

BENTON/WASHINGTON REGIONAL PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY
Of the State of Arkansas

June 18th, 2026, Board of Directors' Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors' Meeting for June 18th, 2026, was called to order by Chairman Boston at 0900 hours in the Authority's Board Room at the Water Treatment Plant. Opening invocation was given by Eddie Cooper.

Directors and/or Alternates

Bella Vista POA	Charlie Holt
BCWD #1	ABSENT
Centerton	Malcolm Attwood
Decatur	James Boston
Gentry	Rick Craft
Garfield/Gateway/Lost Bridge	Gary Blackburn
Gravette	ABSENT
Highfill	Dustin Kahrl
Lincoln	ABSENT
Pea Ridge	ABSENT
Prairie Grove	ABSENT
WWA	James Ballou
Westville	ABSENT
Tontitown	James Clark

Others in attendance included General Manager Borman, Assistant Manager Hooper, Eddie Cooper, Darrin Byrum, and Jana Wright from BWRPWA, Matt Dunn, Josh Moore, JP Martin, Ian Kenyon, Zane Bland, and Samuel Cline from Crist Engineers, Jeff Dehnhardt from ESI, Ryan Hanson from Simmons Foods, Mike Hathorn from Punkin Hollow Estates, and Reese Coleman, Ethan Hurtado-Aviles, and Jacob Hill – BWRPWA Interns.

Approval of May 28, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

The Board discussed the minutes of May 28, 2026, Board Meeting. Following discussion, Director Blackburn made a motion to approve May 28, 2026, minutes as presented. Director Attwood seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report – *Director Craft presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from May 20th, 2026, through June 11th, 2026. The Board reviewed the check detail report, which covered payroll, electronic fund transfers, and checks numbered 21500 through 21527. Director Craft also provided an overview of the financial documents, including the Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison, Profit and Loss with Fiscal Year 26 Budget, and the Balance Sheet. Following discussion, Director Blackburn moved to approve the check detail for payroll, electronic fund transfers, checks 21500 - 21527, and the presented financials. Director Ballou seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.*

Josh Moore with Crist Engineers then gave the update on current ongoing projects:
High Service Pump Station and Electrical Upgrades

- Project in CMAR. Seven Valley's Concrete is CMAR contractor
- CMAR Phase 1 – Building and Concrete work – GMP \$6,800,000.00
 - Notice to Proceed – June 10, 2024

- *Contract Time – 295 calendar days*
- *Substantial Completion Date – March 1, 2025*
- *Final Completion Date – December 30, 2025*
- *Original GMP - \$6,800,000.00*
- *Pay Application #24 - \$10,991.50*
- *Total Payment to Date - \$6,249,067.25*
- *Balance Remaining - \$550,932.75*
- *Work Underway*
 - *Pump base poured*
 - *Pumps proposed to be installed in July*
 - *Working on pad for VFD*
 - *Working on overflow basin and discharge piping*
- **CMAR Phase 2 – Electrical and other work – GMP \$12,129,372.00**
 - *Notice to Proceed – November 25, 2024*
 - *Contract Time – 430 calendar days*
 - *Substantial Completion Date – December 30, 2025*
 - *Final Completion Date – January 29, 2026*
 - *Original GMP - \$11,700,000.00*
 - *Change Order #1 - **\$429,372.00***
 - *Current GMP - \$12,129,372.00*
 - *Pay Application #18 – \$555,198.73*
 - *Total payment to date - \$6,683,691.88*
 - *Balance remaining - \$5,445,680.12*
 - *Work underway*
 - *Building interior electrical underway*
 - *Transformer pads being prepared for conduit and concrete*
 - *Drainage piping and concrete drainage channels being completed*
- **Generator and Switchgear Procurement**
 - **Nixon Power – Direct Procurement from Kohler**
 - *Modified Proposal Executed – May 15, 2024*
 - *Generator, Load Bank Transformer, and Switchgear – all submittals approved, equipment has been ordered and is currently in production.*
 - *Contract Amount - \$6,131,413.00*
 - *Pay Application #3 - \$919,711.95*
 - *Total payment to date- \$3,678,847.80*
 - *Balance Remaining - \$2,759,135.85*
 - *Estimated Deliveries – Updated*
 - ❖ *Approved Submittals – September 20, 2024*
 - ❖ *Generator – Delivered November 7, 2025*
 - ❖ *Switchgear – July 29, 2026 (moved back)*
 - *Enclosure building delay*
 - ❖ *Permanent Load Bank – Delivered September 22, 2025*
- **High Service Pumps Procurement (2 pumps w/ motors)**
 - **Tencarva Machinery**
 - *Notice of Award – February 22, 2023*
 - *Contract Time – 361 calendar days*
 - *Final Completion Date – February 18, 2024*
 - *Contract Amount - \$1,018,816.00*
 - *Pay Application #1 - \$916,934.40*
 - *Total payment to date - \$916,934.40*
 - *Balance remaining - \$101,881.60*
 - *Delivery to BWRPWA – On hold*

