



North Lauderdale Water Association

All-Member Annual Meeting

7/17/2025



Invocation



Agenda

- **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**
- **Introductions**
- **Proof of Notice of Meeting**
- **Review Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting**
- **President's Report**
 - **Water**
 - **Broadband**
 - **Grant Project**
 - **Parcel 1 De-Annexation**
- **New Business**
 - **Member Comments**
- **Election of three Directors**
- **Adjourn**



Introductions

Operations Manager:

Don Felter

Office Manager:

René Welti (LOA)

Senior Water Operator:

Darin Billheimer

Total Employees: 14

Directors:

Lance Price

Zena Limerick

John Lamberth (Secretary/Treasurer)

***Paul Goldman (Vice President)**

Todd “Ike” Kiefer (President)

Attorney:

Tommy Horne

Engineers (Neel-Schaffer)

Tyler Slay

Presentation



Commemoration of Service

The Board of Directors hereby honors

Paul Goldman

on the occasion of his resignation after

11 Years

of faithful and devoted service to members and employees as

Director: 2014-2025



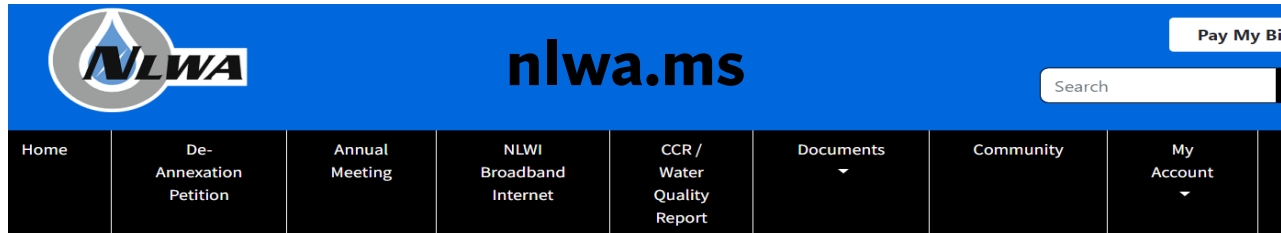
North Lauderdale Water Association, Inc.

Todd "Ike" Kiefer, President

17 July 2025



Proof of Notice (1 of 2)



Annual Meeting

NLWA 58th Annual All-Member Meeting

Thursday 17 July 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church, 3931 West Mount Carmel Road, Bailey

If you cannot attend in person, please contribute to our quorum today by submitting your proxy vote online using this form:

<https://nlwa.ms/my-account/proxy-vote-form/>.

AGENDA

A. Call to order and determination of quorum

- President calls meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- XX Members participate in person
- XX Members participate by proxy
- XX Members participated in total
- With this number exceeding the bylaws' requirement of 1% of the members participating to conduct business at the annual meeting, the president declares a quorum.

B. Proof of notification of Annual Meeting

C. [Minutes of last year's meeting](#)

D. [President's Annual Report](#)

- FYE2025 Operations and Finances (Water & Broadband)
- De-annexation Update
- Grant Project Update
- FYE2025 Audited Financial Report

E. New business / Member comments

- Member Comments

F. Election of Directors

- One director position up for election for 1-year term
 - Board nominates [Steve Murray](#) to complete the term of resigning d
- Two director positions up for election to 3-year term
 - Board nominates John Lamberth for re-election
 - Board nominates Todd "Ike" Kiefer for re-election

G. Adjournment

DATE	SERVICE	CHARGE	USAGE	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
05/22/2025	PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$.00			
	PAYMENTS SINCE LAST BILL	\$.00			
06/25/2025	WATER	\$ 64.38	6320	589030	582710
06/25/2025	TOTAL DUE	\$ 64.38			

WE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4, 2025, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.
ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY/CCR REPORT AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://NLWA.MS/CCR](https://nlwa.ms/ccr)
ALL-MEMBER ANNUAL MEETING IS 7PM THUR JULY 17 AT MT CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
AGENDA INCLUDES OPERATIONS AND FINANCE UPDATE AND ELECTION OF 3 DIRECTORS.



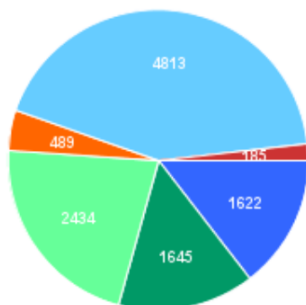
Notice

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Recipients Summary



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North Lauderdale Water Association

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Intro

A member owned and operated water utility.

