Rogers County, Oklahoma
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
District Office - located at 22094 S. 4160 Road
Claremore, Oklahoma
October 6, 2026

I. Procedural Items:

A. Call to Order by Chairman.

Chairman Smith called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 8, Rogers County, Oklahoma, to order at 5:30 p.m.at the District Office.

B. Call Roll and Record Names of Members Present.

Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Ayotte, Secretary-Treasurer Weathers, Member Alberty, and Member Morie were all present.

A quorum was present.

Others present: Bookkeeper Hill, District Manager Corgill.

C. Discussion and possible action to approve Amended Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 1, 2026.

The record reflects that the board received a separate document in its monthly packets, including the proposed amendments and findings from listening to the audio recording of the September 1st board meeting. District member Brant Morie provided the recording, which will be stored on the manager's computer. The separate document provided to the board will be kept in the agenda and minutes binder for record.

E. Public comment. The Board will receive comments but will not deliberate or take action on matters not listed on the agenda.

Visitors present: Brant Morie, Barry Vierheller, Sean Flowers.

Visitors who spoke: Barry Vierheller and Brant Morie.

Barry Vierheller stated that the Chairman had indicated Nathan Morie did not need to recuse himself. Barry also discussed the vacant Board seat, stating that the By-Laws appear to require seat-specific affidavits and that he believes he should have

been eligible for consideration. Director Alberty responded that those requirements apply to annual elections, not vacancies resulting from resignations.

Brant Morie stated he had researched the procedure for filling board vacancies outside the annual election process. He expressed his understanding that the board could appoint any eligible member, however they wanted. He also expressed concern that Chairman Cliff Smith had denied Director Nathan Morie the opportunity to propose a candidate for the vacancy, which he cannot do.

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

A. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a proposed amendment to the District By-Laws concerning one structure per Benefit Unit, as drafted by Chairman Cliff Smith, including consideration of submitting the proposed amendment for a vote at a special meeting of participating members and providing notice of the proposed amendment to participating members with their water bills.

Director Bobbie Alberty reported that individuals she consulted with at the ORWA conference expressed concern that the proposed amendment could harm the District and affect its ability to obtain loans through OWRB and USDA. She noted that some districts no longer allow multiple hookups because of associated problems. Chairman Cliff Smith stated his position that members should be allowed to propose changes to the By-Laws. Director Nathan Morie referenced similar municipal policies, and Alberty noted that municipalities operate differently from rural water districts.

Vice Chairman Paul Ayotte requested clarification about multiple hookups versus additional meters. Alberty described a trailer park served by a larger meter with a monthly minimum charge for each lot. In response to Rhonda Weathers's question, Smith clarified that the document under review contained his ideas as a guideline for members and would accompany a separate notification letter.

Alberty raised concerns about monitoring water pressure and suggested review by OWRB. Smith stated that no changes were being implemented at that time and that the proposed changes would require legal review. Weathers reported consulting District legal counsel Mack Greever regarding Article XVII, Section 1 of the By-Laws and members' authority to make fundamental changes. She reported that Greever stated that one line per Benefit Unit could be a foundational policy, raising a question about members' authority to amend that provision. Weathers also reported that Greever described a loan agreement requirement to maintain revenue "1.25% above expenses." She asked whether the District's accountant or anyone else had calculated whether the District met that requirement.
Smith expressed his belief that the proposal would not fundamentally affect District income and raised concerns that existing rules could limit new businesses.

The Board continued discussions addressing members who had previously purchased additional taps to comply with District rules. Morie suggested buying back meters when members presented a valid case. Alberty said the Board voted the previous year to discontinue meter buybacks. At Smith's request, Barry Vierheller offered his opinion that the Board should refund members who had been treated unfairly. The Board requested a report identifying members with multiple taps on the same property.

Ayotte made a motion to move agenda item 2(A) forward by submitting the proposed amendment to participating members for a vote at a special meeting and including notice of the proposed amendment with members' water bills. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Morie, and Ayotte. Voting no: Weathers and Alberty. Motion carried, 3–2.

Weathers requested that the record reflect that both she and Alberty expressed concern about a potential conflict of interest involving Morie's participation in the discussion and vote.

B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding whether Nathan Morie and Brant Morie, holders of Benefit Unit No. 866, are in violation of Article VI, Section 5 of the District By-Laws and the Water Service provisions of the District's Rules, Regulations, and Board Policies.

Member Nathan Morie has recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.

The Board discussed concerns about applying the requirements to one member when other properties might also be out of compliance and had not received notice. A concern was also raised that the rule had not been properly enforced for several years.

Weathers made a motion to strike agenda item B. Ayotte seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Ayotte, Alberty, and Smith. Motion carried.

C. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the requirements and time frame for Nathan Morie and Brant Morie, account holders of Benefit Unit No. 866, to bring the benefit unit and water service into compliance with Article VI, Section 5 of the District By-Laws and the Water Service provisions of the District's Rules, Regulations, and Board Policies.

Director Nathan Morie recused himself from discussion and voting on the item.

