

# Rural Water District No. 3

## Washington County, Oklahoma

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANNUAL MEETING

April 29, 2024

Chairman Richard Kriege welcomed the members to the 56th annual meeting.

- A. **The meeting was called to order April 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM.** Chairman called roll: Chairman Richard Kriege, here; Vice-Chairman Bruce Hoover, here; Secretary/Treasurer Robert Scott, here. Directors: Gary Burd, here; Steve Cole, here; Pat Liggett, here; Caleb Potter, here . There is a quorum present, and the meeting may proceed. Let the records show that the annual scheduled meeting of Rural Water District #3, Washington County, OK was called to order at 6:00 p.m., at 10800 N. 140<sup>th</sup> E. Ave., Owasso, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting was posted on the front door and drive-up window of the district office, mailed to the membership with statements and posted on the website on March 14, 2024. This meeting will be conducted by the requirements of the Oklahoma Meeting Act and only items on the agenda will be addressed. Anyone wishing to address the board must call the district office on Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting date to have your name and the nature of your business placed on the monthly meeting agenda. The monthly meeting of the board is the second Monday of every month at 8:00 AM at the district office and open to the public. Also present is Jerry Gammill, District Manager, David Dollar, Water PAQ Engineering, Jack Roye, auditor, Larry Steidley, legal counsel, Dona Lewis, Office Manager, Chad Pennington, Field Supervisor.
- B. **Proof of Notice of Meeting was mailed to membership on March 14, 2024, posted at the drive-up window of the district office, and posted on the website.**
- C. **Reading and Approval of Minutes of the last meeting April 24, 2023.** Bruce Hoover made the motion to approve without reading. Motion was seconded Pat Liggett. All in favor, raise right hand. Opposed? Motion carried.
- D. **Report of Chairman of the Board.** Chairman, Richard Kriege. First, I need to recognize each and every one of them if they will stand as I call their name. Jerry Gammill is our manager, and he has 26 years with this water district. Dona Lewis has 23 years, Michelle Pack has 16 years, Carrie Friend 2 year, Ashlee Reynolds 7 months, Chad Pennington has 16 years, Tom Still has 30 years, Randall Crase has 17 years, Justin Witt has 4 years,

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Paul Turner has 2 year, Colten Foote has 1 month, Randy Walker has 37 years, Mike Calhoun has 34 years, Fred Taylor has 18 years, David Hayes 3 years, Tim Dunagan has 18 years and Mark Loucks has 9 years. Give them a round of applause. The last meeting, we had around 11,550 water meters then and now we are up to 11,950. We had about 400 New Taps. I would like to call on our auditor. I'm Donna Lowery from Micheal Green CPA. The district purchased Treasury Bills in the amount of \$5 million and you will see that cash decreased this year. No new debt started this year, but your investments increased due to that purchase. The independent auditors report on internal controls, and if there had been any problems we would list it here. The water district is in really good shape and have had a good year.

E. **Public Comments.** Chairman Kriege, do we have any public comments? A member from the floor would like to know the changes we were voting on for item G.

F. **Election of Directors for Post positions:**

Post#6 – Robert Scott. Glenda Bement made a motion for Robert Scott. Tim Dunagan seconded. Tom Still made a motion for Robert Scott by acclamation. A member from the floor seconded. All in favor. Opposed. Motion carried unanimous.

Post#7 – Gary Burd. A member from the floor made a motion for Gary Burd. Pat Liggett seconded. All in favor. Opposed. Motion carried unanimous.

G. **Discussion, consideration and possible vote to propose to the District's members the following amendments to the Bylaws:**

- a. Change Article 4, Section 1, replacing “rural residents” with “eligible residents”.
- b. Change Article 4, Section 2, replacing “he has” with “he/she/they have”.
- c. Change Article 5, Section 1, replacing “he” with “he/she/they”.
- d. Change Article 6, Section 1, replacing the clause “Any landowner who feels himself” with the clause “Any landowners who feel themselves”.
- e. Change Article 6, Section 2, replacing the clause “he intends” to “he/she/they intend” and replacing “Chairman” with “Chairperson”.
- f. Add to the end of Article 6, Section 5 a semicolon and the following clause: “; provided, the Board of Directors may approve multiple use of a benefit unit for commercial purposes or to meet familial needs, and the Board may adopt rules and regulations consistent with this section.”
- g. Article 6, Section 6, replace “his last” with “his/her/their last”.
- h. Article 7, Section 2, replace the term “Chairman” with “Chairperson” in two places, and replace “his successor” with “his/her/their successor”. This will be the new Section 3 of Article 7, see subparagraph z below.
- i. Article 7, Section 3, replace “him as Director” with “him/her as Director”. This will be the new Section 4 of Article 7, see subparagraph z below.
- j. Article 7, Section 5, replace “him at least ten (10) days” with “him/her at least ten (10) days”. This will be the new Section 6 of Article 7, see subparagraph z below.
- k. Article 7, Section 6, replace the term “Chairman” with “Chairperson” in two places. This will be the new Section 7 of Article 7, see subparagraph z below.

