

**MEANSVILLE RILEY ROAD WATER COMPANY, INC.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2024
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM AT MRWC 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT	TELECONFERENE	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
Paula Brewster	Mark Carroll	Cindy Burnett	Paula Wright
John Burnett			
Robynne Burress			
Angie Hauser			
Otis Hembree			
Hermine Keith			
Don Tucker			

Meeting Called to Order: Otis called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Don opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Minutes: Don made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Paula Brewster seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Paula Wright reported the following: The Wells Fargo CD for \$250,000.00 matured yesterday was renewed for three months at 4.4% at the recommendation of Brent Babb. Traffic control was used for the main line leak on Highway 49 and the charge was \$1,800.00. I spoke with Sailors yesterday and they stated they will asphalt next week and will need our maintenance crew for traffic control. Once the work is completed all expenses will be submitted to the insurance company. The DOT has approved the utility agreement in the amount of \$17,880.12 for the pre-construction related engineering charges for the Sulphur Springs Road Bridge Replacement at Yard Road in Spartanburg County. MRWC received a Principal check in the amount of \$102.24. The company has 142 shares, and the market value is \$12,121.12 as of October 2, 2024. Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative sent a check in the amount of \$21.19 for capital credit. SC Drought Response Committee met October 3rd and declared all forty-six counties in normal status. SC RIA will hold two application rounds with due dates on October 28th, 2024, and March 27th, 2025, of \$250,000.00. More than \$51,000,000.00 is available for the award and there is no match for Union County.

Sanitary Survey: Matt Ewing will do the survey on Wednesday, November 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Lead and Copper: The webinar for October 1st was cancelled due to the Hurricane but if you login to SCRWA under resources, lead, and copper you can print the information. Daniel with TruePani and Duncan Wright with SCDES both stated MRWC is in compliance. The office staff will mail letters by November 15th to our customers asking them to tell us what kind of pipe connections they have on their side of the meter to their home and inside their home. MRWC will send customer responses to SCDES.

SCIIP Grant: Don reported SM Grading & Excavating has two crews working and Payne, McGinn & Cummings has one crew working to install new water lines on Highway 49.

State Revolving Fund: Otis will contact Rich Anderson with Summit Engineering about the Meadow Woods Project.

OHBA RIA Grant: Otis will speak with Rich about Gwinn Mill Road, Old Hills Bridge Road, Pettit Circle, and Riddle Road.

Highway 92 Bridge Pipe Hanger: John stated he had heard nothing as to when the work would be done, and Otis volunteered to check with contractor Matt Farr.

Luckstone: Otis reported Luckstone changed from wanting a two-inch meter to a one-inch meter. Paula Brewster reported that they are boring under the road.

Arrowood Acres Subdivision: Otis will verify that MRWC will have ownership of the water lines in Arrowood Acres after completion.

Disposal of 2012 Ford Pickup: Mitch has placed the 2012 Ford pickup truck on GovDeals, and we now have seven bids.

General Manager Search: Don stated the committee has received five applications and are still looking. They are not looking to present a candidate currently to the Board.

Woodruff Roebuck Water District: Kermit Johnson, General Manager at WRWD, would like to straighten the boundaries of water lines. They are only requesting we give them a small section of Enoree where MRWC has no water lines and WRWD has a water line across the road. Don made a motion to let WRWD have the section they are requesting; John seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Capital Credits: Paula Wright informed the Board that capital credits will need to be added to the bills and in Invoice Cloud to remain in compliance with the IRS as MRWC is a 501C-12, The cost will be around \$1,500.00.

Line Extension: Otis reported MRWC has another opportunity to apply for a \$250,000.00 grant through South Carolina Appropriations Act of 2024 and administered by the (RIA) Rural Infrastructure Authority. The application needs to be sent in by October 31st. Otis and James have established that installing a three-inch waterline on O'Shields Road in Spartanburg County would meet the project because MRWC has lines at both ends of the road and we have seven verbal commitments from people requesting water in the middle of the road. Rich ran the numbers and starting at the eight hundred feet end from Blackstock Road and running it all the way through O'Shields Road the construction cost would be \$278,380.00. The cost to run Gwinn Mill and Pettit Circle would be \$454,510.00 over the grant. Robynne made a motion that if MRWC receives the grant the money will go toward O'Shields Road. Don seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Work Accident: Maintenance guys, Mitch, Gary, Lee, and Tyler were working on a main line water leak on Thornridge Road, Tyler was in the ditch and stated the water pressure blew his middle fingernail off and the tip of his finger was broken. Tyler was carried to the ER at the Union Medical Center and a claim has been made to Cincinnati Insurance Company. Otis had a safety meeting with the guys to discuss how to prevent this from happening in the future.

Large Meter Rates: Angie made a motion that the committee of her, Robynne, and John proposes to use Woodruff Roebuck Water District monthly charge rates based on meter size as follows: two-inch \$81.50, three-inch \$134.49, four-inch \$210.03, and six-inch \$397.19. This is up to 2,500 gallons then use the regular rates. It was previously voted and passed that a six-inch meter rate would be \$397.19 but the rates for the other size meters were discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Thanksgiving Gift Cards: Angie made a motion to give the employees a \$25 gift card for Thanksgiving, John seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

South Carolina Rural Water Associate Annual Conference: Hermine will not be able to attend the conference in November and Angie will represent MRWC as the voting delegate and the Board approved to send Paula Wright.

Closing Prayer: Otis closed the meeting in prayer.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Paula C. Wright
Board Secretary