The Board discussed other approaches to bring members into compliance with District requirements and will consider proposals members may present at a special meeting.

Weathers made a motion to strike agenda item C. Ayotte seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Ayotte, Alberty, and Smith. Motion carried.

D. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding Sean Flowers's request for a refund of the purchase price of two additional meters and reimbursement of the monthly charges associated with those meters for the past eight years.

Director Alberty expressed concern that reimbursing Mr. Flowers could lead to additional reimbursement requests. Chairman Smith stated that requests would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Flowers explained the circumstances that led him to purchase the additional meters. During the discussion, it was noted that Mr. Flowers purchased the two additional meters but never installed them.

After the discussion, Alberty made the motion to reimburse Mr. Flowers for the cost of the meters and the associated monthly minimum charges. Ayotte seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ayotte, Smith, Morie, Weathers, and Alberty. Motion carried.

E. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding seeking new legal counsel to represent the district, including identifying prospective attorneys and obtaining proposals for legal services.

Ayotte made a motion to seek new legal counsel and proposals for legal services. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Ayotte, Smith, Alberty, and Morie. Motion carried.

F. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding workers' compensation insurance quotes from ORWA and The Burrows Agency, including renewal with the current provider or selection of a new provider and authorization of coverage.

The Board reviewed the workers' compensation insurance quotes provided by ORWA and The Burrows Agency.

Alberty made a motion to select The Burrows Agency for the District's workers' compensation insurance. Weathers seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Alberty, Morie, Ayotte, and Smith. Motion carried.

G. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the following Benefit Unit transfers:

Act. 109 Charles Woody to Todd & Cara Carroll
Act. 187 River Paint Holding LLC to Croft Consulting Services LLC
Act. 640 Mike & Roxanne Vickrey to Travis Vickrey
Act. 758 Alexander White to Garrett Eubanks
Act. 799 Mike & Roxanne Vickrey to Travis Vickrey
Act. 1059 Mike & Roxanne Vickrey to Travis & Kristen Potts
Act. 1078 River Paint Holding LLC to Croft Consulting Services LLC
Act. 1174 Mike & Roxanne Vickrey to Jason & Jennifer Vickrey
Act. 1179 Mike & Roxanne Vickrey to Travis & Kristen Potts
Act. 1251 Carson Highfill to Daniel Bond
Act. 1268 David Fillmore to Keith & Diana Johnson
Act. 1478 Eric & Kristy Wiley to Caitlin Dunning
Act. 1511 Taylor Hutchins DBA Kolt Systems to Robert & Tracy Durbin

Alberty made the motion to accept the transfers as presented. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Alberty, Morie, Weathers, Smith, Ayotte. Motion carried.

H. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the following New Benefit Units:

Act. 1526 Daniel & Logan Shouse

Alberty made the motion to accept the new benefit as presented. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Ayotte, Weathers, Smith, Alberty, Morie. Motion carried.

III. District Manager's Report for September 2026: presentation and discussion; no action will be taken.

Month at a glance:
Crews repaired 20 leaks, installed three new taps, and installed eight large meters as the district continued its changeover to the Sensus system. Additional flushing was performed in response to reported elevated manganese levels. The next planned project is installing valves near Lamb Tower to improve isolation during leaks.

Field activity
Leaks repaired: 20
New taps installed: 3
Meter boxes installed: 4
Large meters installed: 8
Yard cleanups completed: 2
Radios replaced due to mower strikes: 2
Lockouts: 0

Water loss and flushing
September water loss was 20%. Crews repaired several large leaks and performed additional flushing in response to elevated manganese levels during the hot weather.

Meter replacement
Crews continued replacing meters on the old system with Sensus meters. The six-inch meter at the casino was replaced during a scheduled 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. shutdown window. The work was completed on time without reported complications. The remaining meter changeovers are expected to be completed before the next meter-reading cycle.

Repairs and seasonal maintenance
A major leak on an older four-inch main on 4170 was repaired, and service was restored. Mowing, weed eating, and spraying continued, including clearing valves along Highway 88 to reduce exposure to state mowing operations.

Upcoming project

After completing the meter changeover, crews plan to install additional valves behind Lamb Tower. The goal is to improve isolation during leaks in the western portion of the district and reduce water loss during repairs.

IV. Office Report for September 2026: presentation, discussion, and possible action to approve the report.

Alberty made the motion to accept the office report as presented. Ayotte seconded the motion. Voting yes: Alberty, Ayotte, Weathers, Morie, and Smith. Motion carried.

V. New Business: Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.

Chairman Cliff Smith reported receiving a letter from Rhonda Weathers, who resigned as Secretary-Treasurer but remained a Board member. The Board discussed filling the officer position. Alberty moved to appoint Morie as the new Secretary-Treasurer. Weathers seconded the motion. Voting yes: Smith, Alberty, Weathers, Ayotte. Voting no: Morie. Motion carried, 4-1.

VI. VI. Adjournment.

Weathers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Name of the person posting this Notice:
, Chairman
Nathan Morie, Secretary/Treasurer
Prepared by: Mallory Hill, Office Staff Member.

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