reflected on this month. Still working on getting the Master Meters replaced. John Cobb directed Chris to get it done soon; both the District and OOWA need to have accurate information. Zenner provided quotes for two options on upgrading the Automatic Meter Reading System. One is cell signal based and the other is radio frequency. The cell-based system has a higher annual maintenance fee, but the radio frequency system has a higher startup (initial) cost. The total cost is similar for both systems. Zenner is sending a "Pilot Kit" which contains 10 of each to place in areas that are under-reporting to see which system may work better. Chris is to get specifics from Zenner regarding fees and whether they will do the installation. Chris provided printouts from Arvest Bank and Welch State Bank of rates on CDs, Money Market accounts, etc. for review. The Board requested to have representatives present at the next meeting to provide more information and detail the differences between accounts.

A motion was made by Ed Yoder and seconded by John Diacon to adjourn. The motion carried with the following voting yes: Michael Southern, John Hardin, Ed Yoder, John Cobb, John Diacon, Dale Yoder, and Travis Mahurin. Voting no: None.

The meeting was adjourned by Secretary Michael Southern at 9:04 p.m.

Secretary Treasurer
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