

DEBERRY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: **February 10, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**

Place: De Berry Fire Station

Attendees:

Sara Edwards – President

Morgan Irvin – Secretary/Treasurer

Mary Robinson – Board Member

Matt Tillman – Vice President

Steve Werner – Board Member

16 Members attended.

1. The DeBerry Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) Directors Meeting was called to order by President Sara Edwards. A quorum of the Directors was present.

Public Comment

2. There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda

3. The bills were reviewed and payments approved by the Board members.
4. The minutes of both January 13th board meetings and January 22nd board meeting were reviewed. Edwards moved to approve the minutes and Irvin seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. The approved minutes will be uploaded to the website.

Water System Updates

5. Werner presented the Directors Report for the month of January 2026:
 - Water produced (pumped and treated) by the Corporation was 2,237,500 gallons, and water sold was 1,381,230 gallons, resulting in a Percent Sold figure of 61.7%.
 - Another 4.5% was attributed to routine flushing operations, leaving 33.8% of the water produced being cited as lost. We know there must be significant leaks in the system and the system operators continue working on finding and correcting such leaks. Werner reported no major leaks in January. He will keep track of well readings for daily monitoring of the system.
6. Tillman gave update on the signal fire equipment/system:
 - Tillman has been monitoring and setting alarms/profiles for tanks based on “normal” readings.
 - He will hand off monitoring to operators once all are alarms/profiles for tanks are as accurate as possible.
7. Robinson/Edwards stated the submission of approval of Water Use Survey/Water Loss Audit due May 1, 2026. The Water Use Survey was submitted on February 3, 2026 by Robinson. Water Loss Audit will be done by April.
 - Edwards mentioned she has a water loss certification, and she mentioned the rest of the board getting certified would be beneficial.

8. General updates:

- Edwards gave update on the increase in lab fees due to frequent testing and discussed purchasing a machine from Hawkins for daily testing.
- Tillman discussed fix of issues with air getting in the pump on Well #3.
- Edwards mentioned the water treatment for iron/bacteria and flushing of lines and getting a plan together. She spoke with C. Miller Drilling, and they think we can save money by treating wells ourselves for Well #1,2,4. Well #3 has already been cleaned.

DWSC Election Milestones Update

9. Werner stated 235 ballots were mailed out. 5 were returned as undeliverable and given to Mrs. Betty Bryant to resend. Bryant stated any phone calls concerning ballots not being received should be directed to her.

Financials/Grant Updates

10. Auditor engagement letter signed, and audit will be complete by June for grant application.

11. Edwards provided an update on DWSC pursuit of grants and state funding:

- Edwards indicated the USDA grant application was approved by the state, and we are now waiting on the federal government to release the funds.
- Edwards also provided update on the Sabine River Authority grant of \$30,000 for a test well. The grant application was submitted at the end of January. Edwards discussing using the funds for other system upgrades/repairs due to the large USDA grant already including test wells.
- Edwards gave update on TWDB funding opportunities. She spoke with Commissioner Craig Lawless about Panola County applying for a pass-through grant on our behalf since rural water systems were disallowed from these funding opportunities in recent legislature changes.

12. Discussion and direction regarding the Corporation's Water Rate Study, including projected operating costs, capital improvements, and long-term financial sustainability. The board reviewed the PY budget and projected costs for 2026. The board will schedule a special meeting to discuss this further.

Having concluded the business cited in the published agenda, Tillman moved to adjourn, Robinson seconded the motion, and all approved.

Meeting adjourned.