

Rural Water District #9
Board of Directors Meeting
Leavenworth County, Kansas
January 20, 2026

The monthly meeting of Rural Water District #9 was held on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at the District office located at 20551 Parallel Road, Tonganoxie, Kansas 66086.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Buchanan, Ernie Rieke, Don Kirby, Craig Lohman, Byron McFee

Office Manager Karen Armstrong; Operator Andy Grosko, Louis Funk, engineer with Bartlett & West

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cori Criqui; Jim Armstrong

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brant Daniels, LVRWD9 contractor

Matt Baughman, district patron

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order by Craig Lohman, chairman at 1830 hours.

1. Agenda: Items to add/remove prior to agenda approval-

- Jim Armstrong, board member, notice of resignation

2. Patron Comments to be added to agenda-

- Matt Baughman, 24584 Fairmount Rd, McLouth, Ks

3. Approval of meeting agenda

Ernie Rieke motioned to approve the items to be added to the current agenda. Don Kirby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting-

Don Kirby motioned to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting. Byron McFee seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- 5. Public Opportunity-** Matt Baughman, district patron reviewed/discussed the at fault 6" water line break on his property at 24584 Fairmount Rd McLouth, KS. Byron McFee motioned to allow Mr. Baughman to reimburse the district in 6 monthly installments. Kim Buchanan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Louis Funk; engineer with Bartlett & West

Mr. Funk presented application for payment (#3) from Rieschick Drilling Company in the amount of \$102,144.38. Kim Buchanan motioned to approve the application for payment. Byron McFee seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Board members items added to agenda-

Office Manager presented the board members a letter of resignation from board member Jim Armstrong. Don Kirby motioned to accept the letter of resignation. Ernie Rieke seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Treasurer's Report-

Manager Armstrong reviewed the accounts receivable & profit/loss report.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report with accounts receivable & profit/loss statement as presented was made by Kim Buchanan, seconded by Ernie Rieke. Motion passed 4-0.

9. Operator's Report- Andy Grosko

- Reviewed the monthly operations spreadsheet.
- Reported the new motor was installed and Lynn Electric wired it.
- The final meter was moved on 235th Street by Daniels Excavating.
- Alexander Pump Service will make repairs to well #5 so the transducer can be installed properly.

10. Manager's Report- Karen Armstrong

- Monthly mileage report for Dec 2025/Jan 2026. Kim Buchanan motioned to approve the mileage report. Seconded by Ernie Rieke. Motion passed 4-0.
- Presented updates on all Capital Improvement Projects.
- Mailed out Annual Meeting brochures on January 9, 2026.
- Will be making an interest only payment of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan in February 2026 notifying board members she will transfer funds from the district account to the loan repayment account.
- Presented a draft of the 2026 budget. Ernie Rieke motioned to approve the 2026 budget draft to be presented for approval at the annual meeting. Don Kirby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Discussed the Breedlove property on 243rd Street along with Q&A with primary district contractor. Topic tabled to gather further information.
- Discussed the Venetz property on Fairmount Rd along with Q&A with primary district contractor. After discussion, Ernie Rieke motioned to relocate the current cross country water line that is leaking to Fairmount Rd and obtain proper legal easements. Byron McFee seconded. Motion passed 4-0. After relocation of the water line to Fairmount Rd is complete, Byron McFee motioned to offer to provide the Venetz property at 21629 Fairmount Rd water service for \$15,000 to include the benefit unit and installation. Kim Buchanan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

11. Applications for transfer of service

- Karen Pursel to Allen/Anita Bell at 22543 Dempsey Rd, Lv, Ks.
- Janet Cawley to Chris Masoner at the SE corner of 193rd and Leavenworth Rd (pasture)
- Larry Lukens to Esmeralda Morales at 24921 McLouth Rd. Tonganoxie, Ks.

Don Kirby motioned to approve the applications for transfers of service, Ernie Rieke seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

12. New Applications for service

- Breedlove on 243rd Street-tabled.

13. Authorization of payment of bills-

Ernie Rieke motioned to authorize payment of the current bills; Kim Buchanan seconded. Motion passed 4-0 with chairman Craig Lohman voting and member Don Kirby abstaining.

14. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Ernie Rieke. Don Kirby seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 2145 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Buchanan, Secretary