

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

August 27th, 2026, Board of Directors' Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors' Meeting for August 27th, 2026, was called to order by Chairman Boston at 0912 hours in the Authority's Board Room at the Water Treatment Plant. Opening invocation was given by Mayor Gary Blackburn.

Directors and/or Alternates

Bella Vista POA	ABSENT
BCWD #1	William Putman
Centerton	Malcolm Attwood
Decatur	James Boston
Gentry	Rick Craft
Gateway/Lost Bridge/Garfield	Daniel Johnson
Gravette	ABSENT
Highfill	Dustin Kahrl
Lincoln	ABSENT
Pea Ridge	Jacob Wagner
Prairie Grove	ABSENT
WWA	James Ballou
Westville	ABSENT
Tontitown	James Clark

Others in attendance included Manager Borman, Nathan Hooper, Eddie Cooper, and Darrin Byrum from BWRPWA, Matt Dunn, Josh Moore, and James Martin from Crist Engineers, Jeremy Rawn and Jeff Dehnhart from ESI, Stan Rodgers from Regions Bank, John Buhr and Joe Zgut from LBVWS, Daniel Johnson from City of Gateway, Ryan Hanson from Simmons Foods, Chris McKenzie from BCWD #1, Lily Quast and Chuck Solomn from American, Jeremy Hutchison and Jesse Burke from City of Siloam Springs, and Mike Nida from City of Pea Ridge.

Approval of July 23rd, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

The Board discussed the minutes of July 23, 2026, Board Meeting. Following discussion, Vice-Chairman Attwood made a motion to approve July 23, 2026, minutes as presented. Director Clark seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Secretary/Treasurer Craft presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from July 15th, 2026, through August 17th, 2026. The Board reviewed the detailed check report, which covered payroll, electronic fund transfers, and checks numbered 21590 through 21650. Secretary/Treasurer 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, Vice-Chairman Attwood moved to approve the check detail for payroll, electronic fund transfers, checks 21590 through 21650, and the presented financials. Director Ballou seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Matt Dunn and 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 #25 - \$52,061.38
 - Total Payment to Date - \$6,301,128.63
 - Balance Remaining - \$498,871.37
 - Work Underway
 - GGLB surge tank delivered
 - Roof hatches to be installed as soon as they are received
 - Final building trim work
 - Pumps to be installed
- **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**
 - Change Order #2 - **\$104,000.00**
 - Change Order #3 - **\$8,072.91**
 - Current GMP - \$12,241,444.91
 - Pay Application #20 – \$1,807,315.23
 - Total Payment to Date - \$9,320,475.38
 - Balance Remaining - \$2,920,969.53
 - Work underway
 - Building interior electrical
 - Exterior electrical work
 - Transformers set on pads
 - VFD set on pad
 - Switchgear coming September 2
- **CMAR Phase 3 – Final Electrical and Finish Work – GMP \$7,470,000.000**
 - Notice to Proceed – May 4, 2026
 - Contract Time – 240 calendar days
 - Substantial Completion Date – November 30, 2026
 - Final Completion Date – December 30, 2026
 - Original GMP - \$7,470,000.00
 - Current GMP - \$7,470,000.00
 - Pay Application - \$0.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$0.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$7,470,000.00
 - Work underway
 - Pulling some underground wiring between structures and facilities
 - Continued electrical work starting for phase 3
- **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 – September 2, 2026 (moved back)
 - Enclosure building installation 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

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
 - Phase 1A and 1B have been cleaned and inspected. Seven total valves had the internals replaced due to the guides being broken. A 54” x 48” reducer that was damaged during the valve change out was replaced. The line was videoed from one end to the other. We have reviewed the video and KAJACS is currently going back over our list of areas to be retouched up and rechecked. It will be videoed again and confirmed before we introduce water into the line. All ARV’s have to be reinstalled, and all manways closed up before water can be introduced into the line.
 - 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
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- Final completion time is well beyond the contract completion time.

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 #21 - \$1,077,371.78
- Total Payment to Date - \$29,392,675.26
- Balance Remaining - \$2,010,188.98
- 31,686+ feet have been installed to date as of 08/21/2026
- 2,900+ feet laid in August as of 08/21/26
- 39,149 feet in contract to be completed. 81% complete as of 08/21/26. 7,463+ feet remaining.
- Contract time is 100% expended.
- Pipe laying crew # 1 is currently in the Slaughter Pen Trail area. They have crossed the Razorback Greenway Trail and are back down in the bottom headed to the other Greenway crossing. They are back in heavy groundwater.
- Pipe laying crew #2 is West of North Walton BLVD nearing the top of the hill on the Terrell property and will be headed down the western slope this week.
- They have started a third pipe laying crew as they are behind due to rock. Pipe laying crew #3 has started along the Peach Orchard Road area and is in heavy water as well.
- 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 #9 - \$5,277,188.13
- Total Payment to Date - \$17,041,901.52
- Balance Remaining - \$18,948,868.48
- Easements underway

- 26 have signed
- 5 property owners are in condemnation – 1 (BARNR) is supposed to be settling. The easement agreement has been sent back to their attorney.
- Clearing is completed.
- Pipe delivery is completed
- Bores are currently underway. Two bores under Peach Orchard Road, one bore at Short Road, and one bore at Highway 72 are completed. Currently working on the Walter Road bore (the last bore).

