Rogers County, Oklahoma
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
District Office - located at 22094 S. 4160 Road
Claremore, Oklahoma
June 2, 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 5:05 P. M. in the District Office

B. Call Roll and Record Names of Members Present.

Chairman Vann, Vice Chairman Smith, member Louderback, and member Morie.

Absent: Secretary Treasurer, Weathers

We have a quorum

Others present: Bookkeeper Hill, Field Operator Corgill

C. Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 5, 2026.

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

D. Recognize and Hear from Visitors not on the agenda

Ruperto Aguilar, District Manager at Rogers County Rural Water District 2, introduced himself to the board and offered his assistance for any future needs.

Myron Grubowski discussed potential bylaw updates to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and addressed considerations regarding the water purchase contract with Rural Water District #7.

Sean Flowers was present but had no comments for the Board at this time.

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

A. Review and discuss RWD # 7 Water Purchase Contract with district lawyer Mack Greever

A discussion was held regarding the district's water purchase contract with RWD 7. Attorney Mack Greever provided counsel on the district's rights, options, and prospective actions under the current agreement terms. The board asked Mack whether it was possible to open the floor for public comments regarding the RWD 7 contract, and Mack agreed.

During public comment, district member Myron Grubowski discussed the RWD 7 water purchase contract, ongoing regulatory efforts related to the matter, and recommendations for gathering additional water usage data to support future negotiations and decision-making.

District member Bobbie Alberty spoke next and suggested a meeting between the chairman and maybe one of the board members to discuss the contract.

District member Brant Morie commented on a recent RWD 7 meeting he attended. Upon his inquiry regarding the RWD 7/RWD 8 contract, the RWD 7 board indicated no current interest in renegotiation. Mr. Morie proposed that the Board notify district members via letter and schedule a meeting to welcome members and discuss the contract.

Following public discussion, a motion was made by Smith to have Vann request a meeting with the RWD 7 Chairman to present the district's payment data. Morie and Smith were designated to draft the informational letter for distribution to district members. The letter will summarize the steps taken to resolve the contract issue, invite member input to help secure a fair and equitable agreement over the next three months, and note that a district-wide meeting will be called to discuss potential legal action if negotiations remain unresolved. Morie Seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Vann, Smith, Morie. Motion carried.

B. Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B) (1)

1. Discussion, Motion, and Vote for the purpose of discussing the performance, discipline, or termination of Matt Payne, District Manager of RWD#8.

Legal counsel Mack Greever requested permission to make an observation regarding this agenda item, noting that because the subject of the executive session had resigned, the executive session was no longer warranted. Nathan stated that he had not been officially informed of the resignation prior to the meeting, which is why the item was retained on the agenda.

Cliff made a motion to strike section 2B, executive session to discuss the performance, discipline, or termination of Matt Payne, District Manager of RWD #8. Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Morie. Voting No: Vann. Motion Carried.

C. Motion and vote to return to open session

Morie made the motion to strike section 2C, motion and vote to return to open session. Cliff seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Louderback, Morie, Vann.

D. Consideration and possible action on executive session items

Smith made a motion to strike 2D, consideration and possible action on executive session items. Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Morie, Louderback, Vann.

E. 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 the motion to table 2E, the proposed amendments to the water service rule. Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Vann, Smith, Louderback, Morie.

F. Discussion and possible action of RWD 8 Equipment Policy

After further discussion, the board decided that the current policy, as written in the employee handbook, clearly states the parameters for using district equipment. Legal Counsel provided the board with suggestions to clarify employee expectations in the future. No action was taken on this matter.

G. Discussion, possible action, or take no action to move the regular monthly meeting to start at 6:00 p.m.

Legal counsel advised that while modifying the regular meeting time is permissible, the district must strictly follow proper administrative procedures and comply with all applicable state statutes. Following a brief discussion, the Board reached a consensus to table the matter for future consideration.

H. Hear from Brant Morie regarding the section titled water service on page 2 of the District's Rules and Regulations, and Board Policies booklet.

District member Brant Morie addressed the Board to propose removing the multi-dwelling water service policy, citing concerns about consistency in enforcement, potential financial impacts, and jurisdictional limits. Mr. Morie stated that he had previously received a letter from the district notifying him of the policy and advising that additional water meters would be required for multiple dwellings on his property. In response, he attended the next board meeting to discuss this matter. Following that discussion, the Board informed him that additional meters would not be required until the building became occupied. Mr. Morie further recommended that research be done to see how other Oklahoma municipalities regulate accessory dwellings, and that the guidelines listed in the bylaws, Article VI, Section 5, be followed to govern water taps. The Board received his comments and written presentation for review; no formal action was taken.

I. Hear from Bobbie Alberty regarding the section titled water service on page 2 of the District's Rules and Regulations, and Board Policies booklet.

District member Bobbie Alberty addressed the Board to advocate for maintaining the multi-dwelling water service policy. She stated that this policy provides revenue necessary for the district to continue offering reliable services to its members. Additionally, Ms. Alberty highlighted the potential negative impacts of removing the policy, citing examples she had been made aware of in another district. The Board received her comments; no formal action was taken.

G. Transfers:

Act. 170 Ellis & Luz Dake to Kevin & Alexandria Smart
Act. 463 Kurtis & Kecia Hannah to Paul & Quanah Lind

Act. 555 The Claremore Cornerstone Baptist Church to The Fellowship of Claremore, INC
Act. 661 Ruby Randolph to Harvey Estates LLC
Act. 1234 Robert & Tosha Hayes to Robert & Tanya Taylor

Smith made the motion to accept the transfers, with the amendment that account 368 be excluded from the transfers. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Vann, Smith, Morie. Motion carried.

H. New Benefit:

None

I. Forfeiture:

None

III. District Manager's Report:

Field Overview

- **0 lockouts**
- **Installed 0 new taps**
- **Repaired 5 leaks**
- **Installed 3 new meter boxes**
- **Changed 0 meters to iPerl**
- **Performed 3-yard clean-ups**
- **Changed out 6 radios due to failure or mower strikes**

- **Water Loss**

Water loss for May was 13%. It looks like we might have a few small service leaks at the moment. I'm sure we will find these within this month, with mowing season kicking off. (The national water loss average is 16% to 18% according to the US EPA.)

- **Lead Service Line Inventory**

DEQ and the EPA are requiring us to physically verify the remaining service lines after we sent out our service line questionnaire in 2024. We are still hand-digging every customer side service line to verify the material. We're making good headway and should be finished within the year.

- **Seasonal Duties**

We are continuing to mow and weed-eat around tower pens, valves, and hydrants to ensure good visibility and prevent the state mowers from damaging any of our property.

· **Justus Tiawah South Campus**

On May 13, 2026, we installed the new 2-inch meter for Justice Tiawah School South.

IV. Office Report*:*

Louderback made the motion to accept the office report, and Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Morie, and Vann. Opposed: none, motion carried.

V. Business Unforeseen at the Time of Posting Agenda

None.

VI. Old Business*:*

None

V11. **Adjournment*:***

After all matters were addressed and there was no further business, Louderback made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Name of the person posting this Notice:
Tony Vann, Chairman
Rhonda Weathers, Secretary/Treasurer

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