- Page · Water Utility Company
- 9709 Mount Carmel Rd, Bailey, MS, United States, Mississippi
- (601) 681-6157
- customerservice@nlwa.ms
- nlwa.ms

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North Lauderdale Water Association

July 1 at 3:33 PM

--Annual Meeting--

Our 58th Annual All Member Meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Thursday, 17 July 2025 at Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church, 3931 West Mt. Carmel Road.

Agenda will include:

- Report on water and broadband system performance
- \$2.2M ARPA grant project update
- Parcel 1 De-annexation from Meridian update
- Election of three directors.

The NLWA bylaws require that a quorum of at least 1% of the members participate in the annual meeting. Without a quorum, we cannot elect new directors or decide other business of the Association. A member in good standing is the owner of one or more properties with NLWA water service who is not overdue on any payments to the Association. Each member in good standing has one vote, regardless of how many served properties or meters they have. Such a member may vote in person at the annual meeting or may use our online proxy form (<https://nlwa.ms/proxy>) to designate another member in good standing to vote in his or her place at the annual meeting. If you are confident that the current Board of Directors is acting in your best interest, you may assign your proxy vote to the President of the Board, who will vote on your behalf at the annual meeting for the candidates and policies the Board is proposing. Thank you for your participation.

Photos

See all photos





2024 Meeting Minutes



North Lauderdale Water Association

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ANNUAL ALL-MEMBER MEETING Thursday, 18 July 2024, 7:00 p.m. MINUTES

At the appointed hour of 7 p.m. and the announced location of Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church, director and president Todd "Ike" Kiefer welcomed the members in attendance to NLWA's 57th annual all-member meeting and opened with prayer.

Before commencing the formal proceedings, the President presented to the assembled members a plaque commissioned by the board to honor their departed fellow director, Cindy Ross. Cindy lost her battle with cancer only a few months after being re-elected at the previous annual meeting. The plaque will be presented to her husband.

Fifteen members in good standing were checked against the rolls, signed in, and participated in person. Additionally, 49 validated members in good standing participated via president proxy and 3 via member proxy. Having calculated the quorum of 1% of the members on the voter roll of 3,319 being 34, and having determined that 67 members were participating, the president declared a quorum.

President presented the agenda for the meeting.

President introduced himself, board members, employees, engineer, and attorney.

The president presented proof of notification of the annual meeting and agenda in the form of water bills notes, Facebook posts, and IRIS automated alert calls, texts, and emails

Member Victor Threatt moved to dispense with the formal reading of the minutes from the 2023 meeting. Member William Morris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

President delivered his annual report to the members on water and broadband operations and financial performance over the past year. Main points included:

- Net income of \$74,000 on gross revenue of \$2.7 million in the fiscal year ended 30 April 2023
- Faultless CY2023 drinking water quality / consumer confidence report
- MS Department of Health giving NLWA a bye this year after 9 consecutive annual perfect 5.0 management scores.

- Major project in work is a document audit and conversion to digital records. This is cause of many members being contacted to provide missing or updated documents.
- Ongoing line replacement capital project in leak-prone areas
- Association recently awarded a \$2 million ARPA grant to be used to improve water pressure for the Plant 4 service area comprising 1,573 served properties, over 4,000 residents, 3 public schools, 3 churches, Briarwood Club, and the Van Zyverden plant. This is the last remaining low-pressure area in the system. It will be brought up to match the pressure of the rest of the system by installing a new, larger, and taller tank.
- North Lauderdale Wireless Internet, the Association's broadband system, remains self-sustaining and continues to serve more than 100 households.
- A draft copy of the annual audited financial report was made available to members at the meeting and has been posted online, with the final version to follow once received from the CPA.
- NLWA board continues to facilitate the de-annexation effort of Parcel 1, with 550 petition signatures now collected. President enumerated the difference between the City's promised services and its actual services. Also explained that MS State Code has a provision for residents to form their own public improvement district and provide their own services, and that this path had passed muster in consultation with an attorney specializing in annexation matters.

There was no unfinished business.


The President opened the floor for member comments and new business.

The final agenda item was the election of one director. The board nominated member and interim director Lance Price for election to a three-year term. Lance introduced himself to the members. No more nominations were made. Member William Morris moved to close the floor to nominations. Member Victor Threatt seconded. Member Kevin Salvo moved to vote by acclamation. Member William Morris seconded. The nominee was elected by unanimous acclamation.

President adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.


Board of Directors:

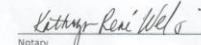

Todd "Ike" Kiefer (President)


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Paul Goldman (Vice President)


Lance Price


John Lamberth (Secretary/Treasurer)

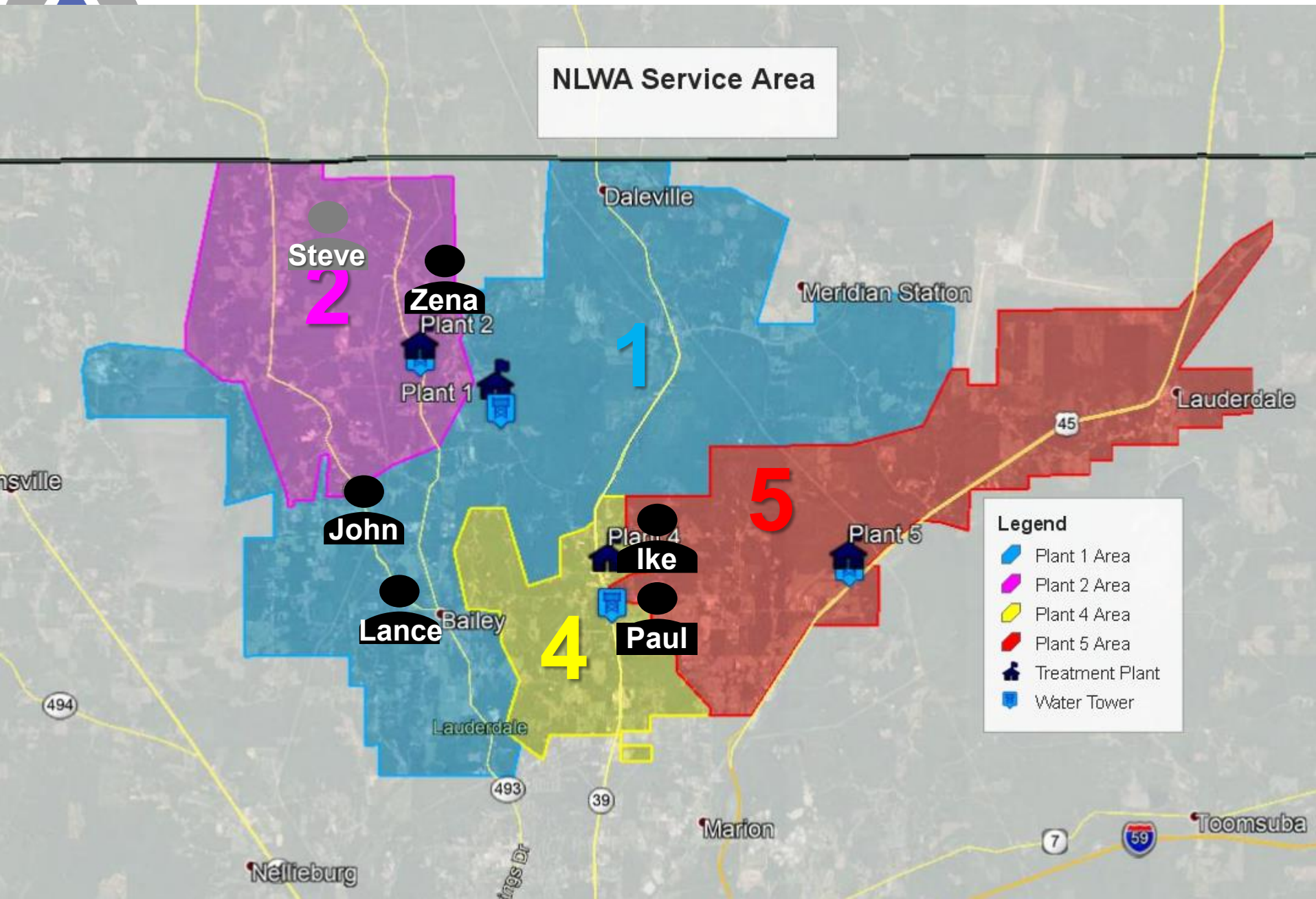

Notary

8/8/2024
Date





Plants, Service Areas, Directors





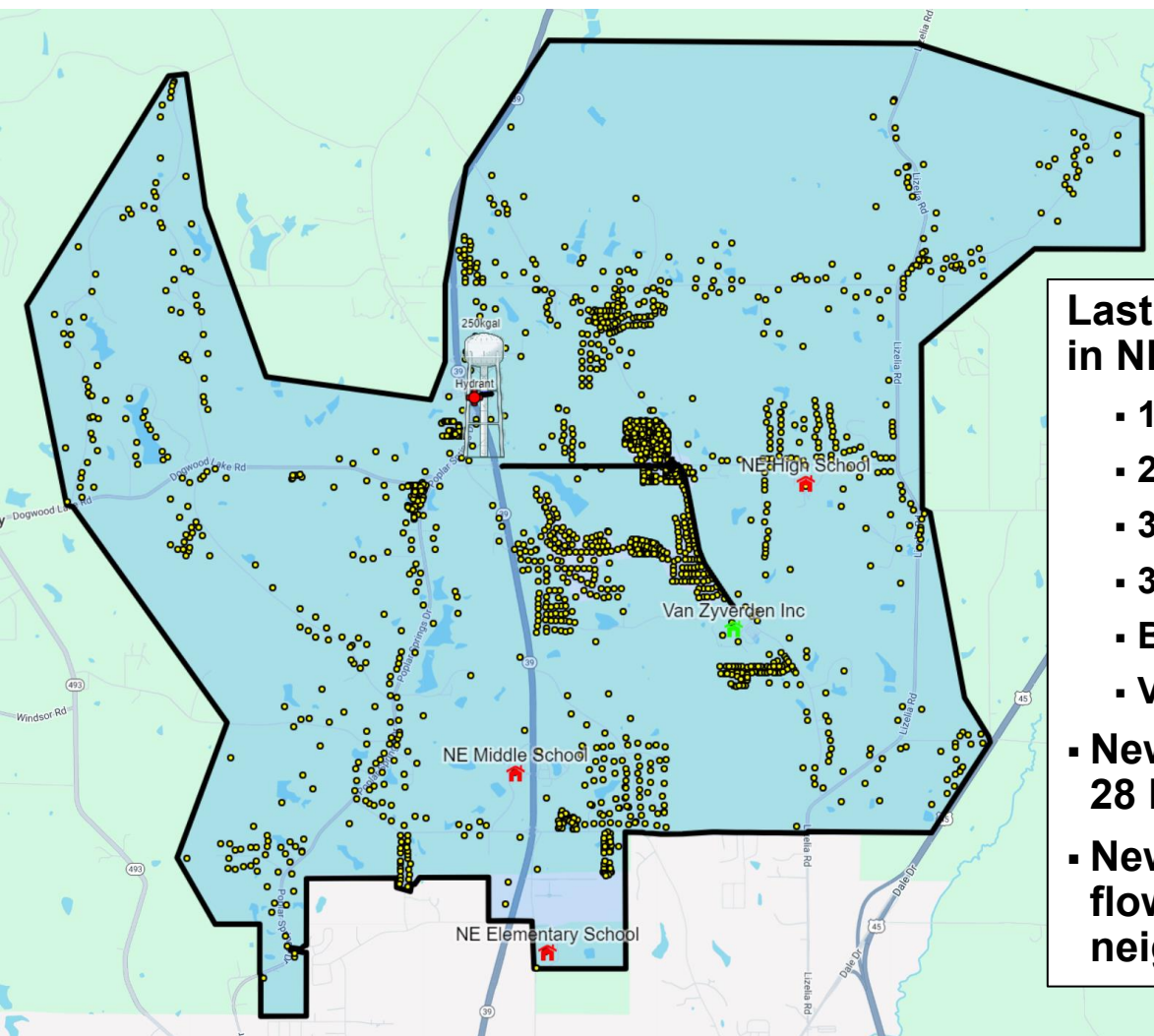
Performance & Projects

- **CY2024 Water Quality Report: Full EPA & MSDH compliance**
- **CY2024 annual MSDH inspection: 4.7 of 5.0**
- **Records audit/document digitizing**
- **Updating member rolls**
- **Broadband:**
 - **Still serving about 70 households in EMC coverage gaps**
 - **Still operating with positive margin**
- **\$2.2M Plant 4 area pressure improvement project:**
 - **Awarded \$2M ARPA grant and matching 10%**
 - **New 250,000 gallon elevated tank north of EMEPA substation on Hwy 39**
 - **New 12" water line along Briarwood Road and down Van Zyverden Road**
- **Other capital projects**
 - **Rebuilt Well at Plant 1: \$150,000**
 - **Replaced system distribution pumps at Plants 1 and 4: \$75,000**
 - **Widespread line replacement work to reduce leaks and outages (~\$50,000/mo)**



\$2.2M Grant Project

Plant 4 Pressure Improvement



Last remaining low-pressure island in NLWA system

- 1,573 homes
- 270 rental units
- 3 x schools
- 3 x churches
- Briarwood Club
- Van Zyverden Plant
- New larger & taller tank will bring 28 PSI pressure boost throughout
- New 12" main line to increase max flow to Van Zyverden Plant & neighboring subdivisions



2023 Financial Statement

**NORTH LAUDERDALE WATER
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APRIL 30, 2025 and 2024

Watkins, Ward and Stafford, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants
P.O. Box 271
900B Highway 19 S
Meridian, MS 39301

2024 Performance v. Budget

(Preliminary)



(1) <u>OPERATING INCOME</u>	PRIOR YEAR <u>Actual</u> (2)	ANNUAL BUDGET		For the _____ Months Ended _____	
		BEG <u>5/1/2024</u>	END <u>4/30/2025</u> (3)	CURRENT YEAR	
				Actual Data	
			Current Quarter (4)	Year To Date (5)	Actual YTD (Over) Under Budget Col. 3 - 5 = 6 (6)
1. <u>Water Sales</u>	2466403	2460000		2669794	-209794
2. <u>Service Fees</u>	23863	20000		20981	-981
3. <u>Penalties</u>	45898	40000		45367	-5367
4. <u>Patronage Credit</u>	41532	40000		39445	555
5. <u>NLWI Revenue</u>	111160	90000		65434	24566
6. <u>Less: Allowances and Deductions</u>					
7. <u>Total Operating Income</u> (Add lines 1 through 6)	2688856	2650000	0	2841021	-191021
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>					
8. <u>Pay & Benefits</u>	801179	860000		939952	-79952
9. <u>Power & Chems</u>	265506	270000		291666	-21666
10. <u>Plants & Shop</u>	130132	120000		159905	-39905
11. <u>Vehicles</u>	78690	90000		97796	-7796
12. <u>Office & Ins</u>	283305	280000		306051	-26051
13. <u>NLWI Expense</u>	153911	80000		71470	8530
14. <u>Interest</u>	249261	240000		237099	2901
15. <u>Depreciation</u>	575071	575000		562394	12606
16. <u>CAPEX</u>	153662	150000		179103	-29103
17. <u>Total Operating Expense</u> (Add Lines 8 through 16)	2690717	2665000	0	2845436	-180436
18. <u>NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</u> (Line 7 less 17)	-1861	-15000	0	-4415	-10585
<u>NONOPERATING INCOME</u>					
19. <u>Interest & Pts</u>	50211	50000		66226	-16266
20. <u>Grants & Rebates</u>	1291	0		0	
21. <u>Total Nonoperating Income</u> (Add 19 and 20)	51502	0	0	66226	-16266
22. <u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u> (Add lines 18 and 21)	49641	35000	0	61811	-26851
23. <u>Equity Beginning of Period</u>	4286316	4346267		4346267	0
24. <u>Asset Dispositio</u>	4195	0		-27465	27465
25. <u>Other Inc/Loss</u>	6115	0		5367	-5367
26. <u>Equity End of Period</u> (Add lines 22 through 25)	4346267	4381267	0	4385980	-4753

