

**Rural Water District #4  
Wagoner County  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 12, 2025  
7:00 PM  
Join Meeting: call 480-712-7555 ID:1151-258-2331**

**Call to order:** Gary Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Board Members present:** Mr. Charles Stinnett, resigned, Mr. Gary Rogers, Mr. Jim Self, Mr. Chad Jester, over phone, Mr. Terry Hurst

**Staff Present:** Mr. Thomas Faulk, Mr. Rick Lang

**Others Present:** Ryan Smith, Engineer and Duane Riffe, Attorney.

**Citizens Present:** Joe & Marilyn McKaskle, citizens. Jorge Jonas, Trevor Davenport, & Jason Carini all from Oklahoma Class.

The first order of the evening was the Call to Order by Gary Rogers, followed by the Roll Call by the clerk.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

**Discussion and action on Approval of the Minutes of the 7-15-2025 Regular Board Meeting**

Gary Rogers called for review of the Minutes for the 7-15-2025 Regular Board Meeting [Tab 1].

Mr. Jim Self entered a Motion to approve the Minutes of the 7-15-2025 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Terry

Hurst Entered a Second to the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Gary Rogers, yes, Mr. Jim Self, Mr. Terry Hurst, yes,

Mr. Chad Jester, yes. The Minutes of 7-15-2025 Regular Board Meeting, stand approved as presented.

**Discussion and action on approval on items from citizens / visitors present.**

- A. Presentation by Oklahoma CLASS representative and Discussion and action regarding the inclusion of Oklahoma CLASS as an investment option for investable funds.

Mr. Jorge Jonas, Mr. Trevor Davenport, and Mr. Jason Carini presented the benefits of the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) managed by Public Trust Advisors, and investment advisory service. Oklahoma Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CLASS) is a mutual fund of pooled investments from various municipalities, rural water districts, school districts and volunteer fire departments that have investable public funds. Oklahoma CLASS is required to meet the State of Oklahoma legal standard for safety, liquidity and yield in the investment of public funds. Mr. Faulk requested and the Board approved the inclusion of Oklahoma CLASS as an option for the use of investable funds of the District. Mr. Jim Self entered a Motion to approve the inclusion of Oklahoma CLASS as an option for the use of investable funds of the district; Mr. Gary Rogers Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the inclusion of Oklahoma CLASS as an option for the use of investable funds of the District, stands approved as presented.

- B. Discussion and action regarding filling the vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Thomas introduced Joe and Marilyn McKaskle to the board. Mr. McKaskle explained that he was a board member of 51 East for 6 years, that he and his wife recently moved in to our District and that he is willing to serve on the Board. No discussion or questions arose; no action was required.

**Discussion and review of the Operations Manager's Report.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to the Operations Manager's Report [Tab 2]. Mr. Rick Lang's first order of business was to relate that 46,667,500 gallons of water was purchased from the City of Tulsa. There were 3,128,529 gallons purchased from the City of Broken Arrow. He then said that July sales records confirm forty-nine (49) meters sold during the month and set meters were forty-two (42) meters installed.

The pumpage from the water plant in July was 83,100,000 gals. He had no additional information; no discussion or questions arose; no action was required.

#### **Discussion and Review on the Engineering Report.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to the Engineering report [Tab 2]. Mr. Ryan Smith stated that there are no private developments this month. The Oak Grove Road Widening project is complete minus a few items that will be discussed. The 71<sup>st</sup> to 101<sup>st</sup> is complete with the preliminary will be setting up for review within the week or two. The Muskogee Turnpike Oak Grove Interchange/Spur to Highway 51 Relocations we begun the preliminary designs. The 2025 CIP on the Oneta water line is complete they are just doing clean up now. The generator the final plan submittal will happen later this month. The US-64 Relocation project consists of approximately 5 miles of waterline relocation ranging in size from 2" to 10" along the US-64 corridor between Lenard and Haskell. This project will consolidate multiple waterlines into a single, larger waterline, that will benefit ODOT and the District. This project will be paid 100% by ODOT.

Ryan then inquired whether there were any questions; no questions or discussion arose and no action was required.

#### **Discussion and review of the Business Managers Report.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to The Business Manager's Report [Tab 2,] to review account balance figures as of the end of July.

The New Project Fund has a balance of \$1,122,667.97.

Oneta Energy update: July bill submitted for \$166,101.60.

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$6,394,713.62.

Annual audit scheduled 8/19

No questions or discussion arose on the Business Manager's Report and no action was required at this time.

**Discussion and action on Disbursement Request #42 for \$3,501.59 for POE Engineering.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to [Tab 3]. Mr. Ryan Smith stated that this is Disbursement Request #42 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The disbursement request reflects activities on the project from June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There were 0 construction weather delay days during this time period. Mr. Jim Self entered a Motion to approve the Disbursement Request #42 for \$3,501.59 to POE Engineering; Mr. Terry Hurst Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the Disbursement Request #42 for \$3,501.59 to POE Engineering, stands approved as presented.

**Discussion and action on Pay Request #3 from Stronghand LLC in the amount of \$104,971.53 for 273<sup>rd</sup> E. Ave waterline relocations.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to [Tab 4]. Mr. Ryan Smith stated that this is Pay Request #3 for 273<sup>rd</sup> waterline relocations Project for \$104,971.53 to be paid to Stronghand, LLC. The disbursement request reflects activities on the project from June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There were no construction weather delay days during this time period. Mr. Jim Self entered a Motion to approve the pay request #3 for 273<sup>rd</sup> water Relocations Project for \$104,971.53, Mr. Terry Hurst Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the pay request #3 for 273<sup>rd</sup> Waterline Relocations Project for \$104,971.53, stands approved as presented.

