

Minutes
Oktoc Water Association
November 10, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Board members present Joe Stewart, Kennedy Neal, Herman Bush and John Harper.

Due to President Stewart running late, Vice-President Bush declared a quorum and Glen Oakley gave the invocation.

A copy of the October 13, 2025 minutes was distributed and Vice-President Bush asked for a motion to approve. John Harper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with Kennedy Neal providing a second; motion passed.

Treasurer Harper presented information regarding October 2025 financials. He stated that Oktoc Water Association had an operating income of \$64,068.48 and expenses of \$29,298.12 for October and the net profit for the month of \$35,078.69 including interest. He announced that in the fourth quarter thus far there had been a collection of \$982 for the volunteer fire department. Lastly, \$10,400.11 of the net profit has been applied this fiscal year to the principle for the USDA loans. After review, Les Lindley made a motion to pay the bills with Herman Bush providing a second. Motion carried.

Next Treasurer Harper announced that nothing had been received on the budgets submitted to USDA due to government shutdown. He stated that he would keep the members abreast.

The meeting was turned over to President Stewart and he informed members that he had spoke with DEQ to see if there were any funds available to fill-in Well #1 due to it being replaced by another well. President Stewart stated that DEQ does not have or know of any grants to help with "closing" Well #1, but was interested in monitoring the well and would hold all responsibility for the well. After discussion, John Harper made a motion to allow MSDEQ to have access to Well #1 with DEQ holding all responsibility for the well and if monies should come available seek grant assistance at that time, Herman Bush seconded the motion; motion carried.

Next, President Stewart announced that he had spoken with Cook Coggins regarding supplies needed for the well upgrade. He stated that the Taylor generator had no shipping date and members asked that other quotes be given to see if other resources were available with a comparable price.

Michael Tomlinson updated board members on operations and stated that the Browning Creek bore was quoted with an estimate of \$15,000. Members asked Mr. Tomlison to get more quotes to see if could find better price.

Gage Cherry had no updates other than normal operations. Cindy Oakley questioned meters that were at abandoned houses and the meters at the houses were the new updated ones. After discussion, the Board asked to get a timeline as to how long the houses had been unlivable and discussion would follow at the next scheduled meeting.

A quote from HAWK had been presented for changing the lights on two wells and repair to a screen. President Stewart stated that he would contact a company from Jackson, TN to get a quote also.

Herman Bush made a motion to adjourn the meeting and hold Executive Session with John Harper providing a second; motion passed.

Executive Session

Election of Officers were nominated as follows:

Herman Bush made a motion with John Harper providing a second to re-elect Joe Stewart as President. Motion carried.

Kennedy Neal made a motion with John Harper providing a second to re-elect Herman Bush as Vice-President. Motion carried.

Herman Bush made a motion with Kennedy Neal providing a second to re-elect John Harper as Treasurer. Motion carried.

Kennedy Neal made a motion with Herman Bush providing a second to elect Les Lindley as Secretary. Motion carried.

John Harper made a motion to remove Kenneth Aasand from the signature card and add Les Lindley to the bank account; Herman Bush seconded the motion; motion carried. Trish Jones stated that she would contact BankPlus to get new signature cards.

There being no further business, John Harper made a motion to adjourn Executive Session with Joe Stewart providing a second, the meeting adjourned.

Joe Stewart, President

Herman Bush, Vice-President

Les Lindley, Secretary

John Harper, Treasurer

Kennedy Neal