Total Income:
\$2.84M

Broadband:
\$65k

Total Expenses:
\$2.85M

Broadband:
\$71k

Net Income:
\$62k

Net Equity:
+\$40k

Budget and Annual Report Approved by Governing Body

Quarterly Reports Certified Correct

President

9/30/2024

Date

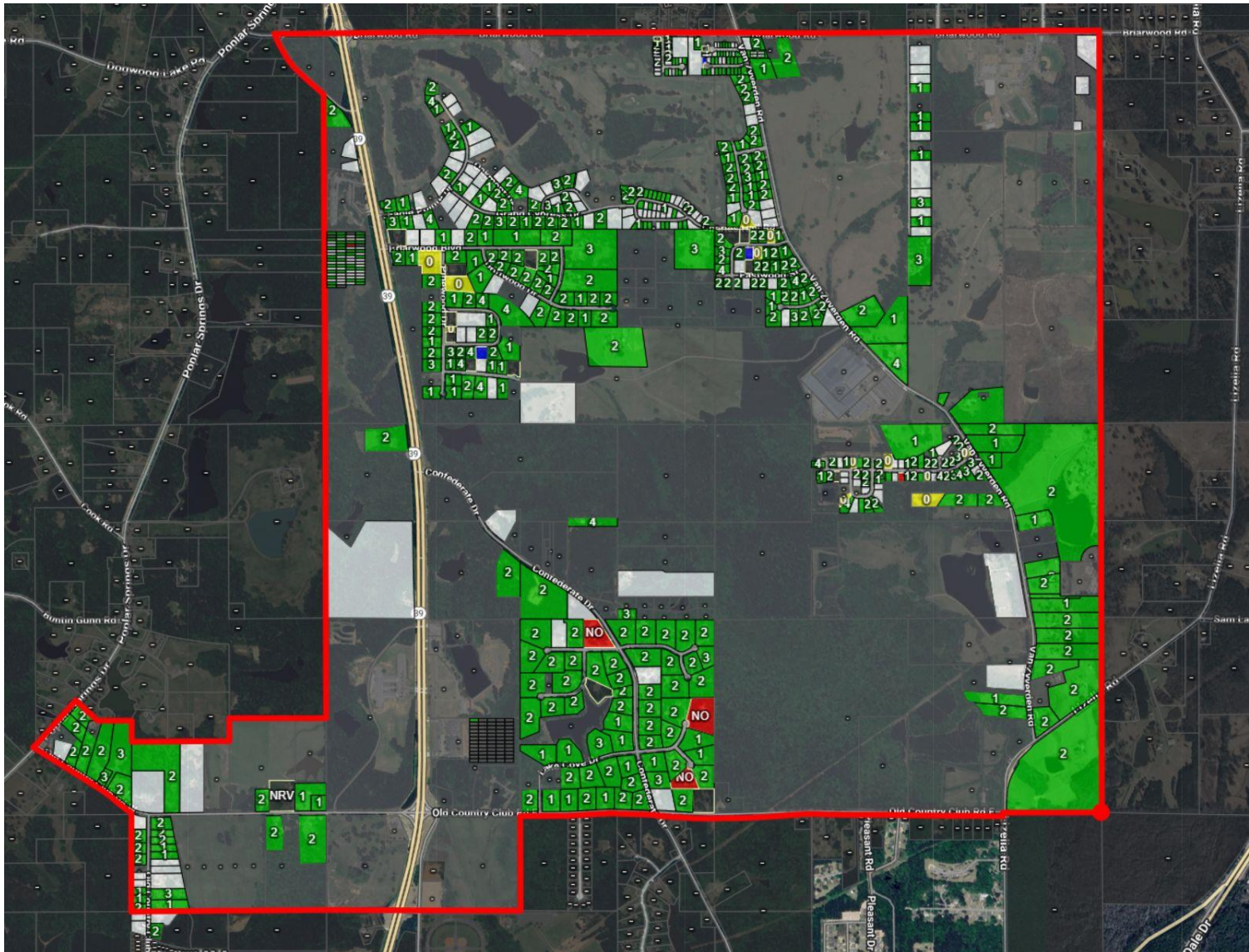
Appropriate Official

7/17/2025

Date

Parcel 1 De-Annexation (2 of 3)

Petition Progress



Parcel 1 De-Annexation (2 of 3)



- **Contains Van Zyverden plant, 2 public schools**
- **583 member parcels, 1,700+ residents**
- **City of Meridian Promises:**
 - **Sewer, Water, Police, Fire Protection**
- **Delivered:**
 - **Property taxes up 32%**
 - **No Sewer, no Water improvements**
 - **City Sewer EPA fines and consent decree for \$95M and 15 years**
 - **Displaced County Sheriff & Marion PD patrols**
 - **City Police dropped from 99 in 2009 to ~40 today**
 - **Displaced NE VFD and Marion FD fire protection**
 - **Fire protection by water tanker**
- **Cure:**
 - **Self-empowerment by De-Annexation and Recovery of Taxes**
 - **Create a Public Improvement District per MS Code**

