

RIVER ROAD WATERWORKS, INC 2025 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting of the members of the River Road Water Works, Inc. (RRWW) took place on April 8, 2025 at Holly Ridge School. Board President James Hough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the roll call showing the following board members present: J. Hough, G. Branch, B. Clack, R. Goodman, L. Thompson, R. Ogles, and M. Philley. In addition, four RRWW staff members were present: Operator(s) T. Englerth and K. King, Office Mgr. G. Dixon and Reader A. Martin. There were 9 other member households present and 4 visitors.

ITEM 2: PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING

Hough called G. Dixon to the floor to provide Proof of Notice Of Meeting and to report the number of members present or via proxy and to certify a quorum. Dixon read the Notice that was mailed to all members and reported the following proxy votes returned authorizing each board member to vote on member's behalf: Hough (24), Branch (11), Thompson (34), Goodman (19), Clack (38), Ogles (04), Philley (17) and no write-in proxy votes. This provided 164 total votes represented out of the 1170 members or 14.02%. Therefore, with over 10% represented, a quorum was present.

ITEM 3: READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Hough recognized Secretary Philley to present the minutes from the board's previous meeting. Philley read the minutes from the previous RRWW annual meeting on April 16, 2024. There were no questions or corrections from those present. Hough asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Ogles made the motion, which Clack seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously. One member asked when the minutes would be posted on the system's website and Dixon said she would post them later this week when completed.

ITEM 4: REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Hough recognized the staff members present and asked Ogles as Chairman of the Operations Committee to review attached annual report along with updating the members and visitors on the amended 2024 Overview/System Updates report. He reviewed the report with Hough adding some information as well on the Meta projects and the Palmetto project.

Once the questions from the floor were answered, Hough call Finance Committee Chairman Branch to the floor to review the system financial report. Branch provided a review of the 2024 financials for the audience. There were some questions about the recent notice on rate increases and the system's reserve accounts. In addition, there was a short discussion about the system's anticipated grade from LDH. When all the questions were answered, Hough moved to the next agenda item.

ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Hough called Dixon to the floor to provide the names of the elected board members. She indicated there were no write-in candidates noted on the proxy forms. Hough asked if there were any members present who wished to be considered to serve on the board since there was one seat open. Andy Thompson indicated he would serve. Hough asked if there was any objection and there was none. Therefore, based on the proxy votes present, Secretary Philley announced each board member individually and asked for any objections to each. No objections were noted which resulted in the following Board Members being elected for the current year: J. Hough, G. Branch, L. Thompson, R. Goodman, B. Clack, R. Ogles, M. Philley and A. Thompson.

Hough reminded the members that the new board had to meet within 10 days to elect officers for the coming year. Philley made a motion to hold the meeting to elect officers immediately after the annual meeting which Branch seconded and it passed unanimously.

ITEM 6: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hough asked the members for any unfinished business but there was no unfinished business noted.

ITEM 7: NEW BUSINESS

Hough asked if there was any new business that needed to be discussed:

- 1) Carol Morgan said she is having issues with brown water on Mingle Road. There was a lengthy discussion with the staff and members about her location and the reasons for the water discoloration. Englerth assured her that the water is tested monthly and there is no issue with it despite the color. However, he indicated they would flush the line after the meeting and Hough said an automatic flush valve could be installed since it was at the end of the line and this should help the issue. The McCartneys praised the staff member's effort during the last couple of months with the number of times the line was broken near their home.
- 2) Hough discussed in more detail the ongoing work with the Meta project and the various issues the system had been dealing with including various contracts and line relocation issues. The audience members had specific questions about planned work on Jaggers Lane and Hwy 183.
- 3) Lee Morris has a question about Hwy 425 area. Hough said that the Palmetto project should begin late summer and it would allow looping the lines at Davis Lake area and other improvements in that area which should alleviate the issues there.
- 4) Steve Adcock from Richland Parish Police Jury talked about the work RPPJ has been doing and that there could be other funding and grants available from the state as the Meta project work continues.
- 5) There were some questions about the recent rate increase the board members answered.

ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Hough asked for any other new business and with none, Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting which Branch seconded and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

George M. Philley, Secretary