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 contract documents are completed.
- Yard piping will be bid separately under KAJACS CMAR near the same time as Phase 2C or before. Yard piping is expected to take 2-3 months for delivery.
- 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 #7 - \$145,753.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$2,842,514.65
 - Balance Remaining - \$617,485.90
 - Sitework plans and relocation GMP approved at October 2025 board meeting. Notice to proceed was issued for January 5, 2026
 - Final dirt work is nearly complete and will be done at the end of this month or the first of next month. We are holding off on hydroseeding and sodding until water is available for irrigation.
- 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
 - 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 working through the submittal process. Steel piping submittals have been reviewed and returned for some corrections. Other submittals are being returned for some minor corrections as well.

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 #2 - \$95,563.34
 - Total Payment to Date - \$387,283.34
 - Balance Remaining - \$835,716.66
- The south filter train is complete and put back into service
- Submittals on sand and anthracite for trains 2 and 3 have been approved.
- The middle train (train #2) has had the caps replaced and the media is being installed this week. There was one minor hole in the grout that had to be repaired in one of the filters.
- The final train will be scheduled for shutdown and replacement soon. One week is required between trains to make sure the recently replaced train is working properly before taking another train down.

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 - \$577,835.00
 - Current Contract Amount - \$577,835.00
 - Pay Application #5 - \$36,575.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$503,865.75
 - Balance Remaining - \$73,969.25
- Current work underway
 - Gate for fence and opener is operational
 - Electrical is completed but the light pole is on back order until September
 - Entry sign letters are on back order until September
 - Street signs have been installed
 - Project nearly completed

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

- Phase 2C and 2D – Design for 2C is 95% complete and working on fine details of design for this portion, including potholing the existing utility crossings. Easement exhibit preparation is about to be completed, and documents will be sent to the Appraiser to work through those appraisals so Cassie can start obtaining easements. Design for 2D is about 60% complete and we are working on fine

details for that phase as well. Steel pipe procurement timing under discussion dependent on construction timing, steel pricing, and production availability – working with future funding.

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 this fall/early winter 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 – mostly on how the roof looks with uniformity of the trim and screws in the trim. Lightening protecting has not been installed yet either, waiting on quality construction to be resolved first. The attorney is reviewing the documentation and should be writing a letter to the bond company shortly.*

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

- *This project has been placed on hold*

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

Manager Borman discussed the sustained high usage experienced during July and August and the forecast for continued high demand into September. He reviewed recent conservation measures and recommended that the current irrigation moratorium/conservation measures remain in place for the time being because demand had only recently leveled and the system remained vulnerable during peak-hour conditions.

Matt Dunn addressed peak-hour demand and emphasized that each customer system must be able to absorb and manage short-duration demand spikes through its own storage capacity and operating practices, rather than relying solely on the Authority's pumping system. The discussion also noted that summer 2027 could be as difficult as, or more difficult than, the current summer if additional infrastructure is not available. The planned Centerton area transmission improvements and new Decatur storage were identified as projects that should strengthen overall system resiliency once completed.

Manager Borman recommended that the Policy Committee begin developing a formal water-conservation policy to give the Authority and its member utilities a clearer framework for future conservation requests, restrictions, and emergency response. The Board noted that the recent conservation period was effective and discussed the importance of adopting a more defined policy before the next high-demand season.

Long-Range Planning: Intake, Treatment, and Storage

The Board discussed the need for the Long-Range Planning Committee to continue evaluating the design schedule and timing for the new Beaver Lake intake, raw-water line, and future treatment-plant expansion. The discussion also addressed the need for additional finished-water storage, particularly in the Lincoln and south-end areas. The Board noted that member utilities should evaluate their own systems and add storage where needed to support overall reliability. Manager Borman noted that the system's recent stability was supported by temporary reductions in Authority demand. Prairie Grove operated its own treatment plant, and Bella Vista obtained additional water from Bentonville, which helped reduce demand on the Authority during the conservation period.

2027 BOND ISSUANCE

Manager Borman discussed the anticipated 2027 bond issue. The current planning concept was to complete the necessary resolution and preparatory work during the fall, with closing planned after the beginning of 2027. The Board discussed project pay applications expected in November and December and the possibility of using available Authority funds to bridge those payments so an additional bond issue would not have to close during 2026.

Capital Improvement Program Update

Matt Dunn asked the Board if an updated Capital Improvement Program should be brought to the Board at the next regular board meeting. After discussion, the Board agreed that the update should first be taken to the Long-Range Planning Committee for review before presentation to the full Board.

Pipe Procurement Timing

General Manager Borman and Crist Engineers discussed long-lead steel pipe procurement. Current timing indicated that some pipe would not be available until approximately June 2027, reinforcing the need to coordinate design, funding, and procurement decisions well in advance of construction.

Public Comments and Utility Council Meetings

Director Kahrl discussed public comments and statements that he believed did not accurately describe the Authority's' current capacity planning and infrastructure program. He asked if a representative from Crist engineers or the Authority could attend a future city council meeting to explain the Authority's' planning and construction program. Assistant General Manager Nathan Hooper indicated he would be willing to attend. Discussion included coordinating attendance at an October council meeting and maintaining availability to meet with any member utility that requests additional information.

Scheduled Meetings

A joint meeting of the BWRPWA's Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee will be held on Thursday October 15, 2026, at 9 AM to review the draft of the FY 2027 budget. The meeting will be held at BWRPWA's Training Facility. This is a public meeting, and all board members are welcome to attend.

BWRPWA's Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 11:30 AM to discuss Conservation Policies and Rules. The meeting will be held at BWRPWA's Training Facility and lunch will be provided. This is a public meeting, and all are welcome to attend.

Vice-Chairman Attwood will be contacting the Long-Range Committee members to schedule a meeting to discuss the Intake Project, Raw Water Transmission Lines, and other future projects.

With there being no further business before the Board, Director Kahrl made a motion to adjourn at 1027 hours. A second was made by Director Clark. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

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