De-Annexation Parcel 1



1. NLWA was empowered by unanimous vote of our members at our 2022 annual meeting to assist the democratic process of de-annexing from the City of Meridian a 4.4 square mile portion of our certificated service area known as **Parcel One** that was annexed by the City in 2008.
2. There are many reasons for seeking de-annexation, but chief among these is the city levying a 32% increase in property taxes on our 563 member households and businesses in Parcel One for the past 16 years without investing a penny to install the sewerage, drainage, water lines, and hydrants promised in the Annexation ordinance and to the MS Supreme Court in the annexation hearings. The 1,700 people who live in Parcel One have paid more than \$11 million to the City of Meridian over this period. Parcel One tax payers may calculate the additional taxes imposed upon them by the City of Meridian using this **Tax Calculator**. This burden has only gotten worse with the recent 18% tax increase.
3. Crime has skyrocketed since annexation. The area was previously well-patrolled by the Town of Marion PD and Lauderdale County Sheriff, but the city took jurisdiction and displaced them. At the same time, the city allowed the number of uniformed officers in the Meridian Police Department to drop from 99 in 2009 to approximately 40 today. Vehicle thefts and break-ins have become common. The two patrol cars that the City can staff in the evenings are rarely seen north of North Hills Blvd, which itself has become a high-crime zone. Meridian had 55 shooting victims and 14 murders in 2024; that's a shooting a week and murder a month. We would welcome a return of Marion PD and Lauderdale County Sheriff patrols in place of rarely seen Meridian PD patrols.
4. If your home address is on this **Address List**, your residence is within Parcel One and was annexed. Everyone in your household who is eligible to vote may sign this petition. We need 2/3rd of all eligible voters who reside in Parcel One to sign in order to proceed to legal action.
5. You may sign the master petition in person at the NLWA office, or you may print and complete this **Petition Form** and deliver it by hand or mail it to our office. You may also photograph it and text it to **601-917-4766** or email it to **parcel1@nlwa.ms**. The PPIN number is for our tracking purposes and you do not have to provide it. But we do need you to **fill in your address**, printed name(s), and signature(s).
6. This **De-Annexation Fact Sheet** details all the promises the City of Meridian has broken. We have already done considerable preparation to make our legal case. There is a legal path in state law for full de-annexation, as well as for us to form our own utility district governed by our own elected board to provide services we are not getting from city or county. In court, we can also fight for a refund of back taxes. Unless we make our case before a judge, Meridian will coast along for the next 16 years as it has the past 16 years, collecting our taxes to spend on its problems downtown without regard for its responsibilities up here.
7. The NLWA point of contact for this petition and the de-annexation effort is:

North Lauderdale Water Association
Attn: President Todd "Ike" Kiefer
9709 Mount Carmel Road
Bailey MS 39320

parcel1@nlwa.ms
https://nlwa.ms/parcel1

721 signatures collected as of 10 July 2025. Properties highlighted with number of petition signers.

We still need signatures from residents of the properties highlighted in white below -- particularly
EAGLE POINTE and BRIARWOOD ESTATES



New Business: Member Comments

- Please stand and ask the president to be recognized
- Please state your full name and address for the record
- Please limit comments to 5 minutes as a courtesy to others



Election of Board Members

- **Three Director positions up for election**
 - Seat being vacated by Paul Goldman (1-yr term)
 - Seat currently filled by John Lamberth (3-yr term)
 - Seat currently filled by Ike Kiefer (3-yr term)
- **Only Association Members can nominate and vote**
 - Owner of one or more served properties
 - Good Standing (all accounts paid current, all ownership paperwork in order)
- **Vote in sequence for each position**
 - 1 vote per member
 - Members present and proxies
 - President must vote his proxies for board nominees
 - 52 valid proxies received and validated as of 6pm today:
51 to President, 1 to Director Lance Price
- **Candidate gaining majority of quorum wins the seat**
- **Unsuccessful candidate can be renominated for remaining seat**



Election of Board Members

Seat held by Paul Goldman (1-yr term)

➤ **Board nominee is Steve Murray**



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Adjourn