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Rock-Moore Public Water Authority Board of Directors

I began my career in public water works at Rock-Moore Water Association on April 9, 1990. In my first 7 1/2 years, we built a new 1,000,000 gallon a day treatment plant, added 2 new wells, and connected Eastman Kodak Chemical Company as an industrial customer. At that time, we were serving 700+ residential customers and a few commercial customers. We increased water pressure along Highway 25 (White Drive) and the surrounding area by installing a 100,000-gallon standpipe and two booster pump stations.

In November 1997, the Board of Directors promoted me to manager. With the work of the Rock-Moore Board of Directors and White River Planning and Development we were able to secure a grant in the amount of \$700,000.00 to add water mains, a 250,000-gallon standpipe, and built a new water office building. In 2001 we signed a contract with Dota Water Association to sell them water. Also, we converted from a Water Association to a Public Water Authority, thereby giving us more avenues of funding. In 2002 we sold a portion of our customers in the Batesville city limits to the City of Batesville. In 2004 we expanded the Clearwell to 250,000-gallons, increased the detention tank aerator to 1200 gpm, and added an area for chemical testing and scada equipment. In 2017 Rock-Moore was able to pay off all of its debt service, becoming debt free for the first time.

I have been employed at Rock-Moore Public Water Authority for 35 years and blessed to have been the manager for the last 28 years. Thank you for your support and the confidence you have placed in me. Together we have seen this water system grow from 700 customers to over 1400 customers, and to the strongest financially we've ever been with current cash assets of over 1.1 million dollars, and that's something I'm very proud of.

I would like to submit my retirement to Rock-Moore Public Water Authority Board of Directors effective July 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

Joey Richardson