



Moore County EMWD Board of Directors

December 1, 2025 | 5:00 PM
Historic Courthouse
1 Courthouse Square
Carthage, NC 28327

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Kurt Cook, Nick Picerno, Jim Von Canon, Tom Adams

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT

John Ritter

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order.

1. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. East Moore Water District Board of Directors - EMWD Special Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2025

Director Adams moved, seconded by Director Picerno, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the November 4, 2025, Special Meeting minutes.

- B. Public Works - Update on Wadsworth / Manor Road Waterlines

Brian Patnode, Public Works Director, provided an update on the East Moore Wadsworth and Manor Road Waterlines Phase 5 project. He reminded the Board that the project was initiated earlier this year after receiving a petition from 35 residents along Wadsworth and Manor Road in the eastern part of the county, north of US 15/501 and Carthage.

Mr. Patnode reported that the county examined other potential extensions, including Old River Road, Torchwood Road, Red Branch Road, Kelly Road, and McCrimmon Road, which could potentially serve a total of 160 customers. The initial cost estimate was between \$5-6 million.

Two main funding opportunities being explored include:

- Requesting funds from the General Assembly in Raleigh
- Explored the USDA Rural Development program, which was used for the first four phases of East Moore

Mr. Patnode noted that while the median household income in the area was too high to qualify for grant money, the county would be eligible for a loan at 5.25% interest. He mentioned that conversations with USDA stalled during the government shutdown, but the county is working to secure a consulting firm under contract to prepare a preliminary engineering report, the first step before completing the USDA application.

County Manager Wayne Vest reported that he spoke with Representative Neal Jackson of the NC General Assembly a couple of weeks ago, and that more information on that funding opportunity is expected in the next few weeks. Director Picerno suggested creating a resolution to send to all of Moore County's Legislative Delegation. He noted that this would show respect by recognizing all county representatives. He asked County Attorney Misty Leland to prepare a resolution for approval at the following East Moore Water District meeting. Mr. Patnode confirmed they are working to complete the USDA application process before May 2026 to be included in the funding cycle. Director Picerno inquired about the loan terms, and Mr. Patnode noted the USDA loan would likely be for 40 years at 5.25%. Mr. Picerno expressed concern about the high interest rate on a \$5 million loan, especially given the time required to recoup costs from 160 customers. Mr. Vest noted that the county has successfully refinanced loans for the East Moore Water District in the past.

C. Public Works - EMWD Water Ordinance

Brian Patnode presented an update to the East Moore Water District water ordinance. This was a follow-up to the November board meeting, when the Board adopted a resolution extending the utility payment period for residents affected by the government shutdown, natural disasters, or other states of emergency.

Mr. Patnode explained that the revised ordinance incorporated this provision and made several other minor updates, including:

- Removing the requirement for customers' social security numbers
- Adding a requirement for renters' lease agreements
- Changing wording regarding disconnect fees and non-payment fees
- Updating various dates

He assured the Board that these changes would not cause any "sticker shock" to customers, as they were primarily clarifications and rewording of existing provisions.

Motion made by Director Von Canon, seconded by Director Picerno, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the revised East Moore Water District water ordinance and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Public Works - Deed of Dedication for North Gate Phase 2

Brian Patnode presented a Deed of Dedication for North Gate Phase 2 Subdivision, a subdivision off of Morrison Bridge Road in the Lobelia area that is connected to the East Moore Water District. He noted that Phase 1 was recently completed with most houses sold, and they are now moving into Phase 2. The water lines have been tested, certified, and are ready for operation.

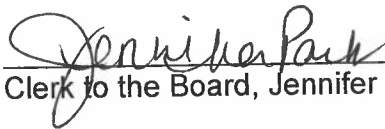
Motion made by Director Picerno, seconded by Director Adams, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the Deed of Dedication for Northgate Phase 2 subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Director Picerno, seconded by Director Von Canon, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the December 1, 2025, Special Meeting of the East Moore Water District Board of Directors at 5:10pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk to the Board, Jennifer Parks