

Rural Water District No. 1  
Ellsworth County, Kansas a/k/a Post Rock Rural Water District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2026

At 6:38 pm Chairman Bland called the meeting to order and called for roll call.

Directors present at roll call: Director Bland, Director Teppe, Director Dolezal, Director Christy, Director Robbins, Director Komarek, and Director Splitter.

Directors not Present: Howard Wehrman

Staff present: Jon Wright, Angela Naegele, Roxanne Stevenson, Leslee Rivarola (Consultant)

Chairman Bland called for Public Comment.

Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the agenda. Director Splitter made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Komarek seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bland called for discussion on the March 17, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Chairman Bland called for a motion. Director Teppe made a motion to approve the March 17, 2026 minutes. Director Dolezal seconded the motion. All directors present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bland called for the bills to be paid and expense report. Discussion followed.

Chairman Bland called for a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Director Komarek made a motion to pay the bills not to exceed the amount of \$112,603.93. Director Robbins seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bland called for the next item on the agenda, Item #5. Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas Renewal. Discussion followed. Director Komarek made a motion to have Mr. Wright poll the employees concerning a choice of \$1.00 per hour raise and change to the Silver Plan or stay with the Gold Plan with no pay increase. Seconded by Director Splitter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Bland called for the next item on the agenda, Item #6. Reports. Discussion was had on the status of current legal counsel. Discussion followed concerning a meeting with the City of Russell to reach an agreement to release Post Rock RWD to explore contract options directly with PureField Ingredients.

Mr. Wright reported that he attended the KRWA water conference in Wichita. Mr. Wright and Josh Haugaard tested for Class DW1 Operator. Mr. Wright passed and Josh will have to retest. Mr. Wright also attended the Smoky Hill Watershed Meeting in Hays. Tower #4 is down for repair and maintenance and will be returned to service soon. Mr. Wright presented quotes for the

replacement of Truck #5. It was noted that when ordering a new vehicle, it will take four to five months for delivery. Lewis Ford in Hays, KS has a 2026 F250 Supercab on the lot. The Board of Directors requested a Chevy quote. Mr. Wright reported that additional disconnect letters had been mailed out. Discussion followed. Distribution repaired multiple leaks this month.

At 8:48 pm, Chairman Bland called for a ten-minute break.

At 8:58 pm, Chairman Bland called the meeting back to order.

At 8:58 pm, Chairman Bland called for an Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(1), to include all board members present, Mr. Wright and Ms. Rivarola. Director Christy made a motion to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes to include all board members present, Mr. Wright and Ms. Rivarola. Seconded by Director Dolezal. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.


At 9:22 pm, the Board of Directors reconvened in open session. Director Christy made a motion to increase Josh Haugaard's wages by \$2.00 per hour to begin 4-30-26. Director Teppe seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Director Christy requested the office staff to give Phil Schneider a \$100.00 credit to his account for waterway damages. Director Komarek made a motion to credit Phil Schneider \$100.00 on his account for waterway damages. Director Christy seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:29 pm, Chairman Bland called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Dolezal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Splitter seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Secretary/Treasurer

5-19-26  
Date