

DESOTO COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

Board of Directors

November 19, 2025

9:00 A.M.

A. OPENING PRAYER – Wayne Spell

Before the opening prayer, Wayne Spell shared 2 short films from Prager University. The films, produced in partnership with the White House, are part of a series created for the new Founders Museum exhibit. These films were shared as a reminder of the many things we have to be thankful for.

B. CALL TO ORDER – Andy Swims

The Directors present at the meeting were:

Director Andy Swims

Director Barry Bridgforth

Director Tim Tucker

Director Chris Wilson

Director Joe Frank Lauderdale

Director Rodney Nash

Director Pete Scott was absent.

C. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Rodney Nash made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025. Director Chris Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full

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Director Swims

Director Swims

Director Bridgforth

Director Bridgforth

Director Scott (Absent)

Director Scott (Absent)

Director Tucker

Director Tucker

Director Wilson

Director Wilson

Director Lauderdale

Director Lauderdale

Director Nash

Director Nash

Exhibit C1

D. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- Current Payables

- a. Payment for Center Hill land \$988,956.16 (reimbursement through USACE will be requested)

After reviewing the list of invoices for payment, Director Joe Frank Lauderdale made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full	Flow
Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker
Director Wilson	Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale	Director Lauderdale
Director Nash	Director Nash
Exhibit D1	

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution for Story Bank Line of Credit – Nick Manley

Manley presented closing the existing Trustmark Line of Credit and opening a new \$8.5 million line of credit with Story Bank at an interest rate of 4.9%. He noted that the Story Bank line of credit would not incur any charges unless the funds are used, and that the associated closing costs are minimal and are for the costs incurred by Story Bank.

Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to authorize signing the resolution on December 3, 2025 for the Line of Credit. Director Chris Wilson seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full	Flow
Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker
Director Wilson	Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale	Director Lauderdale
Director Nash	Director Nash
Exhibit E1	

2. Cornerstone Contract Amendment – Nick Manley

Manley presented extending the Cornerstone Contract for an additional year. HLCBISD approved the one-year extension pending DCRUA's approval. The Cornerstone Contract provides lobbying services in both Washington, D.C., and Mississippi. The Board also discussed the importance of coordinated efforts with municipalities and other lobbyists. Director Chris Wilson made a motion to approve the Cornerstone Contract amendment. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full	Flow
Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker
Director Wilson	Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale	Director Lauderdale
Director Nash	Director Nash
Exhibit E2	

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Director Updates – Wayne Spell

- Kristi Bowling and Scott Cleven provided a tour of the JCWWTF.
- Wayne Spell filed the application for a water well permit for the SFWWTF as discussed at the October Board of Governors meeting. Spell also discussed the negotiation method to arrive at a fair offer to The City of Hernando with Jon McLeod.

Motion: Director Rodney Nash made a motion to negotiate a water rate of \$2.00 per 1000 gallons with Hernando for a period of four years with no rate increase during the term of the agreement. Director Barry Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full	Flow
Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)

Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash

Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash

- Wayne Spell signed the closing documents for the Center Hill land purchase.
- Wayne Spell attended a meeting at the invitation of Southaven Mayor Musselwhite and Brad Mayo with xAI to discuss their participation in a solution to the District WWT project. The meeting was attended by representatives of the City of Horn Lake, Southaven, The District, and DCRUA.
- The Technical Committee met in Waggoner Engineering's conference room to review the current funding status of the District project as well as funding alternatives, the cost, and pros and cons of each funding option.

Wayne Spell and Manning McPhillips, with Cornerstone addressed the DeSoto Council Economic Development Council board of directors concerning the status of the District project and the need for a common voice from DeSoto County's business community and the elected officials.

Wayne Spell attended the luncheon that followed and visited the elected officials and community leaders in attendance.

