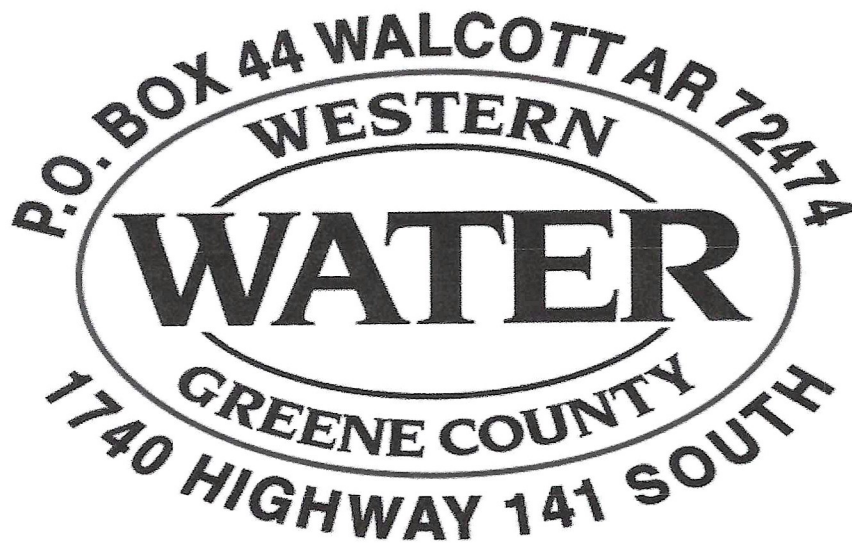


Board of Directors



2024 Election

Western Greene County Regional Water District Board of Directors Guidelines

Oath of Office

Each of the directors, and all directors elected thereafter, shall take the oath of office required by Section 20, Article 19 of the Arkansas State Constitution. All oaths of Directors shall be executed in writing and filed in the office of the Greene County Clerk. Any Directors failing to take the Oath of Office within thirty (30) days after his/her appointment or election shall be deemed to have declined said appointment or election and his/her place shall be filled as with other vacancies.

- Directors must reside within the water district service area.
- The term of office is for 6 years. Persons wanting to run for a board position will be responsible for gathering 50 signatures from **registered voters** that reside within the district service area. Petition must be filed with the County Clerks office. Filing period is a one week period ending at noon 90 days before the general election. A Financial Disclosure form must be completed when filing.
- Director must have 8 hours of training each year per ACT 605 (see attached). Once a director has served 10 consecutive years the training is no longer required.
- Director will receive \$20.00 plus mileage for each board meeting attended. Provided that not more than \$40.00 shall be paid to any director in any one calendar month.
- Board meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted.
- For the 2024 election you can start your Petition (collecting signatuers) on May 9, 2024. Filing period starts on July 31, 2024 and ends on August 7, 2024 at 12:00 pm.

Oversight of Retail Water Providers – Act 605 of 2021

What is Act 605 of 2021?

Act 605 of 2021 tasked retail water providers with additional responsibilities in managing and operating their water systems, with some exceptions. These responsibilities include preparation of a rate study every five years or before any major development project. Rates determined from the study are required to be implemented within one year of the completion of the study, or two years if the recommended rates increase the provider's rates by fifty percent or more. Failure to complete a rate study or implement the required rate increases will result in a determination that the water provider is in fiscal distress. Rate studies must be filed with the Arkansas Legislative Audit and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division.

Additionally, when a municipal water system has 20 percent or more of its customer base outside of the municipal boundaries, the municipality must establish a non-voting advisory committee to advise the municipality on water system matters. This committee must represent the water users outside the municipal boundaries.

Also under the legislation, all members of a retail water provider governing board must complete eight hours of training. The training must be completed within one year of becoming a board member. A member with ten years or more of service on the governing board is exempt from training. The Act provides that the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division will utilize an advisory board of water professionals to develop the curriculum for the training.

Water Service Provider Board Training

All members of a retail water provider governing board must complete eight hours of training within one year of becoming a board member. A member of a water provider board as of January 1, 2021, shall receive the training required under this section by December 31, 2022. A member with 10 years or more service on the governing board is exempt from training. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission will consult with an advisory training board to develop the curriculum for the training. Each provider board shall report the following information annually, by January 31.

