

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

March 19th, 2026, Board of Directors' Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Chairman Boston opened the Public Hearing for discussion at 0900 hours in the Authority's Board Room at the Water Treatment Plant.

Michael Moyer of Friday Law Firm addressed the Board regarding the proposed 2026 Bond Resolution for the third phase of a multi-phase infrastructure improvement plan. He explained that the Resolution authorizes the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds"), with a principal amount not exceeding \$26,000,000.00. The Resolution also formally designates Friday, Eldredge, & Clark as bond counsel for the 2026 Bonds and Crews & Associates as the underwriter for the offering. The public hearing offers the public and board members the ability to get more information on the bonds issue and the third phase of the infrastructure improvement plan.

With no questions or comments concerning the 2026 Bonds Resolution, Chairman Boston closed the Public Hearing at 0902 hours.

Board of Directors' Meeting for March 19th, 2026, was called to order by Chairman Boston at 0902 hours in the Authority's Board Room at the Water Treatment Plant. Opening invocation was given by Director Blackburn.

Directors and/or Alternates

Bella Vista POA	ABSENT
BCWD #1	Jacob Davis
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	Zeb Black
Tontitown	James Clark

Others in attendance included General Manager Borman, Assistant Manager Hooper, Eddie Cooper, Darrin Byrum, Jana Wright from BWRPWA, Josh Moore, and James Martin from Crist Engineers, Jeff Dehnhardt from ESI, Michael Moyer from Friday Law Firm, and Bob Wright from Crews and Associates.

The minutes of February 19th, 2026, Board Meeting were discussed. On a motion made by Director Kahrl, and a second by Director Black, February 19th, 2026, minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Director Craft presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from February 11th, 2026, through March 10th, 2026. The Board reviewed the check detail report, which covered payroll, electronic fund transfers, and checks numbered 21324 through 21378. 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 Kahrl moved to approve the check detail for payroll, electronic fund transfers, checks 21324 - 21378, and the presented financials. Director Clark 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 #21 - \$38,000.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$6,184,263.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$615,737.00
 - Work Underway
 - Pump base construction formed, to be poured soon
 - Switchgear pad is complete
 - Interior painting of the columns and beams underway
 - Working on pad for VFD
 - Working on discharge pressure sustaining valve vault
 - 12" GGLB surge line has passed pressure testing
- 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 #15 – \$278,334.32
 - Total payment to date - \$4,924,988.52
 - Balance remaining - \$7,204,383.48
 - Work underway
 - Building interior electrical underway
 - Two of the transformers delivered 02/16/2026
 - Transformer pads being prepared for conduit and concrete
- 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
 - Currently pumping the line up and trying to pressure test. Flushing and operating valves up and down to make sure valves are seating properly. 48” valves require 789 turns.
 - KAJACS adjusting the yard piping lead to the HSPS to make the connection with Seven Valleys on the discharge of HSPS. Trying to get pressure testing completed so this can be completed
- **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

- KAJACS adjusting the yard piping lead to the HSPS to make the connection with Seven Valleys on the discharge of the HSPS. Trying to get pressure testing completed so this can be completed

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 #16 - \$322,278.23
- Total payment to date - \$24,887,458.04
- Balance remaining - \$5,280,492.76
- Construction progressing – cleanup following
- 17,968+ feet have been installed to date as of 03/16/2026
- Pipe laying crew #1 started at Lewis Lane and completed to Spring Valley to the flushing point for Phase 1A/1B. KAJACS jumped ahead and started laying on the Carter property to the Simpson property while flushing is underway. They are starting back on top of the hill on Carter and running down the steep hill to Spring Valley to tie that gap together.
- Pipe laying crew #2 started on the West side of Highway 72 at STA 122+00 and are almost to STA 181+11 on property owner #25 (Gale Ventures). They reached the east side of the Interstate and dropped back and threaded the bore at Highway 72. They started where crew #1 ended on Carter property and are laying back up to the Highway 72 bore. The plan is to tie everything together east of Interstate 49 and getting cleanup and fences restored as the laying crews head west of Interstate 49. They are moving track hoes this week to the west side of I49.
- Terrell trial has been pushed back with no dates set yet. Waiting on depositions
- We have had the LSD preconstruction as required by Bentonville. KAJACS will have an onsite meeting with Bentonville Water Utilities just prior to starting the sewer replacement work on the two 12" clay replacement sections.
- Bentonville (Garver) is upgrading the sewer line and are requesting to adjoin our easement with a sewer easement at the request of the property owner on Shewmaker/Jac's Ranch properties. Those plans have been reviewed with Scott and Nathan. A meeting was held with Garver about this line across Shewmaker and tentatively agreed to how the construction will be staged between the two projects.

