Meeting July 13, 2026, 6:00pm

Minutes

Prayer and pledge led by Virginia Lewis

Approval of June minutes — motion by Virginia and seconded by Robert

In attendance

- Leon Deweese
- Virginia Lewis
- Robert Walling
- Thomas Champagne
- Monica Blankenship
- Julie Neely
- Calvin Wooden
- Vince Pendergrass & Paul Brock
- Dewayne and Michelle Walker
- Jon Adkins.

Vince Pendergrass and Paul Brock were at the meeting to discuss the large bill from the large leak that Mr. Brock had. It was decided that they would pay $1183.00 per month plus the current charges over the next 6 months to pay the balance, and the meter is to be turned back on.

Thomas and Leon will go to Mr. and Mrs. Walkers house to check and teat their meter to make sure it is reading correctly.

Matthew Tucker was unavailable to answer questions about the pumping station planning.

Updates were given by utility staff

- 9 meters that have been paid for still need to be set
- A new meter will need to be set at the old Seals property if the old one cannot be located-approved motion made by Leon and 2nd by Virginia
- Loftis will charge $10,000 to boar the road to set the Oakes meter- not approved
- Implementation of the new billing software and credit card processor is proceeding as planned.

The board instructed Monica to advertise the board seat coming open in September 2026 due to Leon's 4-year term is up, Leon advised the board that he does not intend to continue to sit on the board after that time. Motion made by Leon and 2nd by Robert.

Thomas advised the board that there was not sufficient time allowed for job descriptions and reviews to be done between the time the new performance-based raises were approved, he was hired as General Manager and they were to start, he suggested that the board approve that all employees get and additional raise of $1.50 per hour on January 1, 2027, and start the performance raises July 1, 2027. This will be on the August agenda for a board vote. The board will finalize the General Manager job description by the August meeting.

Thomas and Monica asked the board to reconsider their pervious vote to change website vendors as the current one makes sure we are in compliance with state and federal guidelines, and it is very easy to send alerts and news to customers with the current website and it is unknown if that will be something a new one would do. Ther was a motion made by Virginia and 2nd by Robert to stay with the current provider (rural water impact).

Thomas suggested that the board adopt a pre-meeting workshop the Wednesday proceeding the monthly board meeting at 2pm starting in August 2026. Motion by Robert and 2nd by Leon.

11, 12 and #13 on the agenda were all tabled

The board removed the moratorium on meter installs for residential meters only at this time commercial meters will be revaluated after the treatment plant repairs are done. Motion by Virginia and 2nd by Robert.

The board asked that “New Business” be a new item added to the bottom of each board meeting going forward.

The motion to adjourn was made by Virginia and 2nd by Leon.

______________________________ **Leon Deweese**

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