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Minutes from Tuesday, February 12, 2026

Directors of McCurtain County Rural Water District No. 5, an Oklahoma corporation, held its regular monthly board meeting on February 12, 2026, at 4:00 pm at the water office located at 9180 N US Highway 259, Broken Bow, OK 74728.

1. Meeting was called to order and at 4:00 pm by Chairman Kevin Perry.
2. Roll was called and quorum was declared.

Directors present creating a quorum include:

Kevin Perry, Chairman
Chuck Wilson, Co-Chairman
Tommy McDaniel, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Sorensen, member
Dawn Hibben, member present at 4:00 pm.

Others present include:

Dusty Payne, District Manager
Sarah Cash, Bookkeeper/Office Administrator
Kristy Boyett Office Administrator

3. Recognition of guests. Shellye Copeland, Skip Copeland and Cristal Joslin.
4. Proof of Posting of meeting was provided by Kevin Perry Chairman, with the meeting being filed with Secretary of State, McCurtain County Court House, and posted at the MCRWD#5 office/website see attachment.

5. Motion was made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Dawn Hibben to approve the consent agenda items A through F.
Roll call Chuck Wilson- Yes, Paul Sorensen and Tommy McDaniel- Yes. Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
6. Managers report Dusty Payne manager, presented the report for the month of December. See attached report.
Motion made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Tommy Chuck Wilson to approve the managers' report.
Roll called Chuck Wilson- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Tommy McDaniel- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
7. Comments from the public: No comments from the public.
8. Motion made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Kevin Perry to remove Rodney Pratt from all the financial accounts and anything associated with the district.
Roll called Chuck Wilson- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Tommy McDaniel- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
9. The board discussed only potential bylaw changes to be voted on at the annual meeting on June 18, 2026, by membership of the district.
10. The board discussed only fire protection. A concern was raised that the town of Hochatown itself has no fire rating; the 8B rating applies only to those outside town limits but within the Hochatown Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) zone. The district's water system is not built for fire protection, as its lines cannot support the required 6 inch fire hydrants. Most rural water districts in Oklahoma primarily supply potable water. The town's ISO rating is heavily dependent on water supply, accounting for roughly 40 points. The district holds strong legal rights due to its USDA indebtedness and is not required to provide fire protection infrastructure. The town is developing its own plan, which may involve building separate fire infrastructure. The district is open to collaborating with the town.
11. Motion made by Kevin Perry and seconded by Paul Sorensen to nominate Dusty Payne as voting delegate and Tommy McDaniel to be the alternate delegate for the ORWA Assurance Group 56th Annual meeting, April 22, 2026.
12. Motion made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Dawn Hibben to move location of Annual meeting location to March for the next meeting scheduled in March.
13. Discussion only on information obtained from Keith Hardin with Espace communications concerning mail-in ballots and election services. Sarah Cash presented data/information for Espace and will update the board at the March meeting of the RWD#5 board.

14. Dusty will develop policy on fines for any individual or entity that excavates and damages MCRWD#5 service lines and approve by district lawyer. No action taken.

15. Water Alert System Implementation

A new water alert system was approved to ensure service continuity. The alerts will be communicated via the website.

The approved levels are:

- Level 0: System fully operational with no issues.
- Level 1: General water conservation. The potential exists for conservation notice.
- Level 2: Conservation and limited hot tub filling on turns only by specific zone or entire district.
- Level 3: No refills on hot tubs.
- Level 4: No water use.
- Level 5: Boil water orders (for portability issues).

Water service zones (North, South, and West) will be established and mapped for targeted alerts.

Motion made by Tommy McDaniel and seconded by Kevin Perry to approve the information presented and to develop a map with zones.

Roll call Chuck Wilson- Yes, Tommy McDaniel- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes and Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.

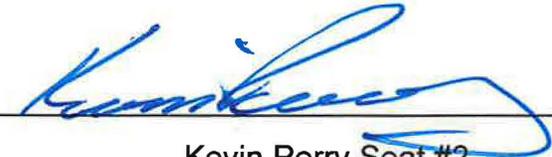
16. Board discussion only quotes where presented Sporo's Computers -\$1500 and BNB Tech \$4,000. The board mentioned Paul Sorensen to review quotes, items and options. This item will be listed at the March 2026 regular meeting as an agenda item.

17. New Business

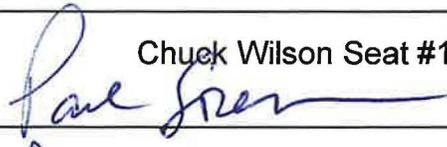
- Crystal Joslin update that the town of Hochatown does not have a fire rating.
- It was asked if the current billing system supports opt in for emailed bills to save postage. It was stated that the current billing system does not support this feature and it's not an available upgrade.

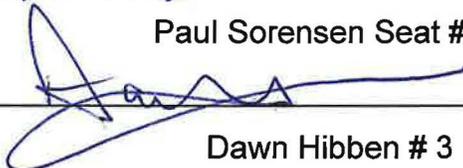
18. Motion made by Kevin Perry and seconded by Dawn Hibben to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Roll call Kevin Perry- Yes, Chuck Wilson- Yes, Tommy McDaniel- Yes, Paul Sorensen-Yes, Dawn Hibben-Yes. Motion carried.

Approved by:  _____ Chairman
Kevin Perry Seat #2

Approved by: _____ Co-Chairman
Chuck Wilson Seat #1

Approved by:  _____ member
Paul Sorensen Seat #5

Approved by:  _____ member
Dawn Hibben # 3

Approved by: _____ member
Tommy McDaniel Secretary/Treasurer Seat #4

Minutes approved on March 10, 2026.