- Pumps built and passed testing process
- Pumps and motors are in storage in Springdale until the pump bases are complete and pumps and motors can be set

Parallel 54" Transmission Line – Phase 1

- The project has been split into two contracts – Phase 1A and Phase 1B.
- **Phase 1A – KAJACS Construction**
 - Notice to Proceed – September 5, 2023
 - Contract Time – 450 calendar days
 - Substantial Completion Date – January 7, 2025
 - Final Completion Date – February 26, 2025
 - Original Contract Amount - \$11,820,000.00
 - Change Order #1 (yard piping) - + **\$980,000.00**
 - Change Order #2 (yard piping) - + **\$125,000.00**
 - Current Contract Amount - \$12,925,000.00
 - Pay Application #25 - \$26,946.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$12,862,348.73
 - Balance Remaining - \$62,651.27
 - 48" valve at Highway 94 internals have been replaced
 - Two to three crews are currently de-watering the remaining portion of the line and going inside, cleaning out the debris in the pipe, and inspecting the gate valves. Additional valves are having to be repaired. The new valves on site have been shipped back to American for testing at their plant - pulling the internals out and installing them in the valves that are currently in service. The old internals will be installed in the unused valves and shipped back to the factory for installation of replacement parts and retested to certify as new. This may take a couple of cycles to do this depending on the number of internals that need to be replaced. We are adamantly pushing to get this section of line installed and online as soon as possible but now are in a time wait based on American's valve factory replacement and testing schedule.
 - Final completion time is well beyond the contract completion time.
- **Phase 1B – KAJACS Construction**
 - Notice to proceed – September 5, 2023
 - Contract Time – 450 calendar days
 - Substantial Completion Date – October 9, 2024
 - Final Completion Date – February 26, 2025
 - Original Contract Amount - \$11,820,000.00
 - Change Order #1 (lagoon maintenance) - + **\$856,125.00**
 - Change Order #2 (lagoon maintenance) - + **\$624,950.00**
 - Change Order #3 (lagoon maintenance) - + **\$195,500.00**
 - Change Order #4 (linework) - + **\$50,130.00**
 - Change Order #5 (linework) - + **\$165,000.00**
 - Current Contract Amount - \$13,711,705.00
 - Pay Application #26 - \$59,880.00
 - Payment from Bond Funds - \$59,880.00
 - Payment from BWRPWA Funds - \$0.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$13,690,728.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$20,977.00
 - Two to three crews are currently de-watering the remaining portion of the line and going inside, cleaning out the debris in the pipe, and inspecting the gate valves. Additional valves are having to be repaired. The new valves on site have been shipped back to American for testing at their plant – pulling the internals out and installing them in the valves that are currently in service. The old internals will be installed in the unused valves and shipped back

to the factory for installation of replacement parts and retested to certify as new. This may take a couple of cycles to do this depending on the number of internals that need to be replaced. We are adamantly pushing to get this section of line installed and online as soon as possible but now are in a time wait based on American's valve factory replacement and testing schedule.

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Parallel 54" Transmission Line – Phase 2A

Phase 2A – Complete Project

- *Notice to Proceed – April 25, 2025*
- *Contract Time – 455 Calendar Days*
- *Substantial Completion Date – May 30, 2026*
- *Final Completion Date – July 24, 2026*
- *Original Contract Amount - \$29,896,355.00*
- *Change Order #1 - **\$271,595.80***
- *Current Contract Amount - \$30,167,950.80*
- *Pay Application #19 - \$402,054.59*
- *Total payment to date - \$26,552,880.35*
- *Balance remaining - \$3,615,070.45*
- *Construction progressing – cleanup following*
- *24,612+ feet have been installed to date as of 06/11/2026*
- *546+ feet laid in June as of 06/14/26*
- *39,149 feet in contract to be completed. 63% complete as of 06/11/26*
- *Contract time is 90.5% expended.*
- *Pipe laying crew # 1 is currently on the West side of "A" Street and starting to work into the bike park at Slaughter Pen Trail. Last week they put up temporary fencing on the easement to keep pedestrians and bicyclists out of the area to begin tree clearing on Friday and stringing pipe along the gravel road area on Monday.*
- *Pipe laying crew #2 has crossed the Richards Trust Air BNB property and is working down to the Shewmaker property where Crew #1 started to make a tie-in. Then they will jump ahead to N. Walton Blvd and start there continuing West.*
- *Terrell trial has been pushed back with no dates set yet. Waiting on depositions.*

Parallel 54" Transmission Line – Phase 2B

- *Notice to Proceed (Prep Work) – December 17, 2025*
- *Notice to Proceed (Construction) – April 16, 2026*
- *Contract Time – 450 calendar days*
- *Substantial Completion Date – July 14, 2027*
- *Final Completion Date – August 13, 2027*
- *Original Contract Amount - \$35,990,770.00*
- *Current Contract Amount - \$35,990,770.00*
- *Pay Application #7 - \$3,549,666.16*
- *Total Payment to Date - \$6,713,166.16*
- *Balance Remaining - \$29,277,603.84*
- *Steel pipe production now. Scheduled delivery to start April 27*
- *Easements underway*
 - *25 signed*
 - *6 property owners in condemnation – 2 are supposed to settle.*
- *Clearing is completed.*
- *Pipe delivery has started. Approximately 14,620 feet of pipe has been delivered out of 38,550 feet. Approximately 37.9%.*

Decatur Tank Farm Expansion Improvements

- Project is in three work packages
 - Sitework, grading, and 36" pipe relocation
 - Tank construction
 - Yard piping
- Design for all three contract sections approved by ADOH
- Tank contract was bid in January, bid approved at the February board meeting and Notice of Award issued with contract documents ready to be signed this week.
- Yard piping will be included in pipe pricing under CMAR with phase 2C
- Sitework summary
 - **Sitework Contract – KAJACS CMAR Phase 2E**
 - Notice to Proceed – January 5, 2026
 - Contract Time – 300 calendar Days
 - Substantial Completion Date – October 2, 2026
 - Final Completion Date – November 1, 2026
 - Original Contract Amount - \$3,496,162.00
 - Change Order #1 - + **\$17,838.55**
 - Current Contract Amount - \$3,514,000.55
 - Pay Application #5 - \$139,471.93
 - Total Payment to Date - \$2,469,834.16
 - Balance Remaining - \$1,044,166.39
 - Sitework plans and relocation GMP approved at October 2025 board meeting. Notice to proceed was issued for January 5, 2026
 - Sitework preconstruction was held on February 19 at 11:00 a.m.
 - All line work has been completed including the connection to the Gentry 18" line that feeds south to Y City Road.
 - The old 36" ductile line that was crossing through the middle of the site and the 18" PVC line that ran south have been removed and dirt work is underway at the site. The dirt work is expected to be completed within 60 days weather dependent.
 - **10 MG Tank Contract – Preload**
 - Notice to Proceed – October 1, 2026
 - Contract Time – 330 calendar days
 - Substantial Completion Date – August 27, 2027
 - Final Completion Date – September 26, 2027
 - Original Contract Amount - \$10,104,000.00
 - Change Order #1 – **-\$531,000.00**
 - Current Contract Amount - \$9,573,000.00
 - Pay Application #1 - \$142,500.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$142,500.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$9,430,500.00
- Tank contracts completed and signed
- Tank contractor currently working on submittals and submittal drawings

Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehab

- Project to replace filter media in the south treatment plant
- Project priced under CMAR. Seven Valleys submitted a GMP that was approved at the December 2025 Board meeting for \$610,750.000
- **Seven Valleys – CMAR Phase 5**
 - Notice to Proceed – December 17, 2025
 - Contract Time – 250 calendar days
 - Substantial Completion Date – August 25, 2026
 - Final Completion Date – September 24, 2026

- Original Contract Amount - \$610,750.00
- Change Order #1 (Filter Caps) - + **\$612,250.00**
- Current Contract Amount - \$1,223,000.00
- Pay Application #1 - \$291,720.00
- Total payment to date - \$291,720.00
- Balance remaining - \$931,280.00
- The south filter train is currently empty with the media removed. The filters have been cleaned and new caps put on the filter media blocks.
- Filter media went back into 3 of the filters. One of the filters had a minor repair to be completed and was repaired with NSF certified Sika caulk repair. It takes 7 days to cure in a submerged condition, so filter media had to be delayed on the filter until the 7 days had passed. Then on one of the other filters, a hole and void opened in a void space in the filter media block that had to be repaired. S4 is scheduled to come June 17 to complete the 2 filters that aren't complete, pending any further structural repairs. The treatment train could be back up by the end of the week processing water if everything goes as currently planned with no unexpected issues.
- The next train is scheduled to be completed in July
- The final train is scheduled to be completed mid-August

Water Treatment Plant Entrance

- Project is an extension of the improvements at the Water Treatment Plant. Project includes a new entry drive and a deceleration lane providing safer entrance/exit to and from the site. Plans also include fencing, new gate, signage, and lighting associated with the new entrance.
- Project priced under CMAR. Seven Valleys submitted a GMP that was approved at the January 2026 board meeting for \$583,613.35
- **Seven Valleys – CMAR Phase 5**
 - Notice to Proceed – March 9, 2026
 - Contract Time – 60 Calendar Days
 - Substantial Completion Date – May 8, 2026
 - Final Completion Date – June 7, 2026
 - Original Contract Amount - \$583,613.35
 - Change Order 1 (?) - - **\$5,778.35**
 - Current Contract Amount - \$577,835.00
 - Pay Application #3 - \$62,700.00
 - Total payment to date - \$415,150.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$162,685.00
- Current work underway
 - Gate for fence was installed last week
 - Gate controller to be installed with electrical
 - Electrical, lights for sign, and the light pole to be installed soon
 - Sod will be spread once lighting is all set and a hydrant is installed for the flower planter on the west side of the entry.
 - Project nearly completed

Parallel 54" Transmission Line – Phase 2C & 2D

- Phase 2C and 2D – existing deeds and corner research complete on Phase 2C and nearing completion on 2D. Additional survey work for property corners was completed this month. Design for 2C is 70% complete and working on fine details of design for this portion. Design for 2D following up and will be working on fine details soon for that phase. Design is to be completed on 2C with easements to start and steel pipe procurement to follow likely mid to late summer. 2D design and easements to follow soon thereafter.

New Beaver Lake Intake Structure and Raw Water Line

- New raw water line and powerline route walked out for first 1.25 miles +/-
- Cassie has two easements for power and water in hand on this project. She is working on several others. Larson and Lovell have been given a deadline. Our attorney has spoken with the attorney for Larson, and we have answered some questions for them.
- Will need to acquire the easements before any tree clearing can begin. Tree clearing needs to start early fall so Carroll Electric Cooperative can start on environmental work requirements on their end.