- Kristi Bowling, DCRUA Office Manager, has volunteered to apply for a Notary Public license in the State of Mississippi. Wayne Spell discussed the opportunity with Kristi, and she was very interested in applying.
- Wayne Spell met with Mark Carroll with xAI at JCWWTF to review the District project plans. Greg Brown, Audrey Lewis, and Tim Vernor attended this meeting and reviewed sections of the plan design.
- Wayne Spell signed the AT&T contract for SFWWTF, the contract presented modifications in the installation design resulting in an approximate \$2,000.00 savings.
- Wayne Spell, Tracy Huffman and Manning McPhillips worked on a modified fact sheet to provide the County Board of Supervisors for their annual booklet used to discuss County needs in Jackson and Washington D.C.

- Wayne Spell gave an update on fiber installation for the WWTF's. David Pino provided an update on the fiber installation at both Johnson Creek and Short Fork. He reported that Johnson Creek's internet has been installed and is ready to be completed, while work at Short Fork is still in progress. He also noted that the networking equipment at both Johnson Creek and Short Fork has been relocated to designated areas in preparation for firewall replacements. David Pino also presented a proposal to replace the firewalls at Johnson Creek, Short Fork, and Metro, with a total cost of \$7383.00.

Motion: Director Tim Tucker made a motion to accept the proposal from Horizon to replace the firewalls at all three locations. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Director Swims
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Exhibit F1 – Horizon Proposal	

2. Johnson Creek Effluent Pump Station and Force Main Bids – Audrey Lewis
 - Lewis presented the certified bid results, noting that four bids were submitted. Hemphill submitted the lowest bid at \$27,522,172.00. Due to the change in the scope of the project, MDEQ is currently in the process of amending the SRF loan. DCRUA is also awaiting xAI's submission of their plan of action for the project. Because of these issues, it is recommended that the notice of award for the bid not be issued at this time. DCRUA has ninety days from October 21, 2025, to award the bid. Director Rodney Nash made a motion to delay awarding the bid pending further advisement. Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full	Flow
Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker

Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash
Exhibit F2

Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash

- Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to allow Wayne Spell to sign the SRF Loan Amendment from MDEQ for the Johnson Creek Effluent Pump Station Project. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims
Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash
Exhibit F3

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Director Swims
Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash

3. CMOM – Audrey Lewis

Lewis reviewed the CMOM report and provided the board with an update on its current status, noting that it has been a year since the last update. Audrey Lewis discussed several suggested implementations, including:

- Self-assessment report
- Monthly tracking report
- Public relations activities, such as Earth Day events
- Pretreatment reports
- Updated policies and procedures
- Permits approved over the year
- Industrial survey report
- Visual monitoring program
- SSO reports

4. Lake Forest Metering Station Minor Repairs – Ross Horton

Horton presented a proposal from DCRUA's term bid contractor, Cleveland Construction, regarding grounds repairs at the Lake Forest Metering Station. The proposed scope of work includes soil stabilization, as well as the replacement and upsizing of the existing culvert. The total cost of the proposed work is \$6,740.00. Director Tim Tucker made a motion to approve the grounds repairs at the Lake Forest Metering Station. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims
Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash
Exhibit F4

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Director Swims
Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)
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Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash

G. PERMITS

1. Niteo Pretreatment (Hernando) – Audrey Lewis

Lewis reviewed a pretreatment permit renewal application submitted by Niteo Products. Director Joe Frank Lauderdale made a motion to approve the renewal of the pretreatment permit application. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full

Director Swims
Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash
Exhibit G1

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Director Swims
Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash

H. ENGINEERING REPORTS

1. Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab – Ross Horton

Horton presented Pay Application #18 submitted by Hemphill, totaling \$60,000 and covering the period from October 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025. Director Joe Frank Lauderdale made a motion to approve the Pay Application #18. Director Tim Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full

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Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker
Director Wilson	Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale	Director Lauderdale
Director Nash	Director Nash
Exhibit H1 – Pay App #18	

Horton presented a Notice of Substantial Completion of Short Fork and Ross Road WWTF Rehab, effective through November 13, 2025, when the plant went back online. Director Tim Tucker made a motion to authorize signing of the Notice of Substantial Completion. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker
Director Wilson	Director Wilson
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Director Nash	Director Nash
Exhibit H1 – Notice of Substantial Completion	

