Rogers County, Oklahoma
Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting
District Office - located at 22094 S. 4160 Road
Claremore, Oklahoma
September 1, 2026

I. Procedural Items:

A. Call to Order by Chairman.

Smith, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 8, Rogers County, Oklahoma, to order at 5:30 P. M. in the District Office

B. Call Roll and Record Names of Members Present.

Vice Chairman Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Weathers, and member Morie.

We have a quorum

Others present: Bookkeeper Hill, District Manager Corgill.

C. Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 4, 2026.

Weathers made the motion to approve the minutes as printed. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Smith and Morie. Motion carried.

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

Visitors present: Bobbie Alberty, Paul Ayotte, Brant Morie, Barry Vierheller and Richard Pate.

Visitors who spoke: Barry Vierheller and Richard Pate.

Barry Vierheller addressed the Board regarding several matters. He expressed dissatisfaction regarding the candidacy filing requirements and stated he was unaware that two Board seats were open for election. He stated that he was interested in filling one of the open seats. The Vice Chairman advised that an affidavit of candidacy must be submitted in advance, prior to the start of the meeting, to run for a seat. Mr. Vierheller also expressed concern about potential conflicts of interest involving a board candidate who previously worked for the district, served on the Board, or currently works for another water department. He discussed the upcoming agenda item regarding the purchase of meters and raised

concerns regarding the current approach. He requested a certified copy and cost documentation regarding a water tap relocation on his property.

Richard Pate addressed the Board to request clarification regarding the placement of District water meters, and service lines on private property. The District Manager responded to the inquiry, explaining the layout of the district's right-of-way easements, and how the boundaries dictate the proper placement of the lines and meters.

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

A. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to acknowledge and accept the resignation of Chairman Tony Vann, effective August 5, 2026, and recognize the resulting vacancy on the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Morie and seconded by Weathers to accept the resignation of Chairman Tony Vann, effective August 5, 2026, and recognize the board vacancy. Voting yes: Morie, Weathers and Smith. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

B. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to acknowledge and accept the resignation of Director Keith Louderback, effective August 4, 2026, and recognize the resulting vacancy on the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Weathers and seconded by Morie to accept the resignation of Director Keith Louderback, effective August 4, 2026, and recognize the board vacancy. Voting yes: Weathers, Morie and Smith. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

C. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to fill the Board vacancy previously held by Tony Vann by appointing a qualified participating member to fill the vacancy pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the District By-Laws.

The Board discussed filling the Seat 1 vacancy pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the bylaws. By a unanimous vote, Bobbie Alberty was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Board discussed filling the Seat 1 vacancy under Article VII, Section 3 of the District Bylaws. Director Nathan Morie stated that the Board should not consider Bobbie Alberty for the vacancy because she listed Seat 3 on her application. The Chairman asked both candidates about their seat preferences. Paul Ayotte stated that he was applying for Seat 3. Bobbie Alberty initially stated that she had no preference and subsequently stated that she wished to fill Seat one. The Chairman Cliff Smith stated that the By-Laws did not require candidates to select a particular seat and noted that only two members had submitted affidavits of candidacy. He then called for a vote to appoint Alberty to Seat 1.

Voting yes: Weathers and Smith. Voting no: Morie. Bobbie Alberty was appointed to fill the Seat 1 vacancy by a vote of 2–1.

D. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to fill the Board vacancy previously held by Keith Louderback by appointing a qualified participating member to fill the vacancy pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the District ByLaws.

The Board discussed filling the Seat 3 vacancy pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the bylaws. By a unanimous vote, Paul Ayotte was appointed to fill the vacancy.

E. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the election and reorganization of Board officers following the resignation of the Chairman and a director and the appointment of new directors.

The Board discussed the reorganization of Board officers following the recent resignations of the Chairman and a Director, and the appointment of new directors. Alberty made a motion to appoint Cliff Smith to serve as the new Board Chairman. The motion was seconded by Weathers. Voting yes: Alberty, Weathers, Morie and Ayotte. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

Morie made a motion to appoint Ayotte to serve as the new Board Vice Chairman. Voting yes: Morie, Smith and Weathers. Voting no: Alberty. Motion carried.

Following the votes, the current Board members and their titles are officially recorded as follows:
Cliff Smith-Board Chairman
Paul Ayotte-Board Vice Chairman
Rhonda Weathers-Secretary/Treasurer
Nathan Morie-Director
Bobbie Alberty-Director

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

A motion was made and approved to designate Cliff Smith as the District's responsible party for federal tax purposes. The Board also authorized all current Board members as signers on the District bank accounts.

Morie made a motion to approve Cliff Smith as the responsible party and authorized the bank signers. The motion was seconded by Weathers. Voting yes: Morie, Weathers, Smith, Alberty and Ayotte. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

G. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to designate two or more individuals as authorized custodians of the District's money market account with Edward Jones.

A motion was made by Weathers and seconded by Morie to designate Cliff Smith and Mallory Hill as the authorized custodians of the District's money market account with Edward Jones. Voting yes: Weathers, Morie, Smith, Alberty and Ayotte. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

H. 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.

Board member Morie recused himself from agenda item H. Following a discussion regarding the enforcement and agenda item J, a motion was made by Weathers and seconded by Alberty to table this matter until the next monthly meeting. Voting yes: Weathers, Alberty, Smith and Ayotte. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

I. 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 Services provisions of the District's Rules, Regulations, and Board Policies.

Board member Morie recused himself from agenda item I. A motion was made by Weathers, and seconded by Ayotte, to table the item regarding the compliance timeframe for Benefit Unit #866 until the next monthly meeting. Voting yes: Weathers, Ayotte, Smith, and Alberty. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

J. 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 to the participating members for a vote at a special meeting and providing notice of the proposed amendment to participating members with their water bills.

