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**Pendleton Water Association
Special Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026, 10:00 AM
Pendleton Water Association Office**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Burnaman at 10:16 AM. A notice of meeting and proof of quorum were confirmed. Board members attending:

- * Jerry Burnaman, President
- * Larry Rice, Vice President
- * Homer Miller, Director
- * Gwen Peterson, Secretary
- * Becky Sepulvado, Treasurer (Absent)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Larry Rice moved to accept the minutes for the Monthly Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2026; seconded by Homer Miller. The motion was adopted.

Larry Rice subsequently made a motion to remove the agenda item “discuss pros and cons of a plant manager.” However, there was no second, and the motion failed.

Homer Miller then made a motion to amend the agenda to vote on the hiring of Jerry Burnaman as plant manager. This motion was seconded by Gwen Peterson and carried. A roll call vote was conducted, and Larry Rice voted against the motion.

Larry Rice subsequently submitted a handwritten resignation note from the Pendleton Water Board, effective immediately, February 9, 2026, at 10:22 AM. No action was taken in response to the resignation.

Jerry Burnaman clarified that he had solicited a proposal from Doug Mosely of M&M Environmental for the management of the plant. However, Jerry desired that the board have the opportunity to engage in discussions and pose inquiries to the company prior to the submission of the proposal.

Doug Mosely and two members of his staff met with PWA. Dwayne Corley would be responsible for maintaining plant compliance in accordance with state regulations. Mike Fontenot would oversee the internal operations of the plant and manage the operators. He would also be responsible for quality control and project management.

Doug Mosely expressed his desire to involve Tony Ferrell (Level 4) and potentially Jennifer Savell (Level 2) in the project. This decision was based on their familiarity with the plant and the location of the meters. The objective is to identify all meters, flush valves, and lines. A pin will be dropped, and all identified items will be mapped. Mosely believed that Tony's expertise would be invaluable in this process. Their role would not involve management or compliance; instead, their primary responsibility would be to ensure the quality of the water. Louisiana Rural Water Association has highly commended Tony's ability to produce high-quality water. **(Corrected and approved by a unanimous vote of the board 3/9/2026. Previous sentence deleted and following sentence added.** The board was cautioned by LRWA about hiring Tony Ferrell.

M&M would be responsible for meter reading, billing, and operations for a monthly fee of \$37,000.00. Board members inquired about any additional charges beyond the contractual fee. Additionally, they requested that M&M personnel secure competitive pricing from vendors. M&M assured that minor repairs would be performed by the company without incurring any additional charges.

Jerry Burnaman stated that the board is accountable to the membership of the Pendleton Water Association. Consequently, all pertinent information will be disseminated to the members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM.