

Rogers County, Oklahoma
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
District Office - located at 22094 S. 4160 Road
Claremore, Oklahoma
July 7, 2026

I. Procedural Items:

A. Call to Order by Chairman.

Vann, Chairman of the Board, called the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 8, Rogers County, Oklahoma, to order at 5:31 P. M. in the District Office

B. Call Roll and Record Names of Members Present.

Chairman Vann, Vice Chairman Smith, member Louderback, Secretary Treasurer Weathers, and member Morie.

We have a quorum

Others present: Bookkeeper Hill, Field Operator Corgill, Attorney Mack Greever.

C. Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 2, 2026.

Louderback made the motion to approve the minutes as printed. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Vann, Louderback, Weathers, and Morie. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

D. Approve Minutes from the Special Meeting on June 17, 2026

Morie made the motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting as printed. Weathers seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Vann, Morie, Louderback, and Weathers. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

E. Recognize and hear from visitors (Not listed on the agenda)

Brant Morie

II. Action to Consider: To Discuss, Approve, Disapprove, or Take No Action Pertaining to Any Items Listed Below:

- A. Presentation by District Member, Bobbie Alberty, regarding alleged By-Law Violations, with discussion and possible action by the Board.**

Bobbie Alberty, a district member, expressed concerns regarding enforcement of the District's bylaws and rules governing one water line per benefit unit, stating that multiple hookups should be addressed consistently and without favoritism. Mrs. Alberty emphasized the importance of enforcing existing bylaws, raised concerns about potential conflicts of interest when board members have a personal stake in agenda items, and stated that any board member with a personal interest should recuse themselves from discussion and voting. Mrs. Alberty also expressed concern that changes to the Rules and Regulations should be made only if they benefit the District as a whole, and not individual members. She stated that a current board member has one water meter serving a residence and three businesses and questioned why that situation had not been addressed. The member further questioned whether a board member allegedly in violation of the District's bylaws meets the requirement of being a member in good standing and expressed concern that actions taken by the Board could be subject to challenge if such a board member participates in discussions or votes. The member asked whether the Board was willing to address the issue. The Board received her comments, and written presentation.

The Board discussed a possible violation of the District's bylaws requiring one meter per resident or business establishment. The Board reviewed the bylaw requirements and discussed the District's responsibility to enforce them.

The Chairman stated that the District must follow the bylaws and that an agenda item was needed for the next meeting to further address the matter. The Chairman advised the District Manager that it is important for the District to do everything possible to enforce the bylaws. The District Manager was directed to conduct a comprehensive field review of the District to inspect for potential non-compliant service connections. Mr. Greever advised the District Manager to review the property in question, as well as the District, to verify any potential bylaw violations regarding water hookups and report findings to the Board. Mr. Greever noted that multiple service connections on a single meter could have loan-related restrictions and could impact revenue used for loan repayment. He further advised that the Oklahoma Water Resources Board would be interested in these matters.

Mr. Greever explained that tap fees represent a cost associated with the water system and help ensure funds are available to address system needs, including potential major repairs or system failure. He further advised that if violations are confirmed, the Board

would declare those members not in good standing; therefore, if a person is on the Board and is not in good standing, they would not qualify to serve on the Board. He also stated that if an Affidavit of Candidacy was signed knowingly when the person did not qualify, that would be another issue.

Questions were raised regarding the use of a single meter and the number of businesses being served. During discussion, the board member stated that there was only one building and that it was not being used. When asked whether he had rental properties, the board member initially stated that he did not rent anything. After further discussion, the board member acknowledged that the three businesses were being served by the same meter.

The Board discussed sending a letter to all members as a reminder of the bylaw requirements regarding water meter hookups.

Weathers made a motion to send a letter to all members as a reminder of the requirements outlined in the District's bylaws, Article VI, Section 5. Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Morie, Louderback, Smith, Vann and Weathers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

B. Discussion, possible action, or take no action regarding proposed amendments to the water service rule found on page two of the rules and regulations, and board policies handbook.

Louderback made a motion to keep the water service rule found on page two of the rules and regulations, and board policies handbook to remain the same. Weathers seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Weathers, Vann and Smith. Voting no: Morie. Motion carried.

C. Discussion, possible action, or take no action on the OOWA and RWD # 7 rate increase letter.

The Board discussed the OOWA and RWD #7 rate increase letter.

Morie made a motion to defer and re-evaluate the rate increase to the customers in December 2026. Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Weathers, Morie and Vann. Voting no: Louderback. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action to authorize changes to the district's credit card account, including adding authorized users, updating contact information, establishing online account access, and designating individuals authorized to manage the account.

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Louderback made a motion to change the information to District Manager Chad Corgill. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Morie and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding Board agenda preparation procedures, including the process for submitting agenda item requests.

Discussion was held regarding board agenda preparation procedures, including the process for submitting agenda item requests. The Chairman reminded board members that request for legal counsel should be coordinated through the District's bookkeeper, instead of contacting the attorney directly. The Chairman also suggested tabling the item to allow additional time for review of a proposed agenda request form. Upon the advice of legal counsel, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Louderback to strike the agenda item. The matter will be brought back for consideration at a future meeting.