Approved Board Training Providers

- Arkansas Environmental Training Academy
- Arkansas Rural Water Association

More information can be found at:

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/natural-resources/divisions/water-development/oversight-of-retail-water-providers/>

We the undersigned, do certify that we are qualified voters residing within the service area of the Western Greene County Regional Water District and, pursuant to A.C.A. §14-116-303, do hereby nominate _____ to serve as Director of said Western Greene County Regional Water District for a term beginning January 01, 2025, and ending December 31, 2031. (50 registered voter signatures are required.)

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AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

My name is (print): _____

I am aware of the requirements for holding office. I further attest that I am eligible to hold the following office, if elected to this office. I am also aware of the limitations on filling for multiple offices in the same election.

Position: _____

District/ Division/ Ward/ Zone (if applicable): _____

Position Number or other description (if applicable): _____

By my signature below, I swear or affirm that the above statements are true and complete.

Signature of Candidate

Residential Address of Candidate (Street)

City, State, Zip Code

VERIFICATION

State of Arkansas)
County of _____)

On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, a Notary Public, duly authorized and acting, personally appeared _____ (name of Candidate), known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date set forth above.

Notary Public (or other authorized officer)

[Notary Seal]

My commission expires: _____

Arkansas Secretary of State

State Capitol, Room 026
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094

Political Practices Pledge

For Office Use Only	
Filing # _____	P.O. Code _____

I, _____ a candidate for the Office of _____
(Name of office)

District Number _____, Division Number _____, Sub District Number _____, Position Number _____
(if any) (if any) (if any) (if any)

hereby state that I am familiar with the requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, 7-6-101, 7-6-102, 7-6-103, and 7-6-104 and that I will in good faith comply with the provisions of the same.

SELECT ONE OPTION:

____ Candidate for Party Nomination _____
(Name of Party)

____ Nonpartisan Candidate ____ Independent Candidate ____ School Board Candidate

CANDIDATES MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SECTION:

I hereby certify that I have never been convicted of a felony in the State of Arkansas, or in any other jurisdiction outside of Arkansas.**

Print your name as it is to appear on the ballot
(See Below, Ark Code Ann § 7-7-305(c))

Residential Address	City, State & Zip Code
_____	_____
Candidate Signature	Date Signed
_____	_____
Email Address	

**The sealing of any public trust crime or any similar offense under § 16-90-1401, et seq. or any sealing or expungement act in any jurisdiction shall not restore a privilege, eligibility, or qualification to file as a candidate for, run as a candidate for, or hold any elected office in the State of Arkansas. See Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-301 et seq.

§ 7-7-305 Printing of ballots - Form

(c)(1)(A) A person who files for an elective office in this state may use not more than three (3) given names, one (1) of which may be a nickname or any other word used to identify the person to the voters, and may add as a prefix to his or her name the title or an abbreviation of an elective public office the person currently holds.

(B) A person may use as the prefix the title of a nonpartisan judicial office in an election for a nonpartisan judicial office only if:

- (i) The person is currently serving in a nonpartisan judicial office to which the person has been elected in the last election for the office; or
- (ii) The person:
 - (a) Is a candidate for the office of circuit judge or district judge;
 - (b) Is currently serving in the office of circuit judge or district judge as an appointee; and
 - (c) Has been serving in that position for at least twelve (12) months.

(C) A nickname shall not include a professional or honorary title.

(2) The person filing for office shall include his or her surname in addition to any given names permitted under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

(3) The names and titles as proposed to be used by each candidate on the political practice pledge or, if the political practice pledge is not filed by the filing deadline, then the names and titles that appear on the party certificate shall be reviewed no later than one (1) business day after the filing deadline by the Secretary of State for state and district offices and by the county board of election commissioners for county, township, school, and municipal offices.

(4)(A) The name of every candidate shall be printed on the ballot in the form as certified by either the Secretary of State or the county board of Election Commissioners.

(B) However, the county board of election commissioners may substitute an abbreviated title if the ballot lacks space for the title requested by a candidate.