New Board Room / Training Facility

- Notice to Proceed – June 3, 2024
- Contract Time – 330 calendar days
- Substantial Completion Date – March 30, 2025
- Final Completion Date – April 29, 2025
- Original Contract Amount - \$1,664,500.00
- Pay Application #13 - \$10,383.03
- Total Payment to Date - \$1,581,275.00
- Balance Remaining - \$83,225.00
- Replacement roof was completed, however, due to quality issues, we have not accepted the new roof yet. We are waiting for a meeting to be scheduled with the building manufacturer on site to look at the problems and what can be done to solve the issue – issue is on how the roof looks on uniformity of the trim and screws in the trim. Lightening protecting has not been installed either, waiting on quality of construction to be resolved first. Crist has followed up with SSI and awaiting answer

New Power Substation

- Power substation layout and pre-design completed by Carroll's design team. Carroll Electric may be starting on the dirt work portion of the substation soon from our communications.

BWRPWA 36" J Street Relocation

- Bentonville requesting the existing 36" line be relocated for J. Street expansion and the new interchange on Interstate 49
- Research into existing easements/condemnations – found two new condemnation documents under the Marvin Gunn Trust and Marvin Gunn
- Meeting was held with Bentonville City Representative, Cody Vaughn, and Garver Engineer Transportation representatives on April 16.
- Bentonville has been approved for some federal funding for utility relocations at 80% reimbursement, so they are stating that this will have to follow ARDOT relocation guidelines.
- Next steps on this project have been placed on hold.

Operations' Report for May 2026 – General Manager Borman then gave the Operations' and Managers' report for May 2026, which is herein included as part of the official minutes.

Intern Program Update – Manager Borman introduced BWRPWA's new interns: Jacob Hill, Reese Coleman, and Ethan Hurtado-Aviles. Each intern will complete a four-month rotation through Operations, Maintenance, and Electrical. Manager Borman also noted that the Authority's first group of interns (internship ended on 05/31/26) has secured employment with Madison County, Pea Ridge, and BWRPWA. Looking ahead to FY 2027, Manager Borman stated that he would like to budget for four interns. He also discussed the possibility of partnering with a BWRPWA member utility (no further than Centerton) to include a Distribution rotation as part of the internship program.

FY27 Pay Increase Discussion – Manager Borman discussed potential pay increases for FY27. He noted that the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2027 could be 4.2%. If the COLA is set at that level, the Authority may consider providing COLA-based raises for personnel rather than merit-based increases. Merit raises for personnel are currently averaging approximately 3.5%. Personnel would receive either a COLA-based raise or a merit-based increase (dependent on employees' position on pay scale and licensing status) for 2027, but not intending on doing both increases for 27, unless the Board states otherwise. Director Kahrl stated that providing an across-the-board COLA increase for all personnel would be acceptable but may not be the most equitable approach. He also noted that the budget should include funds for merit raises to recognize employees who consistently perform their duties to the best of their ability and to ensure that those employees are appropriately rewarded. Manager Borman stated that he would review the figures for pay increases while preparing the FY 2027 budget and present it to the Finance and Personnel Committees.

Administrative Items

Mike Hathorn – Punkin Hollow Estates – Easement Conflict – Mike Hathorn, business partner with Cody Burnett, addressed the Board regarding an easement conflict at Punkin Hollow Estates involving Carroll Electric. He explained that Carroll Electric will need to relocate its easement work and asked the Board to reconsider sharing the cost of the related bill for relocation from Carroll Electric. Mr. Hathorn stated that both parties contributed to the issue through a lack of communication and requested that the Board consider splitting the Carroll Electric invoice, which totaled \$25,044.88. Following discussion, Director Kahrl made a motion to assist with the Carroll Electric bill concerning Punkin Hollow Estates, with BWRPWA's contribution not to exceed \$12,500.00. Director Blackburn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further business before the Board, Director Kahrl made a motion to adjourn at 0957 hours. A second was made by Director Blackburn. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – JULY 23, 2026

Rick Craft, Secretary/Treasurer – Benton/Washington Regional Public Water Authority