

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 22, 2025 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORANGEFIELD WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION**

regular meeting was held JULY 22, 2025 at OWSC Office 9913 FM 105, Orange, Texas 77630. The following members of the Board were present:

Jared Banken  
Robert Simonton  
Don McLemore

Delana Huebel  
Mary Nixon

**Absent** LaRisa King  
Chris Kethan

Also present were Jason Engle, General Manager, Anna Seale OWSC Attorney's, George Lazaro, Engineer (Fulcrum Engineering), Gean Hammett & Rodney Shoemaker, OWSC Employees.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Convene Meeting, followed by Invocation.** *Director Banken opened the meeting a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Recognize guest.** Leslie Lazaro

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3:** Open the floor to members of the public or of the Board of Directors of the Governing Authority for inquiries about a subject not listed on the Agenda. Speakers shall be requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Specific factual information, or existing policy, may be stated in response to an inquiry. Any Deliberation or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the Agenda for a subsequent Regular or Special Board Meeting. Public can participate via the teleconference number due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Minutes for any previous Meeting (s) not previously approved.** *Minutes from the June 24<sup>th</sup> were presented, Director Nixon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with one correction. Discussion was held. Director Simonton seconded. Motion Passed.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: To discuss the purchase of blow motor and sludge haul maintenance approved during board meeting held on June 24.** *General Manager Engle presented the board with additional information and pricing also referencing equipment is on backorder. Director Nixon made a motion to approve the purchase & maintenance. Director Simonton seconded. Motion Passed.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Financial Report:**

- a. Approve expenses to be paid (budgeted but in excess of \$1500, or unbudgeted)
- b. Ratify expenses already paid (budgeted and not more than \$1500)
- c. Approve subject to audit-financial statements for previous accounting period(s) not yet approved.

*Financials were presented. Discussion was held. Expenses were ratified. General Manager explained that a correction was made to the financials from previous months, SEWER FEES & SEWER TAP FEES were reversed. Director Huebel made a motion to approve all financial reports as presented AND also to approve reimbursement to Orange County if full for payment of OWSC's portion of Grant from Traylor & Associates for rehabbing of Well (1). Director Simonton seconded. Motion passed.*

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Manager's Report: Any new business:**

*General Manager Jason Engle presented the monthly report. He informed the Board about including Regal Point in OWSC's CCN & renegotiating current agreement with City of Bridge City. Discussion was*

held. Director Huebel made a motion to approve Managers report & changes. Director McLemore seconded. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Swearing in and oath of new board member. Tabled until next meeting, Director Kethan was not present at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Update and discussion on USDA water expansion project. General Manager Jason Engle gave updates on the project including changes with USDA personnel and their auditing process status. Discussion was held. No Board action was required.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Discussion and possible action on Petition and Resolution to Convert Orangefield WSC to Special Utility District Discussion was held. CALL VOTE was required to approve the conversion. ALL board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor of the conversion. Director Banken made a motion to approve the vote. Seconded by Director Simonton. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Discussion and possible action Certifying the Petition and Resolution to Convert Orangefield WSC to a Special Utility District" Discussion was held. CALL VOTE was required to approve certifying the conversion. ALL board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor of the certifying of the conversion. Director Nixon made a motion to approve the vote. Seconded by Director Simonton. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Set date, time and place for next Regular Meeting. Regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at Orangefield Water Supply Office 9913 FM 105, Orange, Tx at 6:00 pm. A Budget Committee was formed which includes Directors Banken, Simonton, and Nixon. Meetings will be scheduled for later dates.

AGENDA ITEM NO.16: Adjourn. Director Simonton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Banken seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

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President of the Board

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Secretary of the Board