 Outlook

2/12/26 Regular Board Meeting Agenda is Posted

From Sarah Cash <Sarah.Cash@hochatownwater.com>
Date Fri 2/6/2026 11:57 AM
To SOS MeetingNotices <meetingnotices@sos.ok.gov>
Cc Cristal Joslin <mccurtaincountynews@gmail.com>

 2 attachments (1 MB)

February 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda-ocr.pdf; screenshot-1770400281598.png;

Good afternoon,
Please see the attachments showing that the 2/12/26 Regular Board Meeting agenda has already been posted to the open meetings secretary of state website.
Have a good weekend.
Thanks,
Sarah Cash
Bookkeeping/Office Administrator
McCurtain Rural Water District No.5
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Broken Bow, OK 74728
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Proof of posting Secretary of State
11:57am
2-6-26

Office Front 2-6-26 11:41am

Website 2-6-26 11:50am

County 2-6-26 10:45am

As required by Section 311, Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, notice is given that the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 3 of McCurtain County will meet at 4:00 p.m., on February 12, 2020 at the following time for a regular monthly board meeting.

Order of Business

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Roll Call (Declare a quorum).
3. Recognition of Guests
4. Proof of Posting of Meeting
5. Consideration & Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Approval of DBHs and Disbursement
 - c. Approval of Financial Report
 - d. Approval of New Benefit Units
 - e. Approval of New Transfer of Benefit Units
 - f. Approval of Submittals from the 2022A Loan Fund
6. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of Managers' Report presented by District Manager
7. Comments from the Public (Limit of 3 minutes per individual and must pertain to agenda items)
8. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of removal of Rolling Trust from 2019 assets financial account
9. Discussion only if possible by law changes for metering services
10. Discussion only on fire protection
11. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of 2020 Annual Meeting for the ORWA Assurance Group 26th Annual meeting, April 27, 2020
12. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of 2020 Annual Meeting
13. Payroll
14. Discussion on information obtained from Keith Hardin with Espaco communications concerning mail-in ballots and election services
15. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of a policy establishing penalties for any individual or entity that curtails and damages MCRWD #5 service lines
16. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection to approve the creation and implementation of Water Alerts System levels and authorize ongoing implementation to ensure continuity of water service operations.
 - Level 0 - System is fully operational with no issues
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 - Level 3 - No Refill on hot tubs
 - Level 4 - No Water Use

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17. New Business
18. Consideration & Approval of Other

I certify that the Notice and Agenda was posted in prominent view at McCurtain County Rural Water No. 3 no later than 4:00pm on the 6th of February, 2020.
I certify that the Notice and Agenda was posted on the district's website: <http://www.mcrwd.org> or <http://www.mcrwd.com>
Daniel Lee
Signature
Samuel Cook
Printed name of the person you are representing

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LEGAL NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING DATE
The Board of Directors of



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- [Notice of Regular Board Meeting Date Change 2.10.26 to 2.12.26 OCR](#) (PDF 13 KB)
- [1/13/25 Board Meeting Agenda OCR](#) (PDF 107 KB)
- [2025 Dec 10 Board Meeting Agenda OCR](#) (PDF 62 KB)
- [2025 Notice of Change of Dec 9th Meeting to Dec 10th OCR](#) (PDF 24 KB)
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Order of Business

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Roll Call (Declare a quorum).
3. Recognition of Guests
4. Proof of Posting of Meeting.
5. Consideration & Approval of Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approval of Minutes.
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6. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of Manager's Report. Presented by Dusty Payne.
7. Comments from the Public. (Limit of 3 minutes per individual and must pertain to agenda items)
8. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of removal of Rodney Pratt from all the districts financial accounts.
9. Discussion only of possible bylaw changes for membership voting on 6/18/26.
10. Discussion only on fire protection.
11. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of voting delegate and alternate delegate for the ORWA Assurance Group 56th Annual meeting, April 22, 2026.
12. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of location of Annual meeting.

Old Business:

13. Discussion on information obtained from Keith Hardin with Espace communications concerning mail-in ballots and election services.
14. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of a policy establishing fines for any individual or entity that excavates and damages MCRWD #5 service lines.
15. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection to approve the creation and implementation of Water Alerts System levels and authorize ongoing implementation to ensure continuity of water service operations.

Proposed

- Level 0 - System is fully operational with no issues.
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State of Oklahoma McCurtain Co., SS
This instrument was filed for records
10:45 o'clock AM

FEB 06 2026

and duly recorded in book _____ page _____
by Trish Finkbein County Clerk
by _____ Deputy

16. Board discussion only regarding potential backup options for Wi-Fi and cellular service during internet outages, including possible solutions such as Starlink or alternative providers. Nick White with Sporo's Computer Consulting and BNB Tech Tony Hernandez will be providing an estimate.
17. **New Business**
(Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably for seen prior to the time of posting.)
18. Consideration & Approval to Adjourn.

I certify that the Notice and Agenda was posted in prominent view at McCurtain County Rural Water No. 5, no later than 4:00pm on the 6th of February 2026.

I certify that the Notice and Agenda was posted on the district's website <https://hochatownwater.com>.

Sarah Cash

Signature

Sarah Cash

Printed name of the person posting meeting agenda.



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January 2026

There were no leaks on the system for the month of January 2026.

Total usage for the month was 18,900,000 gallons with a daily average of 630,000 gallons.

Monthly Bac-T Samples were "Absent"

Maintenance:

2	Bac-T Samples	\$62.00
Total		\$62.00

New Meters	0	Line Locates	131	Work Orders	122
Info From GIS System					
Active Members	2791				
Non Active Meters	1263				

Notes:

Do to weather construction on the 8" water line it was held back for about a week. Locates where called in.