

DEBERRY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Date: **March 24, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**

Place: De Berry Fire Station

Attendees:

Sara Edwards – President
Matt Tillman – Vice President
Mary Robinson – Secretary/Treasurer
Tiffany LeGrand – Board Member
Steve Werner – Board Member
Morgan Irvin – Bookkeeper
Betty Bryant – Member



1. The DeBerry Water Supply Corporation (DWSC, aka the system) Directors Meeting was called to order by Vice President Matt Tillman. A quorum of the Directors was present.

Public Comment

2. There were no public comments offered.

Consent Agenda

3. The minutes from the March 7th Directors Meeting and the March 10th BOD Meeting were reviewed. Tillman moved to approve the minutes, LeGrand seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor. The approved minutes will be uploaded to the website.

Financials/Grant Updates

4. Edwards presented the Sabine River Authority Grant Agreement for 2026 CAP Grant for \$30,000 test well.
 - The board members looked over the agreement.
 - Edwards reminded the board this was the same grant DWSC received two years ago to install a generator at Well #3.
 - Werner made the motion to accept the grant terms, to which Edwards seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Edwards also updated the board that the land next to the pump house is scheduled to close the next day, 3/25.

Rate Study Discussion

6. Tillman opened the discussion about a potential increased cost that the board didn't factor into the rate study when Paul King advised and presented the study at the March 10th meeting. This cost was the frequency of storage tank cleaning and the potential for recoating the bottom of one of the storage tanks.
 - Robinson presented an Annual Maintenance Agreement Proposal from Jimmy Staples who cleaned the tanks in January 2025. After some discussion, the board expressed reluctance to sign a multi-year agreement and decided not to move forward with the agreement at this time. Even though the tanks currently need to be

cleaned annually, the Colemans do the job significantly cheaper.

- There was discussion about the repair of the liner in one of the storage tanks. The proposed cost of this is \$15,000 - \$18,000. Discussion was opened about how this added/potentially needed repair would affect the rate study.
- The board discussed leaving the lowest tier (0-2000 gallons) at the current rate to help ease the burden on the system's low-volume users, who are often elderly members.
- After much discussion and looking at many different calculations, the board came to a decision on the rates. Werner made the motion to approve the new rates, Edwards seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor.
- The new rate sheet is attached and will be posted with these minutes.

Adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Rate Summary Sheet

3/24/2026

Systems Fixed Cost	\$	173,136.00
Systems Variable Cost	\$	116,569.00
Systems Total Cost	\$	289,705.00
Meter Equivalents		373
Average Water Sold		16,805,235
Monthly Minimum	\$	39.50
Uniform Cost Per Thousand Gallons	\$	6.94

Cost Per Tier

0 – 2000	\$	5.00
2001 – 6000	\$	6.75
6001 – 10000	\$	8.00
10001 – 20000	\$	9.25
20001 – 40000	\$	10.50
40001 – UP	\$	11.75