

BEULAH UTILITIES DISTRICT
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
October 21, 2025
5320 Lee Road 270, Valley, Alabama 36854
6:00 PM CST

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm on October 21, 2025, at the Beulah Water Department.

1. **WELCOME**

Chairman Majors welcomed those in attendance.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Majors called the meeting to order.

3. **ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were present: Linda Holt, David Jackson, James Majors, Lamar Sims, and Andrew Bryan.

For visitors in attendance, see attached visitor sign-in sheet.

4. **DECLARE QUORUM**

After the roll was called, Chairman Majors declared that a quorum was present.

5. **ADOPT AGENDA**

Chairman Majors presented the proposed agenda for adoption. Mr. Jackson motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Majors asked for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2025. Mr. Bryan motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Majors next asked for approval of the minutes of the special meeting of September 23, 2025. Ms. Holt motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Majors then asked for approval of the minutes of the special meeting of September 30, 2025. Ms. Holt motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

7. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

A. Approval of September 2025 Financial Statements

Mr. Blake Simpkins was recognized, and he reviewed the September financial statements for the Board.

Ms. Holt motioned to approve the September financial statements. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson, and the September financial statements were unanimously approved.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. ARPA Funds.

No update.

B. DWSRF Funds.

No update.

C. Fire Hydrant Repair Schedule.

No update.

D. Approval of Sale of District Own Land Parcel on Hwy 29 N.

No update.

E. DSE (Distribution System Evaluation) Report.

Mr. Simpkins informed the Board that he and Mr. Waites had met with the engineers to answer some questions.

F. Proposed District Managers' Job Description.

No update.

G. Update from Invoice Sent for Water Main Damage Reimbursement

Mr. Simpkins said that this item would be removed from future agendas.

H. Proposal from ASTERRA for Satellite Leak Detection Service

Mr. Jackson and Tim Mitchell from Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood updated the Board on research they had conducted into canine leak detection services.

Mr. Jackson presented the Board with a proposal from Sara Copeland for two days of leak detection services at \$4,450.00. The Board was informed that, if approved, the service would start October 27. Mr. Jackson motioned to approve the proposal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and the proposal was unanimously approved.

I. Alternatives to District Provided Supplemental Insurance

No update.

J. Proposed Rate Increases

Mr. Simpkins presented the Board with a water rate study and proposed water rate increase options. The Board discussed the water rate increase options. After discussion, Mr. Jackson motioned to increase the District's water rates effective November 1, 2025 to the following amounts:

¾" Meter (0-3,000 gallons)	\$38.75
1" Meter (0-3,000 gallons minimum)	\$62.90
1 ½" Meter (0-3,000 gallons minimum)	\$71.00
2" Meter (0-3,000 gallons minimum)	\$87.15
3" Meter (0-3,000 gallons minimum)	\$111.35
4" Meter (0-3,000 gallons minimum)	\$135.60
6" Meter (0-3,000 gallons minimum)	\$208.15
3,100 – 97,000 Gallons	\$1.20 per 100 gallons
97,100 gallons and up	\$1.10 per 100 gallons

The motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and approved by a vote of four to one, with Hs. Holt voting "no."

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal to Purchase Rescue Strut Kit with Reimbursement from MidSouth RC&D

Chief Simpkins presented the Board with a quote for the strut kit from NAFECO for \$19,793. He stated that \$13,800 of this cost would be covered by a grant, leaving the District to pay \$5,993.00. Mr. Jackson motioned to approve the proposal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and unanimously approved.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Administrative Report.

Blake Simpkins was recognized, and he presented the Administrative Report to the Board.

Staff Update

Mr. Jackson updated the Board on the vacant Superintendent position. He informed that Board that one of the two candidates for the position withdrew their application. He briefed the Board on the interview conducted with Chris Walker, the remaining candidate. Mr. Jackson recommended that the Board promote Chris Walker to the Superintendent position with an annual salary of \$70,000. After discussion, Mr. Jackson motioned to promote Chris Walker to the Superintendent position with an annual salary of \$70,000. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sims and unanimously approved.

Equipment Update

Mr. Jackson updated the Board on a vacuum trailer that was available for \$87,500.

B. Water Department Report.

Christy Williams was recognized, and he provided the Board with the monthly operations report.

Ms. Williams then presented the Board with the Adjustments for the month. she said there were 3 total adjustments totaling \$689.50. Ms. Jackson motioned to approve the adjustments. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bryan and the adjustments were unanimously approved.

The Leak Incentive Program winner for the month was announced.

C. Beulah Fire and Rescue Report.

Chief Blake Simpkins was recognized to give the Fire and Rescue report for the month. He stated that there were a total of 101 calls, 12 of which were fire calls. He briefed the Board on the notable calls for the month.

He stated that there had been 39 hours of excess overtime worked during the month. He said that this was due to the Department's response to various fires as well as staff taking vacation time.

Chief Simpkins then briefed the Board on the training activities conducted by the department during the past month.

He informed the Board that there had been one random drug test during the month.

He presented the Board with a request to purchase 12 air packs from Scotts Airpack for \$117,696.00. He stated that this was a purchase from the State bid list and that there was a discount for participating in a bulk purchase by multiple agencies. Ms. Holt motioned to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Christy Williams updated the Board on a situation on Lee Road 795 with a customer pouring asphalt over a water meter.

12. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.**

None

13. **NEXT MEETING**

Chairman Majors stated that the next regular meeting would be at 6:00 PM CST on November 18, 2025.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Ms. Holt motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM CST.

Signed_____

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Visitor Sign-in Sheet

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