

**MEANSVILLE RILEY ROAD WATER COMPANY, INC.
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2025
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM AT MRWC 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Gibby Arthur
Paula Brewster
Cindy Burnett
Robynne Burress
Mark Carroll
Otis Hembree
Hermine Keith
Don Tucker
David Valentine

ALSO PRESENT

Cameron Warlick
Gary Sanders
Patrick Jackson
Laurin Chapman
Mitch Heatherly
Paula Wright

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by **Otis**.

Invocation:

Patrick opened the meeting with the invocation.

Approval of October 28 Minutes

- Motion: Cindy
- Second: Robynne
- Vote: Carried

Approval of November 10 Minutes

- Motion: David
- Second: Don
- Vote: Carried

Guest Introduction

Patrick introduced guests **Cameron Warlick** and **Gary Sanders**.

Correspondence

- Two \$250,000.00 CDs at Wells Fargo matured in November and were renewed for one month.
- The money market balance is \$142,475.60 per Brent Babb.
- WBCU will once again present their *Sounds of Christmas* on-air holiday greetings. MRWC will receive thirty on-air greetings for a total cost of \$200.00, pending Board approval.

- Motion: Robynne
 - Second: Cindy
 - Vote: Approved unanimously
- The South Carolina Drought Response Committee met on October 28, 2025, and voted to maintain incipient drought status statewide. The committee will meet again on December 10.
- Laurin, representing the Junior Charity League, requested MRWC sponsorship of the Oyster Roast Fundraiser on February 7 at Rogers Farm from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Motion: Cindy
 - Second: Hermine
 - Vote: Approved unanimously
 - MRWC will contribute \$150.00 and receive two tickets. Patrick and Mark expressed interest in attending.

Manager's Report

- Otis, Laurin, and Patrick attended the SCRWA Annual Conference last week.
- Changes are forthcoming for 811.
- Lead and copper regulations will be modified.
- The EPA has extended the compliance deadline to 2031 for public water systems to meet PFAS health-protective standards.
- A boring company on Highway 56 struck MRWC water lines, resulting in a customer's home flooding; an insurance claim will be filed.
- Patrick thanked the Budget Committee and Board members for their work during the Capital and Strategic Planning Session.
- Interviews are underway for office staff, and plans include hiring an additional field employee.
- The Bombing Range Project should begin soon; the Lower Fairforest Project will begin after Christmas. The Meadows Woods Project will also start soon.

Financial Statement

- Motion: Robynne
- Second: Cindy
- Vote: Motion carried

Spartanburg Water Contract

- Motion: Mark, to accept the contract per Lawrence and Patrick's recommendation
- Second: Cindy
- Vote: Approved

Hydrogeological Assessment

- Cameron Warlick presented information regarding groundwater conditions.

Utility Information Pipeline

- Gary Sanders discussed methods to improve office efficiency.

Utility Information Agreement

- Tabled.

Board Secretary Appointment

Laurin Chapman was appointed as Board Secretary effective January 2026.

- Motion: Mark
- Second: Cindy
- Vote: Approved

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. and returned to regular session at 9:32 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Board and Staff Christmas Dinner: December 2 at Midway BBQ, 6:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Gibby closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Paula C. Wright