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### Minutes from Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Directors of McCurtain County Rural Water District No. 5, an Oklahoma corporation, held its regular monthly board meeting on March 10, 2026, at 4:05 pm at the water office located at 9180 N US Highway 259, Broken Bow, OK 74728.

1. Meeting was called to order and at 4:05 pm by Chairman Kevin Perry.
2. Roll was called and quorum was declared. 3 board members present.  
Kevin Perry, Paul Sorensen, and Dawn Hibben.

Directors present creating a quorum include:

Kevin Perry, Chairman  
Chuck Wilson, Co-Chairman- Absent  
Tommy McDaniel, Secretary-Treasurer- Absent  
Paul Sorensen, member  
Dawn Hibben, member  
Others present include:  
Dusty Payne, District Manager  
Sarah Cash, Bookkeeper/Office Administrator  
Kristy Boyett Office Administrator

3. Recognition of guests. No guests were present.
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 Kevin Perry- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
6. Managers report Dusty Payne manager, presented the report for the month of December. Dusty Payne stated that the 8 inch line has been installed at Willow Bend Rd. This is intended to alleviate recurring low-supply/pressure during holidays by filling tanks faster. Additional reinforcement anticipated from a new tower was stated. It was mentioned that next meetings agenda needs to have a discussion line on the 12-inch main coming through town and possible upsizing to a 16-inch line and discuss adding flush hydrants. See attached report.  
Motion made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Dawn Hibben to approve the managers' report.  
Roll called Kevin Perry- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
7. Comments from the public:  
Cristal Joslin asked a question about the proposed bylaw change on filing notice of candidacy. It was stated that currently the days for filing for candidacy for this year are 4/18/26 – 5/18/2026. The proposed amendment to the bylaw would move the start date of filing up 90 days and have it end 60 days before the annual meeting.
8. Discussion on proposed amendments to bylaws.  
Article 5 Section 1 and 2 the proposal is to add internet voting to the ballots.  
Article 7 Section 1 the proposal is to delete the last sentence about cities/towns for clarity and to change the day time frame on candidacy to help with the mail in voting. It was stated that copies of the proposed changes posted at the office, website and there are available copies in the office. These proposed changes will be listed on the mail out.
9. No action taken on agenda item No. 9 the MCNB CD will automatically renew. Next time a CD will need to be on the agenda two months before to get the signed minutes to the bank to avoid a penalty.
10. Location of the annual meeting was discussed. Choctaw landing cost \$450.00 for a half day; \$900 for a full day. The Church was free last year. Mentioned if paying for the hotel, consider equivalent donation to the church; suggestion to table until attorney responds. Obtain guidance on venue/moving meeting logistics to determine half day vs full day rental due before next meeting.  
Motion made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Dawn Hibben to table to the next Meeting in April 2026.  
Roll call Kevin Perry- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
11. Discussion only fire protection:  
Dusty Payne district manager gathered hydrant information; a 16 inch line will fall in the plans to increase and add hydrants along the highway; policy updates are needed.

It was clarified the district does not provide fire protection. The Town is working on ISO ratings; The board is focusing on current actions and future plans; Some Board members and Dusty Payne have attended two ISO meetings; short term vs long term hydrant planning is underway. It was mentioned of inclusion of a flush valve near the Stevens Gap Rd/Steve's marine area to support commercial properties; Dusty Payne District manager will evaluate, especially for commercial development.

12. Motion made by Dawn Hibben and seconded by Paul Sorensen to approve the Mail-in ballot provider Espace Communications for the June 18, 2026, annual meeting. Roll call Kevin Perry- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
13. Motion made by Dawn Hibben and seconded by Paul Sorensen to approve Sarah Cash to monitor election services with Kristy Boyett as alternate. Roll call Kevin Perry- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.
14. Motion made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Dawn Hibben to give Dusty Payne approval to order additional internet if and when he sees fit. Roll call Kevin Perry- Yes, Paul Sorensen- Yes, Dawn Hibben- Yes. Motion carried.

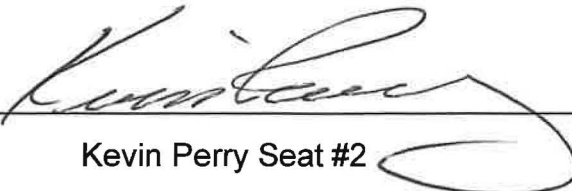
**15. New Business:**

Paul Sorensen brought the new office building to attention of the board.

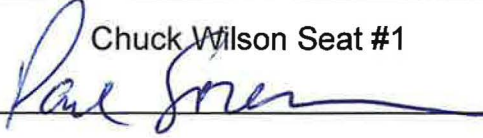
Kevin Perry stated to add the new office building to the agenda for April 2026 meeting. Scope of Office size was mentioned by Paul 4,000-5,000 sqft (possibly smaller); the board room would be the largest; with separate large sheet metal shop. This item will be listed at the March 2026 regular meeting as an agenda item.