**Discussion and action regarding change order #1 for 273<sup>rd</sup> E Ave. waterline relocations project.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to [Tab 5]. The change order is because the existing waterline at 11<sup>th</sup> Street was located under the roadway and required pavement removal and replacement as well as traffic control to complete the tie in. Mr. Jim Self entered a Motion to approve the change order #1 for 273<sup>rd</sup> E Ave. waterline relocations project, Mr. Terry Hurst Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the change order #1 for 273<sup>rd</sup> E Ave waterline relocations project, stands approved as presented.

**Discussion and action regarding Pay Request #4 for Oneta Rd waterline improvements for \$252,223.10.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to [Tab 6]. Mr. Gary Rogers entered a Motion to approve the pay request #4 for Oneta Rd waterline improvements for \$252,223.10 to Ira Green Construction. Mr. Chad Jester Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the pay request #4 for Oneta Rd waterline improvements for \$252,223.10, stands approved as presented.

**Discussion and action regarding water connection agreement with Wagoner County RWD #5.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to [Tab 7]. Mr. Rick Lang stated that in 2013 was the last updated agreement with RWD #5. The current agreement with RWD #5 has the cost of \$2.45 per thousand gallons of water purchased. Of course, in 12 years the prices to produce water has increased. After talking to RWD #5 we have come into agreement of the rate of \$3.65 per thousand gallons. Mr. Jim Self entered a Motion to approve the water connection agreement with Wagoner County RWD #5. Mr. Gary Rogers Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the water connection agreement with Wagoner County RWD #5, stands approved as presented.

**Discussion and review of Water Plant and distribution issues.**

Mr. Lang stated that we had a power outage at the water plant due to a transformer blowing. The plant was completely shut down for 12 hours. Lake Region is looking into putting the transformers on a

pad. All we will have to cover is the electrician if this happens. There was no further discussion and no action required.

#### **Discussion and review of Waste Water Plant and collection issues.**

The old waste water treatment plant is shut off completely. We have to be on the new system for 30 days before we can dredge the old lagoon systems out. We have currently been running the new plant for about a week and a half. No other issues arose and no action was required.

#### **Discussion and review of Oneta Power Activity & Variances.**

The District's Business Manager, Mr. Thomas Faulk directed the Board's attention to Oneta activity variances [Tab 9]. He began to contrast the Oneta raw water activity for the year in terms of usage and revenue. [Note: this report is maintained on a calendar year basis.] The raw water usage for YTD was 836,000,000 gallons as compared to the prior year figure of 982,000,000 gallons, reflecting variance of -14.8%; corresponding revenue for YTD was \$308,928.95 contrasted with \$364,065.41 for the prior year reflecting a variance of -15.1%.

Gary Rogers inquired whether there were any questions; none arose and no action was required.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Rick Lang stated that Adrian Ankersheiel with Glenwood Homes called the office and wanted to be put on the agenda to complain about Tommy and his crew. He is saying that Tommys crew is

smoking pot. He says he cannot prove it but he can smell it. He is stating that Tommy's workers are speeding thru the neighborhood as well, but his main complaint was shoddy work. He said the meters are not being set properly, some above grade, others below grade and others slanted.

Also in regards to Old Business, Thomas and Rick asked the board if they would like to go ahead and give Stronghand their first pay request check for the work that is completed. Normally we hold all funds for contractors until we receive the money from the State or other entities. We should be getting money from the state for this project but it is just delayed because the pay request has to be approved by both the county and the state. Ryan stated that an email came in today from the utility coordinator saying that we should expect a check to be cut for \$75,434.55 and the second for \$54,237.30 in the next week. Rick is suggesting that we wait until the end of next week to see if we get the check. If we don't get the check maybe we can go ahead and give them the first pay request check that we are holding. Mr. Chad Jester entered a Motion to approve the release of the first pay request check to Stronghand next Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. Mr. Gary Rogers Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the release of the first pay request check to Stronghand, stands approved as presented.

#### **New Business.**

**Under the Open Meeting Act, this agenda item is authorized only for matters not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda or any revised agenda.**

Neither Mr. Rick Lang or Mr. Thomas Faulk had any new business. No action was required.

**Claims Lists.**

Mr. Faulk directed the Board to the Claims Lists [Tab 12]. Following the Board's review of the Claims Lists, Gary Rogers inquired as to any questions or discussion. Mr. Jim Self entered a Motion that the Claims List be approved; Mr. Gary Rogers Entered a Second to the Motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes.

The Motion to approve the claims list, stands approved as presented.

**Review of Investment Statement.**

Mr. Faulk referred the Board to the Investment Statement, [tab 13] to review the information. As of July 25th, the aggregate value has shown an increase in value from \$1,105,228.48 to \$1,107,540.47.

There was no further discussion and no action required.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, Mr. Gary Rogers Entered a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting; Terry Hurst, Seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Jim Self, yes; Mr. Gary Rogers, yes; Mr. Terry Hurst, yes, Mr. Chad Jester, yes. The Motion to Adjourn at 8:50 PM stands approved.