

# RWD#17 LeFlore County Public Hearing Minutes

RWD#17 LeFlore County held a public meeting on August 5, 2024. The hearing was held at 3:40 p.m. at the district office at 21981 State Highway 63, Hodgen, OK.

Public attending the hearing and signed in were: Vicki Cearnal, Jean Conklin, Kendle Ortiz, Deborah Butler and John Butler.

The hearing opened with Vicki Cearnal, Chairman, informing the district RWD#17 wanted to pursue solutions to the DEQ Notice of Violation with civil and electrical engineering reports and analysis. The district would go through the USDA Rural Development for funding of this project. This would include design, water hydraulic analysis, and an engineering report.

No questions were addressed at this time.

The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION FOR  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
PREDEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS Rural Water District #17 in LeFlore County has a water loss ratio between 50-70% monthly due to poor installation of the water line 24 years ago that has depleted their resources; and there is danger of loss of water service for customers and

WHEREAS, Rural Water District #17 in LeFlore County is financially incapable of remedying the situation which threatens the public health and welfare of the people of Big Cedar, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is justifiable and in the best interest of the citizens of Big Cedar, Oklahoma, in LeFlore County, to expedite the preparation and submission of an application for financial assistance to resolve issues in the Pipe Springs area and seek a USDA Predevelopment Planning Grant for \$13,150.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a situation is hereby recognized and declared to exist in LeFlore County, Oklahoma and Vicki Cearnal, Chairperson of the Board, and/or Deborah Butler, Treasurer, are hereby authorized and directed to sign an application and related documents necessary to file and process the grant on behalf of the Rural Water District #17 in LeFlore County, Oklahoma, the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2024.

Jean Conklin made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Kendle Ortiz seconded the motion. Vote: Vicki Cearnal-yes. Jean Conklin- yes. Kendle Ortiz-yes. Deborah Butler-yes. Motion carried. Kendle Ortiz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jean Conklin seconded the motion. Vote: Vicki Cearnal-yes. Jean Conklin- yes. Kendle Ortiz-yes. Deborah Butler-yes. Motion carried.

Hearing ended at 3:42 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kendle Ortiz*

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