

Rogers County, Oklahoma
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
District Office - located at 22094 S. 4160 Road
Claremore, Oklahoma
April 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 5:00 P. M. in the District Office

B. Call Roll and Record Names of Members Present.

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

We have a quorum

Others present: Bookkeeper Hill

C. Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 3, 2026.

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

D. Recognize and Hear from Visitors not on the agenda

Paul Ayotte and Brant Morie were present for the meeting.

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

A. Review and discussion of Rural Water Districe#8 annual audit with auditor Christie Littlefield.

The auditor for the annual audit was not present at the meeting. Two corrections were identified in the audit report: one on page 16, and another on page 18, involving a date and the listed rates, that will be brought to the attention of the auditor.

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.

The Board discussed proposed amendments to the water service rule as outlined in the rules and regulations, and board policies handbook. The Board reviewed various policy examples from other water districts within Rogers County for comparison. It was noted that the bylaws can only be changed at the annual meetings, and the importance of ensuring consistency between the bylaws, and the rules and regulations. Additionally, the Board discussed maintaining a balanced approach to district policies, emphasizing the need to avoid both unnecessary financial loss to the district, and the perception of excessive fee enforcement. Further discussion included property use such as barns, shops, businesses, RV's, and guest homes, also in cases where such structures are used intermittently by family members (e.g., during holidays). The Board also addressed the distinctions between residences with additional permanent structures versus temporary structures. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to table the matter until next month for further review.

Morie made the motion to table until the next month's meeting. Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C. Discussion, possible action, or take no action to hold on-site board member training with ORWA representative

The Board discussed training and made a motion to table until to the next month's meeting, for further discussion.

Morie made the motion to table to the next month's meeting. Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Opposed: none, motion carried.

D. Review and approve 2026 Rural Water District # 8 budget report

The Board reviewed the budget report for 2026. After discussing the items, a motion was made to approve the budget.

Smith made the motion to approve the 2026 budget report. Weathers seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Opposed: none, motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible action pertaining to Rural Water District # 8 insurance renewal and potential changes/expansion of coverage with ORWA Assurance Group

The Board discussed the upcoming insurance policy renewal, including potential changes and the possibility of expanding coverage. It was noted that the renewal reflects a significant premium increase. After consideration, the Board agreed to table the decision until next month in order to obtain and review quotes from additional insurance providers for comparison.

Weathers made the motion to table the insurance discussion until the next month's meeting. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Opposed: none, motion carried.

F. Discussion and possible action pertaining to future postings of board minutes to the Rural Water District # 8 website, no later than four business days after each board meeting

Weathers made the motion to approve posting the minutes no later than four business days after each board meeting. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Opposed: none, motion carried.

G. Transfers:

Act. 1199 Lloyd & Maryem Smith to Andrew & Lindsey Moore

Act. 1265 Joshua & Alex Ryan to Nathan Barnett

H. New Benefit:

Act. 1519 David Brown

I. Forfeiture:

None

Smith made the motion to approve the transfers and new benefit. Louderback seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Smith, Vann, Weathers and Morie. Opposed: none, motion carried.

III. District Manager's Report:

Field Overview

- 0 lockouts
- Installed 0 new taps
- Repaired 10 leaks
- Installed 3 new meter box's
- Changed 4 meters to iPerl
- Performed 2 yard clean ups

Summary

Below is the bullet-pointed version of our month. Please, feel free to contact me with further questions.

Bullet Point Review

- **Water Loss**

Water loss for March is 19.15%. This is 9.16% lower than last month. (The national water loss average is 16% to 18% according to the US EPA.)

- **OOWA**

Myron Grubowski has suggested that we obtain our own contract and separate meter with OOWA (our water supplier). This will need to be discussed by the board of directors.

- **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. We're making good headway and should be finished within the year.

- **90 Day Flushing**

We have completed our 90 flushing from hydrants and blowoffs to insure new, clean water is brought into the district and doesn't become stagnant at dead end lines.

- **Seasonal Duties**

We have been mowing and weedeating tower pens, valves, and hydrants to ensure good visibility, so the state mowers don't damage any of our property.

IV. Office Report:

Louderback made the motion to accept the office report, Smith seconded the motion. Voting yes: Louderback, Weathers, 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 no further business, Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Name of the person posting this Notice:

Tony Vann, Chairman

Rhonda Weathers, Secretary/Treasurer

Signature

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