Barry Vierheller requested this item be placed on the agenda. Following the reading of the agenda item, Secretary-Treasurer raised a concern regarding Director Nathan Morie's direct conflict of interest in this matter and recommended his recusal from the agenda item. Director Nathan Morie would like the record to show that he did not believe he needed to recuse himself from this agenda item. The Chairman stated that the Board needs a written draft to consider the proposal. Member Vierheller stated that the agenda item omitted language regarding grandfathering existing residences, and

argued that the current bylaws are outdated. He noted five specific property violations in his immediate neighborhood, including multiple residences, an Airbnb, and a commercial body shop. He asserted that under state guidelines, any property with a farm tax permit and a barn containing a sink or bathroom is recognized as a business, placing numerous district members in technical violation of the rules. He also stated he believes that income generated from water taps accounts for less than 2% of the district's annual budget. The Chairman noted he would get the information out to all board members to allow time for review before the next meeting, especially since two board members had not yet seen the proposal, and he suggested tabling the agenda item. He further suggested that members could schedule a meeting to nail down what covers the concerns of the members, ensuring the Board has a specific proposal to review and vote upon regarding amendments to the rules, regulations, and bylaws at the next meeting.
He also directed that this item be placed on next month's agenda prior to the tabled items regarding Benefit Unit #866, agenda items H and I.

A motion was made by Ayotte and seconded by Alberty to table the agenda item to next months meeting. Voting yes: Ayotte, Alberty, Morie, Smith and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

K. Discussion and possible action to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) to discuss the employment, promotion, job title, and compensation of Chad Corgill following his attainment of a new certification.

a. Vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 O. S. section 307(B)(1)

Weathers made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss the employment, promotion, job title, and compensation of Chad Corgill following his attainment of a new certification. Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Morie, Smith, Alberty and Ayotte. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

b. Executive Session to discuss the employment, promotion, job title, and compensation of Chad Corgill following his attainment of a new certification.

The Board discussed the specified personnel and compensation matters. No action or voting occurred during the Executive Session.

c. Vote to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

A motion was made by Alberty and seconded by Ayotte, to exit Executive Session and reconvene in Open Session at 6:33 p.m.
Voting yes: Alberty, Ayotte, Morie, Smith and Weathers. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

L. Discussion and possible action regarding Chad Corgill's job title and compensation following his attainment of a new certification, as discussed in Executive Session.

Following the return to Open Session, a motion was made by Ayotte and seconded by Alberty to change Chad Corgill's title to District Manager, transition his compensation from an hourly rate to a salaried position, and adjust his salary to the rate discussed during the Executive Session. Voting yes: Ayotte, Alberty, Smith, Weathers and Morie. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

M. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to purchase new Sensus meters to replace all remaining meters currently operating on the old system.

After Board discussion, Alberty made a motion to approve the purchase of new Sensus meters, Ayotte seconded the motion. Voting yes: Alberty, Ayotte, Smith, Weathers and Morie. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

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

Act. 1228 Janet & Morgan Lantz to Ian Perkins

Weathers made a motion to accept the transfer, Alberty seconded the motion. Voting yes: Alberty, Weathers, Smith, Morie and Ayotte. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

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

Act. 1521 Cole & Haley Marshall
Act. 1523 Dustin & Meghan Davis
Act. 1524 Graham Bartunek
Act. 1525 Adam Joseph

Weathers made a motion to accept the new benefits, Morie seconded the motion. Voting yes: Weathers, Morie, Alberty, Ayotte and Smith. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

III. District Manager's Report:

Field Overview

- 3 lockouts

- Installed 1 new taps
- Repaired 24 leaks
- Installed 5 new meter boxes
- Performed 3-yard clean ups
- Changed out 2 radios due to mower strike
- Brushed hogged valves on Hwy 88
- Had master meter tested

- **Water Loss**

  Water loss for August was 12%!!! This was a busy month again!! We fixed 24 leaks and finished flushing dead ends and still maintained 12 percent!!! With no rain we will continue to fight this battle but will stay on top of it!!!

- **Seasonal Duties**

  We are continuing the mowing weed eating spraying. Keeping the valves clear from the state mowers they have been out in full force this month.

- **90-day flushing**

  We have finished the flushing! And have brought as much fresh water as possible!!

- **Master Meter**

  This month I was able to team up with District 7 And get our master meter tested!!! I was on scene when the test was being done and got to watch the process, which was neat!! The result was our meter is almost spot on!!!!!! He also told me that the turbine meter with the high flow is the best option for reading as much water that goes through it!!! I will have a copy for each of you to look at at the meeting.

- **New Sensus meters**

  We currently have about 15 old meters that have not been changed out to the new system, this month the old system did the same thing as last month, thankfully the same gentlemen helped me out and we got it done! I reached out to the meter salesman and got a quote for the remaining meters and will have each of you a copy at the meeting. As the manager I think it's time to get it done!!!! Also, we won't have to pay for all of them at once, we will just get invoiced when they come in. These meters are in high demand so it may take some time to get them all in!

- **Justice vaults rebuild**

  We got the vault rebuilt with new Ts 2 new valves and inlet ductal iron pipe; everything went smoothly. The vault is back in operation.

- **Hwy 88 leak**

We had a big leak across the street from the office on a six-inch T, we did a full rebuild of the crossing and replaced the valves and a huge section of six-inch PVC on both sides.

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

The Office Report was presented to the Board for review. A motion was made by Alberty and seconded by Weathers to approve the report as printed. Voting yes: Alberty, Weathers, Smith, Morie and Ayotte. Voting no: none. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Board.

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

None.

VII. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Weathers to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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

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