(C) The county board of election commissioners shall immediately notify a candidate whose requested title is abbreviated by the county board of election commissioners.

(5) A candidate shall not be permitted to change the form in which his or her name will be printed on the ballot after the deadline for filing the political practices pledge.

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Arkansas Code Title 14. Local Government § 14-116-303.

Members--Nomination and election

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(a)(1)(A) If a water district is composed of all or a portion of four (4) or more counties, then nominations for directors shall be upon a petition signed by at least fifty (50) qualified electors residing in the area of the district from which the director is to be elected, to be circulated for no longer than ninety (90) days.

(B) The petition under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall be filed with the county clerk during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before the general election.

(2)(A) If a water district is composed of all or a portion of less than four (4) counties, then nominations for directors shall be upon a petition signed by at least fifty (50) qualified electors, who shall consist of those electors residing in all or part of any precinct in the service area of the customers of the district from which the director is to be elected.

(B) The petition under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section shall be circulated for no longer than ninety (90) days and filed with the county clerk during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before the general election.

(3) A water district shall file a service area map with the county clerk no later than January 31 before the general election.

(b) Election of the directors shall be held as a part of the general election and under the laws governing it.

(c) Any director shall be qualified to succeed himself or herself.

Arkansas Code Title 14. Local Government § 14-116-301.

Members generally--Original appointments

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(a) If a water district is composed of all or a portion of four (4) or more counties:

(1) The board of directors shall be composed of three (3) qualified electors who are residents of the district from each of the counties in which lands are embraced in the district. Furthermore, if the circuit court creating a water distribution district finds that a larger number of board members than that provided for above is necessary to afford adequate representation for the various parts of the district, the court may establish a board consisting of a greater number of members than that provided for above. In this case the representation on the board of directors shall be apportioned to the various parts of the district in a manner the circuit court deems just and equitable; and

(2) When the circuit court has established the district, it shall within a reasonable time thereafter appoint the three (3) or more directors of the water district. Upon the expiration of the terms of the directors so appointed, subsequent directors shall be elected as set out in this subchapter by the qualified electors residing in the water district in each county in which there is area included in the district.

(b) If a water district is composed of all or a portion of less than four (4) counties:

(1) The board of directors shall be composed of three (3) qualified voters residing in the service area of the customers of the district, which is the area within the boundaries of the water district to which the customers of the district currently provide retail water or other services that they have purchased from the district. However, if the district embraces lands in more than one (1) county but less than four (4) counties, then the board of directors shall be composed of three (3) qualified electors who are residents of the service area of the customers of the district from each of the counties in which lands are embraced in the district. Furthermore, if the court creating a water distribution district finds that a larger number of board members than that provided for above is necessary to afford adequate representation for the various parts of the district, the court may establish a board consisting of a greater number of members than that provided for above. In this case the representation on the board of directors shall be apportioned to the various parts of the district in a manner the court deems just and equitable, and each director shall be a qualified voter residing in the part of the service area of the customers of the district that he or she represents; and

(2) When the circuit court has established the district, it shall appoint, within a reasonable time thereafter, the three (3) or more directors of the water district. Upon the expiration of the terms of the directors so appointed, subsequent directors shall be elected as set out in this subchapter by the qualified electors, who shall consist of those electors residing in all or part of any precinct in the service