Parallel 54" Transmission Line – Phase 2B

- Notice to Proceed – December 17, 2025
- Contract Time – 455 calendar days
- Substantial Completion Date – N/A
- Final Completion Date – N/A
- Original Contract Amount - \$35,990,770.00
- Current Contract Amount - \$35,990,770.00
- Pay Application #4 - \$353,875.00
- Total Payment to Date - \$1,947,500.00
- Balance Remaining - \$34,043,270.00
- Steel pipe production now. Scheduled delivery to start around end of April.
- Easements underway
 - 23 signed

- 10 in condemnation (1owner / 4 tracts) – 1 supposedly ready to settle. Working on a couple of others
- Working on Wal-Mart easement – Attorney backed off some of the language originally submitted to us from Wal-Mart. Josh has sent it back with a couple of questions and clarifications to finalize
- Centerton easement complete
- Clearing is nearly complete on Short Roads and Punkin Hollow Road

Decatur Tank Farm Expansion Improvements

- Project is in three work packages
 - Sitework, grading, and 36” pipe relocation
 - Yard piping
 - Tank construction
- Design for all three contract sections complete and submitted to ADOH. Minor revisions due to ADOH comments resubmitted. Waiting for letters of approval.
- Tank contract was bid in January, bid approval at the last 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 next spring/summer
- 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
 - Current Contract Amount - \$3,496,162.00
 - Pay Application #2 - \$84,740.81
 - Total Payment to Date - \$1,261,548.17
 - Balance Remaining - \$2,234,613.83
- 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.
- 36” connections completed on March 14, 2026, with minimal issues, pictures are attached
- 36” piping to be delivered on March 17 with laying of the 36” to begin this week
- Coordination with the 18” crossing will be communicated to Gentry/Simmons
- Once 36” is laid out, tested and sampled. The 18” connection will be made on a Saturday and then site dirt work will commence
- Tank Summary
 - **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
 - Current Contract Amount - \$10,104,000.00
 - Pay Application - \$0.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$0.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$10,104,000.00
- Tank contracts completed and signed
- Tank contractor should be working on submittals and submittal drawings currently

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 - \$0.00*
 - *Total payment to date - \$0.00*
 - *Balance remaining - \$1,223,000.00*
- *Submittals have been submitted and reviewed*
- *Revised scheduling forthcoming*

Water Treatment Plant Entrance

- *Project an extension of the improvements at the Water Treatment Plant. Project includes a new entry drive and deceleration lane to provide a safer entrance/exit to 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*
 - *Current Contract Amount - \$583,613.35*
 - *Pay Application - \$0.00*
 - *Total payment to date - \$0.00*
 - *Balance Remaining - \$583,613.35*

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

- *Phase 2C and 2D – route determination has been field verified. Route has been reviewed by staff. We are making some minor adjustments based on conversations with property owner(s) in the middle of the 2C portion of the project. LIDAR drone imagery and survey have been completed. Survey data is being processed for design. Running into a development issue on section 2D currently near the Decatur city limits on Highway 102. Existing deeds and corner research underway to confirm property lines. Design to be completed on 2C first with easements to start and steel pipe procurement to follow likely late spring – early 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 +/-*
- *Route has been flown with LIDAR drone for aerial imagery and topographic information to begin laying out the route for the water line and parallel power line. Survey has picked up utilities and property corners. Line location and power line location have been determined.*
- *Easement documents and exhibits are being sent out for appraisals.*
- *Will need to get easements acquired before any tree clearing can begin*

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 is scheduled currently for March 23 – April 3, plus a couple of days for the lightening protection system to be reinstalled.

New Power Substation

- Power substation layout and pre-design completed by Carroll's design team. Power transmission route into the site is the next step.

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 completed
- Meeting was held with Bentonville City Representative, Cody Vaughn, and Garver Engineer Transportation representatives on March 4.
- Currently working on layout and estimates. Determining which sections have to be replaced due to the new roundabout area and the area to the north that they are installing a new detention pond and retaining wall. Garver may redesign their detention pond area. They had 20' of cover over the pipe. This is being evaluated along with the option to just replace it from one end to the other around the existing subdivision, which would be the simplest option and less intrusive to existing property owners.
- At the last meeting, we were told that this would be a highway relocation agreement project, even though the Highway Department funds are on the north end at the new interchange. That has not been stated before.
- Meeting scheduled for April 16 at BWRPWA to continue discussions with the group.

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

2026 Bond Parameters Resolution – Bob Wright from Crews and Associates provided an overview of the financing considerations for the 2026 Bonds. He explained the current market conditions and their potential impact on the timing of the bond closing. Based on market trends, it was noted that the closing for the 2026 Bonds could occur either at the end of April or in early May. Michael Moyer stated that the Board would need to confirm and approve the 2026 Bonds and then the necessary documents would need to be signed by officers of the Board to finalize the process. After Board discussion, Director Clark made a motion to accept, approve, and confirm the 2026 Bond Resolution as presented. A second was made by Director Attwood. Motion carried unanimously.

PFAS Settlement Discussion and Attorney Contract - Chairman Boston opened the discussion regarding the PFAS settlement offer from DuPont. Beaver Water District, Carroll-Boone Water District, and Madison County Water Association are already a part of this settlement. The Board members carefully reviewed both the advantages and disadvantages associated with entering the PFAS settlement. The Board also discussed possible methods for allocating the awarded settlement funds. After board discussion, Director Attwood made a motion to approve entering into the PFSA settlement and authorized Manager Borman to sign the documents for the settlement contract. A second was made by Director Clark. Motion was approved unanimously.

With there being no further business before the Board, Director Kahrl made a motion to adjourn at 0945 hours. A second was made by Director Craft. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – APRIL 23, 2026

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