BEULAH UTILITIES DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting

September 23, 2025

5320 Lee Road 270, Valley, Alabama 36854

6:00 PM CST

The Board of Directors of Beulah Utilities District met in a Special Meeting at 6:00 pm on September 23, 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, and Lamar Sims.

Absent: 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. Sims motioned to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. ARPA Funds.

Tim Mitchell from Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood was recognized and informed the Board that at the bid opening for the ARPA, two bids were received. One bid was from L&K in the amount of $3,524,189 for the base bid and a total bid of $4,905,303.25 with the alternates. He stated the other bid received was from

UWS in the amount of $2,725,666.00 for the base bid and a total bid of $4,103,948.09 with the alternates. Mr. Mitchell stated that after review of the bids, GMC recommended that the District award the contract to UWS. He did state that after speaking with the ARPA people, that there would be a monthly drawdown of ARPA funds with a $2,500,000.00 cap. He said that once the cap was hit, the project must be completed and closed out before the balance of the ARPA funds could be paid out.

The Board discussed awarding the base bid and certain alternates.

After discussion, Mr. Jackson motioned to award the base bid and alternates 6 and 7 to UWS. Motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and was unanimously approved.

B. <u>Proposed Rate Increase</u>.

The Board discussed increasing water rates. The Board decided to wait until the October 21 Regular Meeting to discuss the matter further.

C. <u>Proposal form ASTERRA</u>

Chairman Majors updated the Board on discussions he had had with East Alabama regarding a joint contract for satellite leak detection.

The Board discussed the satellite lead detection service. After discussion, Mr. Sims motioned to accept the ASTERRA proposal of a two-year contract for $66,000. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jackson and approved by a vote of 3-0 with Ms. Holt abstaining.

7. **<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>**

Mr. Blake Simpkins was recognized and informed the Board that after the District had submitted the requested supplemental information to S&P, that the District had been informed that its Credit Rating had been downgraded from A+ to A.

11. **<u>CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.</u>**

None.

12. **<u>NEXT MEETING</u>**

Chairman Majors stated that the next regular meeting would be at 6:00 PM CST on October 21, 2025.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mr. Jackson motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holt and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM CST.

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Visitor Sign-in Sheet

Name	Address	Phone	Fire/Water Customer	I Wish to Speak	Speak on What Subject