

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Of
Rural Water District No. 5 Mayes County**

Date: March 10, 2026

1. Chairman Gene Miller called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. Gene Miller led in prayer and pledged to the flag of the United States of America.
3. Attending the meeting were Board Members: Gene Miller, Terrell Hamill, Blake Peper, Joe Delozier and Damon Bowlin: Employees: Christy Rankin and Dennis Hull. Also in attendance were Jerry Bar, Hank Pippin and Eric Sooter.
4. Damon Bowlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Terrell Hamill seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.
5. Eric Sooter presented Junction's plan to install network equipment on 5 water towers and 3 pump stations. The Junction would provide RWD5 with free internet to these locations in exchange for allowing them the use of the RWD#5 sites at no cost. Eric will prepare a draft contract that will be presented at the next regular Board Meeting.
6. Damon Bowlin made a motion to approve a 1" commercial meter be installed at tap #1549 to replace the 5/8" residential meter that is currently there. Member will receive a \$1500.00 credit for exchanging the existing meter and will have 6 months to complete the swap. Blake Peper seconded the motion and Board approved unanimously.
7. Joe Delozier made a motion for the District to purchase a 2' excavator bucket for \$1451.00 from Warren Cat. Blake Peper seconded to motion and Board approved unanimously.
8. Damon Bowlin made a motion that if a member gets verbally aggressive toward District Staff the phone call is to be terminated and to be reported at the next regular Board Meeting. If any aggressive situation gets escalated then staff is to call the Sheriff. Blake Peper seconded the motion and Board approved unanimously.
9. Damon Bowlin made a motion to approve and sign the REAP Grant Notice to Proceed from Grand Gateway. Blake Peper seconded the motion and Board approved unanimously.
10. Blake Peper made a motion to sign and approve ODOT Claim #22 STP-249C(067)UT HWY 28. Damon Bowlin seconded the motion and Board approved unanimously.
11. Executive Session: Not exercised
12. Unforeseen Old Business:

13. Unforeseen New Business:

The Board discussed the District's process for member notifications/courtesy calls in regards to planned meter maintenance such as meter replacements. Meter replacements typically take about 5 minutes to complete if there are no complications. The district has not historically performed any notification or courtesy call to the member for changing out the meter. The Board directed staff that if an outage to a member is to be extended beyond the standard time it takes to replace a meter that they are to notify the customer as soon as possible.

14. The Office Manager presented printed reports of Water loss, Aging and Monthly Report items A. through H for Board approval.

A. Accounts Payable and Payroll Claims and Checks

B. Monthly Financial Reports

C. New Membership:

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| 1. #1803 David & Velda Hoover-1192 N 437, Pryor | \$1,500.00 |
| 2. #1265 Antolino Villegas-5556 HWY 69 N, Pryor | \$1,500.00 |

D. Transfers

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| 1. #1534 Rick Ross-375 E 498 Circle, Pryor | To: Audie & Maria Lankford |
| 2. #300 Christopher Heidling-4490 N 438 RD, Pryor | To: Jared & Joanna Harris |

E. Deferred Payment Plan Request:

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F. Locked Meters for 90 day forfeiture letters:

1. #676 John Halgat-7707 S HWY 28, Chelsea
2. #1423 Curtis Tolleson-
3. #1682 Ben Self-

G. Request for Service Discontinuance:

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Note in Minutes:

#1014 Charles Sager is due for forfeit 3/16/2026

H. Approve and sign Agenda

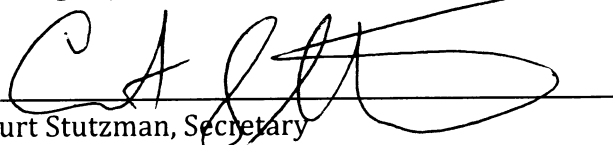
Blake Peper made a motion to approve Office Report Items A- H as presented. Christy Rankin updated the Board with monthly activities and also briefed the board on anything new going on. Damon Bowlin seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Operators Reports

15. System Manager presents: Dennis Hull presented the board with a report. Crews working hard and doing well.

- Water Loss at 54.0%
- Presentation of Open Work Order Reports.
- Discuss maintenance & repairs and any issues needing attention.
- Discussed estimates for replacing sections of 10" on 429 RD. The district will utilize grant funds that are available . Old meters are also being replaced to help with water loss.

16. The Board considered the next regular meeting on April 14, 2026 at the District Office at 4:00pm.
17. Damon Bowlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Blake Peper and was approved unanimously by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.



Curt Stutzman, Secretary