Voting yes: Smith, Louderback, Vann, Morie and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

F. Discussion and possible action to assign two or more people to be custodians of the money market account with Edward Jones.

The board discussed assigning custodians for the Edward Jones money market account.

Louderback made the motion to appoint Tony Vann and Mallory Hill as contacts for the account. Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

G. Discussion and possible action to designate the district's responsible party for federal tax purposes and authorized signers on District bank accounts.

Discussion was held regarding designation of the district responsible party for federal tax purposes and authorized signers on district bank accounts.

Smith made a motion to designate Tony Vann as the responsible party and authorized signer for the district bank accounts. Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Louderback, Morie, Vann and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

H. Discussion and possible action on what day and time to post the agenda for regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

The board reviewed the posting timeframe for regularly scheduled monthly meeting agendas. A member noted that the agendas have been posted 48 business hours prior to meetings.

Morie made the motion to post the agenda 24 hours before the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Morie, Louderback, Vann, Smith and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

I. Discussion and possible action on installing a new master meter at the district split point.

Discussion was held regarding the installation of a new master meter at the district split point. The Board discussed concerns regarding accurate meter readings and the possibility of replacing the existing meter. The Board was advised that if accurate meter readings are obtained, ORWA will calibrate the meter at no cost. Mr. Greever recommended consulting with the engineer to determine the most efficient approach.

Morie made a motion to authorize the District Manager to make contact with the engineer; Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Morie, Louderback, Vann, Smith and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

J. Discussion and possible action on installing location trackers in district vehicles.

The board discussed location trackers for the district vehicles and possibly trailers, along with reasoning as standard precaution, or to monitor 24/7, the cost of trackers, getting quotes and battery maintenance.

Morie made a motion to investigate the cost of trackers, Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Morie and Smith. Voting no: Weathers, Louderback and Vann. Motion failed.

K. Transfers:

Act. 276 Robert Riley to Melissa Pinkston and Derrick Ivie
Act. 477 Christoper & Crystal Willett to Robert & Brenda Hanchett
Act. 536 The Erickson Family Revocable Trust to Ian & Amanda Cathers
Act. 631 Ronald & Cynthia Steckline to Jacob & Amber Helmer
Act. 643 Bret & Katrina Boyer to Donald & Glenda Trett
Act. 1054 Thomas & Lisa Milligan to Kent & Sunshine Bedingfield

Louderback made the motion to accept the transfers, Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

L. New Benefit:

Act. 1520 Justus Tiawah School

Smith made the motion to accept the new benefit. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Morie, Vann, Louderback and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

M. Forfeiture:

None

III. District Manager's Report:

Field Overview

- 4 lockouts
- Installed 0 new taps
- Repaired 15 leaks
- Installed 3 new meter box's
- Performed 7-yard clean ups
- Changed out 1 radio due to mower strike
- Installed bell restraint on 6-inch line on lamb hill
- Brushed hogged valves on Hwy 88

- **Water Loss**

Water loss for May was 20%. This was a busy month we fixed 15 leaks; those leaks resulted in water loss going from 13% to 20%!! I'm sure we still have a few leaks, as the rainwater dries up we should start finding the remaining leaks!!!

- **Rate increase**

We received a rate increase letter from OOWA on June 12 and RWD 7 on June 29, 2026

- **Justice school south meter**

We have received the final check covering all cost on the new meter installation.

- **Sink hole on lamb hill**

On Sunday June 28, 2026, I received a call from The Stuttlers stating their driveway had sunk. I went and looked at it and at that time it was not close to our 6-inch main line. When I went back on Monday to see if it had collapsed over our line, it did but did not break it. So, I excavated the dirt off the line to get the weight off and make sure we had no problems. I also installed a 6-inch bell restraint to keep it from sliding out if it happens again.

- **Lead Service Line Inventory**

DEQ and the EPA are requiring us to physically verify the remainder of service lines left after we sent out our service line questionnaire in 2024. We are still hand digging every customer side service line to verify the material. As of June 17, 2026 we have completed this project. And Mallory has done all the paperwork and sent it in to DEQ!

- **CCR report**

Annual requirement added to the bills. Per DEQ.

- **Seasonal Duties**

I am continuing to mow and weed eat and spray tower pens, valves, and hydrants to ensure good visibility, so the state mowers don't damage any of our property.

- **90-day flushing**

We are obligated to flush all dead-end lines every 90 days to keep our water fresh and moving. With the hot weather coming this is a very important part of our operation.

- **Upcoming projects**

On Friday July 10, 2026, I will be digging up the old fire hydrant at Justice North campus and relocating it to its new home so the construction on the new school can continue to move forward. After the hydrant move project is done, I will start the Justice tower vault rebuild.

IV. Office Report- presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve.

Weathers made the motion to accept the Office Report, and Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Louderback, Vann, Morie and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

V. Business Unforeseen at the Time of Posting Agenda

Legal counsel was present and read a letter received from the Attorney General regarding the District's contract, and provided clarification to the Board concerning the contract issues addressed in the letter.

VI. Old Business

None.

V11. Adjournment:

After all matters were addressed and no further business, Louderback made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Name of the person posting this Notice:

Tony Vann, Chairman

Rhonda Weathers, Secretary/Treasurer

Signature

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