

**NORTH GARLAND COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 28TH, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Jerry Vaughn, Joe Turner, David Harper, Jack Fields, Velton Lacy, Todd Graves and Eddie Livingston.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen McEarl and Nicole Noles

GUEST PRESENT: Michael Bolin – Engineer

Meeting to Order – Director Vaughn called the board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda – The agenda was adopted as presented.

Comments by Board President – Director Vaughn presented to the board, the need of getting a handicap ramp built in the back of the building. Director Graves made the motion to have Mr. McEarl contact someone and have the job contracted out; seconded by Director Livingston. Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of July 29th, 2025, Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes – Director Harper made a motion the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Director Fields. Motion unanimously approved.

New Business –

Review & Approve Bad Debt Write Offs as of 9-30-25 – The Board reviewed the Bad Debt Write Offs as of 9-30-2025. Director Fields made a motion that the Bad Debt Write Offs be accepted and approved as presented; seconded by Director Graves. Motion unanimously approved.

Old Business –

Land for New Water Tank – Mr. McEarl briefed the Board that North Garland County Regional Water District has received the deed and everything that has been in the works is now complete. Mr. Bolin stated that he is ready to begin the plans whenever North Garland County Regional Water District is ready. Discussion followed. Director Livingston made a motion for Mr. Bolin to work on getting a grant or loan; seconded by Director Turner. Motion unanimously approved.

Original Connection Fee and Meter Deposits from the 1990's - Mr. McEarl briefed the Board about the email that he had received from Mr. Garner regarding the initial meter connections. Discussion followed. Director Fields made a motion to give back their deposits that they paid originally; seconded by Director Graves. Motion unanimously approved. Director Lacy then made another motion to wait to write the deposit check until the customer comes in to North Garland County Regional Water District inquiring about the Connection Fee and Meter Deposit; seconded by Director Fields. Motion unanimously approved.

Manager's Report –

Mr. McEarl informed the Board that the Arkansas Department of Health CPE Audit Report went well with great results. Also, that North Garland County Regional Water District would be having their annual financial audit around December 8th, the Rate Study was under way and would be done before July 2026, there were 48 new connections total for the fiscal year, and the sludge ponds were cleaned. Discussion followed.

Director Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Harper. Director Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Harper, Secretary/Treasurer

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