

NOTICE OF BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

To All Account Holders of Satilla Regional Water & Sewer Authority:

Graham Dukes Jr's term as a board member will end August 1, 2024. An election will be held to fill this position. Mr. Dukes is eligible to succeed himself.

The following is from HB 808, Section 1, (d)

"(d) For purposes of electing members of the authority, each person, firm, corporation, or other entity having an account with, and receiving services from, the authority shall be entitled to cast one vote for each such account maintained with the authority in accordance with the following procedures, provided that each person, firm, corporation, or other entity shall be **limited to a maximum of five votes:**

Nominations for a board member: from HB 518, Section 1, (1)

*Prior to each election for the position of a member of the authority, the authority shall establish a period of time for the submission of nominations of candidates. Each sitting member of the authority shall be entitled to nominate one candidate. Additionally, **any account holder** shall be entitled to submit **one petition** for nomination of a candidate, provided that such petition, to be valid, shall be accompanied by the signatures of at least **15 other account holders.***

A **Nominating Petition** may be picked up at the Authority's office at 1991 Albany Ave or you may call and one will be mailed or emailed to you.

Following the close of the nominations period, the authority shall designate for inclusion on the election ballot the name of each candidate nominated by a sitting authority member, as well as the name of each candidate for which a valid petition for nomination was submitted; if no petitions are submitted, the authority board may reappoint the current member.

The last date for submitting a nominating petition is April 1, 2024.

Voting ballots will be mailed approximately April 25, 2024, with the April billing, to each account holder's billing address on file with the authority.

The due date for the return of ballots is May 28, 2024. Ballots will be counted prior to the Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2024. Election results will be announced at said meeting.

After voting for one candidate and providing the account holder's full name, account number, and handwritten signature, the account holder shall seal the ballot in an envelope addressed to the Secretary of the authority and **shall mail or hand deliver such ballot to the Secretary of the Authority** at such address as may be designated by the authority.

No ballot shall be counted which is not actually received by or on behalf of the Secretary at the address designated by the authority on or before the due date of the ballot.

No account holder shall submit his or her monthly authority bill payment in the envelope containing the completed ballot which is submitted to the Secretary.

No ballot shall be counted which, in the judgment of the director and chairperson or other authority member counting the ballots, has been fraudulently prepared or fraudulently submitted or which otherwise fails to comply with the procedural requirements set forth in this subsection 1.