Horton requested permission to advertise for bids for Biosolids Removal and Disposal at Short Fork WWTF, Ross Road WWTF, and Johnson Creek WWT. Director Joe Frank Lauderdale made a motion to approve advertising for bids for Biosolids Removal and Disposal. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Full	Flow
Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker
Director Wilson	Director Wilson

Director Lauderdale

Director Nash

Exhibit H1 – Biosolids Removal and Disposal

Director Lauderdale

Director Nash

Once Denali's contract officially expires, they will discontinue sludge removal until a new contract is approved. Ross Horton will be responsible for communicating this information to Denali.

I. OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Ross Road, Short Fork and Western Facility (Inframark) – Eddy Russell and Scott Cleven
Cleven presented Inframark's monthly report. Eddy Russell requested a one-month extension for the upcoming Condition Assessment, which is required every 90 days per the contract. He requested the extension due to the upcoming holidays and to allow sufficient time to coordinate the necessary personnel to complete the assessment. Director Rodney Nash made a motion to extend the assessment one month. Director Joe Frank Lauderdale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims

Director Bridgforth

Director Scott (Absent)

Director Tucker

Director Wilson

Director Lauderdale

Director Nash

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Director Swims

Director Bridgforth

Director Scott (Absent)

Director Tucker

Director Wilson

Director Lauderdale

Director Nash

Scott Cleven presented a quote for a second influent valve at Braybourne. One valve was approved by Wayne Spell which is scheduled to ship in February. Cleven is requesting a second valve for backup due to the life expectancy of the valves and possible tariffs after January. This would be contingent upon Aqua Aerobic System honoring the original quote of the first valve. Director Tim Tucker made a motion to approve purchasing the influent valve at the original quote. Director Rodney Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims

Director Bridgforth

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Director Swims

Director Bridgforth

Director Scott (Absent)
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Director Nash

Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker
Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale
Director Nash

2. Metro WWTF (Mitchell Technical) – David Karr

Karr presented Mitchell's monthly report for Metro. David reported that there were exposed discharge, chemical, and water lines and requested approval to install heat tracing on them. The total cost of the work is \$4000.00 and \$6000.00 and would be charged to the maintenance. No formal motion was required, and David was authorized to move forward with the project and apply the expenses to the maintenance budget.

J. FLOW SUMMARY REPORT – Audrey Lewis

Lewis presented the flow chart for the month of October.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Barry Bridgforth made a motion to enter Executive Session. Director Joe Frank Lauderdale seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
Director Tucker	Director Tucker
Director Wilson	Director Wilson
Director Lauderdale	Director Lauderdale
Director Nash	Director Nash

Director Andy Swims made a motion to discuss MDEQ Compliance Agreed Orders for Metro and Short Fork and personnel matters. Director Barry Bridgforth seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Director Swims
Director Bridgforth	Director Bridgforth
Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)

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Director Nash

The Board discussed the issues associated with the MDEQ Agreed Orders for Metro Facility and Shortfork Facility. After discussion of the orders and issues at the facilities, a motion was made by Director Barry Bridgforth to authorize Wayne Spell to sign the Agreed Order for Shortfork Facility and continue negotiations for the Agreed Order for the Metro Facility. The motion was seconded by Director Tim Tucker.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Director Swims	Director Swims
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Director Scott (Absent)	Director Scott (Absent)
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Director Nash	Director Nash

DCRUA Board discussed personnel issues in context of holiday pay. Based on the discussion, the issue of holiday pay will be re-visited at a future date for consideration.

Director Bridgforth made a motion to end the Executive Session. Director Nash 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	Yes	Director Lauderdale	Yes
Director Tucker	Yes	Director Tucker	Yes
Director Scott	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes

ADJOURN/RECESS

Director Nash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Tucker 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	Absent	Director Scott	Absent
Director Nash	Yes	Director Nash	Yes


Board President
Board Secretary