

**Mineral Springs Water System
2026 Annual Meeting
January 20, 2026**

Meeting called to Order:	Donald Norman
Start Time:	6:00 PM
Location:	MSBC Fellowship Hall
Invocation	Bevon Martin

Donald Norman appeared as a member to cast a vote by proxy for 7 members. Bevon Martin appeared as a member to cast a vote by proxy for 15 members. Rodney Howard appeared as a member to cast a vote by proxy for 7 members. T J Cranford appeared as a member to cast a vote by proxy for 1 member. Logan Sanderson appeared as a member to cast a vote by proxy for 1 member. There were 9 members present at the meeting with total votes of 40.

1. Financial Statements:

- a. 2024-year-end financial statements were available for review.
- b. The cash balance as of December 31, 2025, was \$256,955.46.
- c. Motion made by Jackie Billberry to accept the financial statements as presented, seconded by Donald Norman. All approved.

2. Old Business:

- a. Ground storage tank cleaning is pending due to the need for a bypass. These items must be completed prior to our next Sanitary Survey.
- b. The installation of digital meters is now at 99% with 5 meters remaining to be replaced.
- c. Donald Norman advised all members present that we have applied for a \$100,000 grant and hope to receive the funds soon. The projects listed below are pending completion until we receive these funds.
 - i. Bypass at the ground storage tank
 - ii. Ground storage tank cleaning
 - iii. Tie in to neighboring water systems (Culbertson Water System and Greater Ward One).
 - iv. Make water available to the Lincoln Parish Landfill where lines were cut and have not been repaired.
- d. No additional old business items were brought to the table.

3. New Business:

- a. The 2026 budget was presented for review and discussion. A motion was made by Donald Norman to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Rodney Howard.
- b. When the 2023 rate study was done, it was recommended by the LRWA and the U.S.D.A. that we increase our rates each year to keep up with the CPI, which is 2.8% for 2026. No rate change was made in 2024 as we saw some increases in the bills due to the digital meters reading correct usage as compared to the old meters. A 2.5% rate increase was implemented 5/2025 and a 2.8% increase will be implemented 5/2026. A motion was made by Donald Norman to implement the 5/1/2026 rate change, seconded by Doug Davidson, all approved.
- c. Jim Frasier made a motion that we renew Bevon Martin and Rodney Howard's term as board members for another 3 years. This motion was seconded by Donald Norman and all approved. Bevon Martin made a motion to keep our current officers as they are - Donald Norman as President, Doug Davidson as Vice President and Rodney Howard as Secretary, all approved.
- d. No additional new business items were brought to the table.

Motion made by T J Cranford to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bevon Martin, all approved.

End time: 6:30 PM