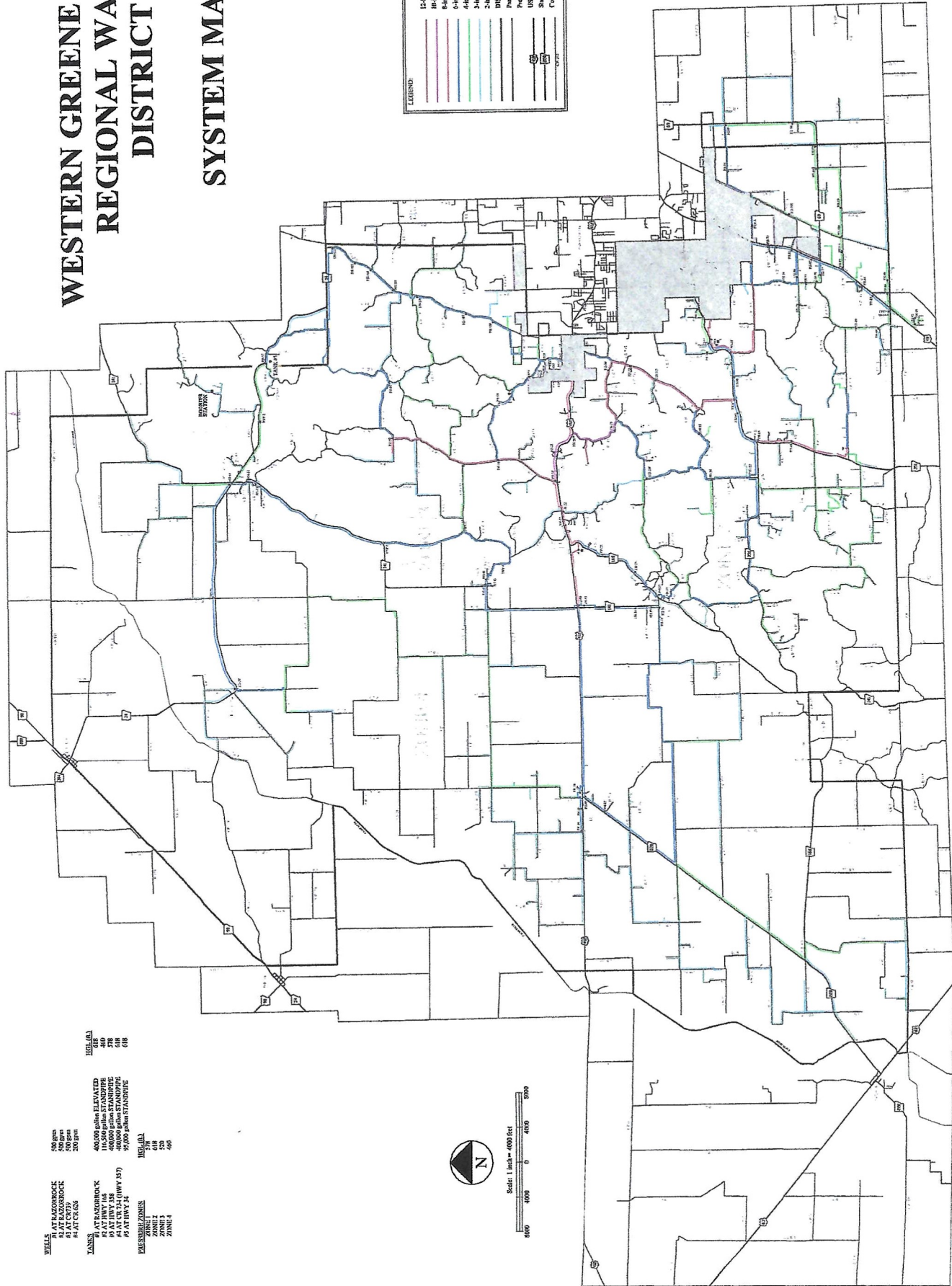
area of the customers of the water district in each county in which lands are embraced in the district or, if the district has been apportioned by the court, by qualified voters, who shall consist of those voters residing in all or part of any precinct in the service area of the customers of the district that the director will represent.

(c) In a water district that does not provide potable water, an individual is eligible to be a director if the individual is a property owner in the water district.

WESTERN GREENE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT SYSTEM MAP

LEGEND:

- 12-inch Diameter Water Line
- 8-inch Diameter Water Line
- 6-inch Diameter Water Line
- 4-inch Diameter Water Line
- 2-inch Diameter Water Line
- DEPARTMENT BOUNDARY
- Paragard City Limits
- Person Zoned Jurisdiction
- US Highway
- State Highway
- County Road



WELLS
 #1 AT LAZORRICE
 #2 AT CRYSTAL ROCK
 #3 AT CR. 626

TANKS
 #1 AT LAZORRICE
 #2 AT HWY 138
 #3 AT HWY 24

RESERVOIR ZONES
 ZONE 1
 ZONE 2
 ZONE 3

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