The district may also consider later a new loan for the office building or a loan for a 16 inch line project. Agenda item information on the architects get a sketch from an Architect then come back financially to look a loans for line improvement, building and hydrants.

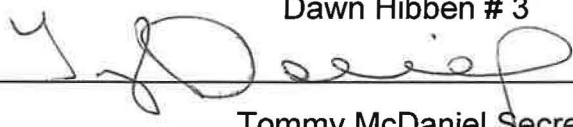
16. Motion made by Paul Sorensen and seconded by Dawn Hibben to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Roll call Kevin Perry- Yes, Paul Sorensen-Yes, Dawn Hibben-Yes. Motion carried.

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 April 14, 2026.

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March 10th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Agenda

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From Sarah Cash <Sarah.Cash@hochatownwater.com>  
Date Fri 3/6/2026 12:52 PM  
To SOS MeetingNotices <meetingnotices@sos.ok.gov>  
Cc Cristal Joslin <mccurtaincountynews@gmail.com>

 2 attachments (500 KB)

March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda-ocr.pdf; screenshot-1772822780752.png;

Good afternoon,  
Please see the following attachments the March 10, 2026 Meeting Agenda has been posted to the Secretary of State Website.  
Thanks,

Sarah Cash  
Bookkeeping/Office Administrator  
McCurtain Rural Water District No.5  
9180 N Us Hwy 259  
Broken Bow, OK 74728  
580-494-6283

Proof of Posting

County 3-6-26 11:30 am

Secretary of State <sup>3-6-26</sup> 12:52 pm

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- 2026 February 12 Regular Board Meeting Agenda (PDF | 752 KB)
- Notice of Regular Board Meeting Date Change 2.10.26 to 2.12.26 OCR (PDF | 85 KB)
- 1/13/26 Board Meeting Agenda OCR (PDF | 1,025 KB)
- 2025 Dec 10 Board Meeting Agenda OCR (PDF | 624 KB)
- 2025 Notice of Change of Dec 9th Meeting to Dec 10th OCR (PDF | 71 KB)
- 2025 12.10.25 Notice of Quorum Christmas Party OCR (PDF | 1 KB)
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Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Thunderstorm with rain 78°/62°	Thunderstorm with heavy rain 69°/48°	Moderate rain 73°/54°







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### Notice

As required by Section 311, Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, notice is given that the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 5 of McCurtain County will meet at 4:00 p.m. March 10, 2026, at the water office 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 Bills 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 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 of proposed amendment changes to the District's Bylaws, at the annual meeting on Thursday June 18, 2026, 82 O.S. 1324.7 specifically:  
**Article 5 Section 1**  
**Article 5 Section 2**  
**Article 7 Section 1**
- Copies of amendments will be provided at the office and in board member packets.
9. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection regarding the certificate of deposit held at McCurtain County National Bank with maturity date of 3/21/26, including consideration of renewal, reinvestment, or other disposition of the funds.  
**Old Business:**
  10. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of location of Annual meeting. Choctaw Landing provided estimate.
  11. Discussion only fire protection.
  12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve, reject, or modify the use of Espace Communications as the District's mail-in ballot service provider for the June 18, 2026, Annual Meeting, including review, modification, and approval of the Espace Communications procedures regarding the administration and handling of mail-in ballots.
  13. Discussion/Consideration/Approval/Rejection of an individual to monitor election services.



State of Oklahoma McCurtain Co. SS  
This instrument was filed "11:30" AM  
11:30 o'clock AM

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and duly recorded in book \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_  
by Trish Priskattis County Clerk  
Deputy

14. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve or reject the selection of Starlink as the District's backup internet and/or cellular service provider for use during service outages, including review of quotes and options previously presented by Sporos Computer Consulting and BNB Tech on February 12, 2026, and authorization for installation of services and purchase of necessary equipment.
15. **New Business**  
(Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably for seen prior to the time of posting.)
16. 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 March 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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## MOR February 2026

There were 2 leaks on the system for the month of February 2026.

Total usage for the month was 16,543,000 gallons with a daily average of 590,821 gallons.

Stage II Samples looked great.

Monthly Bac-T Samples were "Absent"

Maintenance:

2	Stage Two Samples	\$700.00
1	Main Water Line repair	\$354.90
2	Bac-T Samples	\$64.00
1	Tapline Repair	\$66.10
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,185.00</b>

New Meters	6	Line Locates	188	Work Orders	156
Info From GIS System					
Active Members	2795				
Non Active Meters	1275				

**Notes:**

The 8 inch water line has been installed pressure test is good.

Line test have been taken and should know if they are good Wednesday 3/11/26.