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- l. Article 8, Section 1 (d), add the clause “or her” after the term “him”, delete the term “farm” and delete the clause “and non farm members”.
- m. Article 8, Section (f), delete “bank” and replace with “financial institutions”, deleting “the” before funds in two places and changing “Chairman” to “Chairperson”.
- n. Article 9, Section 1, second sentence, replace “He” with “He/she/they” and replace in 4 places “his” with “his/her/their”.
- o. Article 10, Section 1, replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson” in 3 places, and replace “he” with “he/she/they”.
- p. Article 10, Section 2, in 3 places replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson”.
- q. Article 10, Section 3, replace “He” with “He/she/they”, replace “his” with “his/her/their” and replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson”.
- r. Article 10, Section 4, replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson” in 2 places, replace “he” with “he/she/they” in 2 places, and replace “his” with “his/her/their” in 2 places.
- s. Article 12, Section 1, change the annual meeting date from 7:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., and add to the end of the provision “or as so designated by the Board and notified to the membership”.
- t. Article 12, Section 2, replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson” in 2 places.
- u. Article 13, Section 1, delete the term “annually” in the first sentence, and replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson”.
- v. Article 19, Section 4, change “his” to “his/her/their”.
- w. Article 20, Section 1, change “his” to “his/her/their”.
- x. Article 21, Section 1, delete “the” before “Reserve Accounts” and replace with “one or more”, delete the clause “amount equal to 1/60th of the annual payment on the loan, until there is accumulated in that fund an amount equal to one annual loan payment, after which no further deposits need be made except to replace withdrawals” and replace with “necessary to cover any District loan requirement”.
- y. Remove the affidavit from the original incorporating Bylaws.
- z. Add a new section 2 to Article 7, renumber all those in said section 2 which follow, the new section to state: “Section 2. To qualify for election to the Board of Directors, participating members shall be required to file notice of intent to run for office between January 2 and January 31 of each year prior to the annual meeting. The filing shall be at the main office of the District during regular office hours each working day the office is open within said period. The notice of intent to run for office shall be in such form as the Board may determine. The Board may proscribe other rules pertaining to dissemination of candidate information, which shall be administered equally for all qualified candidates. Upon the filing of the notice of intent to run for office the candidate shall then become qualified to be elected to any vacancy that may be open to be filled at the annual meeting.”
- aa. Adjust/amend the language above suggested if determined advisable by the members after discussion. Renumber or re-letter provisions as required.

A member from the floor wanted a definition for the terms. There is no explanation for this. The neutral term would be client or customer and an employee. Larry Steidley. The words the board chose will work and I see no problem with them. I respectfully disagree with you.

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A member from the floor said the changes are just fine. Kyle Smalygo made a motion for the acclamation to approve items a-z. A member from the floor seconded. Owen Worley, I agree with the gentleman in the red shirt. We shouldn't cave to the community, it has been shoved down our throats. If there are lawsuits, they didn't tell you about them. Because if we are not a client or customer then we are a stake holder. A customer from the floor wanted the vote by paper, a written ballot. The votes were counted and there are forty-five yes and twenty-eight no votes. It did not pass by 75%.

**H. Drawings for Door Prizes.** Twenty \$50.00 cash prizes were given to Delores Huffman, Steven Kamletz, Richard Kriege, Tim Dunagan, Paul Griffith, Judy Daniels, Bruce Hoover, Mildred Denney, James Smith, Julie Dooley, Richard Warren Jr, Roy Sensintaffar, Billy Standefer, Michelle Borthick, Gary Conley, Dee Inbody, Carl Quillin, Lee Deboer. Three \$100.00 cash prizes were given to Pat Liggett, Francis Dum and Melissa Allensworth. K.W. Williams received a \$200.00 cash prize.

**I. Adjournment.** Bruce Hoover made the motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. A man from the floor seconded. All agreed and were invited to enjoy the dinner.

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Robert Scott, Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded By:  
Dona Lewis