

MEANSVILLE RILEY ROAD WATER COMPANY, INC.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING FOR, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT MRWC 7:00 P.M

PRESENT

Paula Brewster
Robynne Burress
Cindy Burnett
John Burnett
Mark Carroll
Angie Hauser
Otis Hembree
Hermine Keith
Don Tucker

ALSO PRESENT

41 Members
David McAllister
Paul Klein
Rich Anderson
Mitch Heatherly
Angie Barber
Laurin Chapman
Paula Wright

Called to Order and Welcome: Board President, Otis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Rev. Carrol Caldwell gave the invocation.

Introduction: Otis introduced the special quest, the Board of Directors, and the employees.

Audit Report: David McAllister with Manley Gavin gave a report on the audit.

CPA Report: Paul Klein with Love Bailey gave the financial report.

Board President's Report: Otis gave a year in review of 2024 of the following:

- MRWC did not renew the audit contract with Cooper McKinnley Accounting Firm.
- Paul Klein with Love Bailey was hired to perform our financial reports.
- The Board voted with the recommendation of the office to only keep the utility billing with Southern Software but changed the financials to QuickBooks Online.
- David McAllister with Manley Garvin was hired as the company auditor.
- SCDOT informed MRWC that several bridges in our water district would be replaced, and we would not be allowed to attach our water line on the bridges. Rich Anderson with Summit Engineering and MRWC have been coordinating with the SCDOT to comply with this directive and in most cases, we will have to bore under the waterway to run our waterlines.
- MRWC received a grant from the State in the amount of approximately \$10,000,000.00 to replace and upgrade a new eight-inch waterline on Highway 49 West from the MRWC office to the Old Buncombe Road with a 12-inch water line. We are required to pay 10% of the cost. The grant was through the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) and the Catawba County of Government (GOG) which was hired to administer the funds with Union County being the recipient.
- MRWC received a grant from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) to tie into the waterline in the Meadow Woods area to Highway 215, Mt. Lebanon, and Highway 49. This will potentially add around twenty-five customers.
- The company received a \$250,000.00 grant from the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (SC RIA) to install a three-inch PVC potable waterline on O'Shields Road in Spartanburg County, potentially adding seventeen potential customers. This waterline extension will connect the existing MRWC waterline on Blackstock Road to Friendship Church Road in Spartanburg County. This extension will provide a continual water flow, improve water quality, and reduce the need for "Blow Offs."

- We received \$17,880.12 from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for the pre-construction related engineering charges on Sulphur Springs Bridge which have been pushed out to the year 2033.
- We filed for an RIA Grant through Spartanburg County Council to connect Blackstock Road, Gwinn Mill Road, to Old Hills Bridge Road to Riddle Road for an amount of \$1,500,000.00. This request was denied but we will reapply in March 2025. This project involves the possibility of adding ninety-one households to our water system.
- SM Grading and Excavating were awarded contracts for division 1 and 2 and Payne, McGinn, and Cummins were awarded division 3 to perform the Highway 49 project.
- General Manager, John Kingsmore, left MRWC in September to pursue other interests and a search committee was formed to hire a General Manager.
- The Luckstone Project opened the old rock quarry in Enoree.
- We disposed of a 2012 Ford pickup truck through GovDeals that brought \$4,500.00.

2025 Budget Presentation: Steven Stone made a motion to accept the budget, Richie Brown second the motion, and the motion passed. John Burnett, Angie Hauser, and Bill Solesbee opposed the motion.

Qualifications of Directors: Directors must be 18 years old. While serving, or during the five years preceding being on the Board, you cannot have a felony against you. You may not have a spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, or grandparent on the Board with you. Must be in good standing, receiving service from the Corporation at his primary residence. May not be financially in business selling water or water system supplies or equipment to the Corporation. If elected, the term is for three years.

Nominations from the Floor: There were no nominations from the floor.

Introduction of Candidates: Candidates David Valentine, Luther “Gibby” Arthur, Robynne Burress, Angie, Hauser, and John Burnett introduced themselves and expressed their desire for a position on the Board.

Election Results Announced: Otis read aloud the results of the election. Angie Hauser received 13 votes, John Burnett received 16 votes, Robynne Burress 38 votes, Luther “Gibby” Arthur 40, and David Valentine received 37 votes.

Robynne, Gibby, and David will serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Paula C. Wright
Board Secretary