

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

July 23rd, 2026, Board of Directors' Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors' Meeting for July 23rd, 2026, was called to order by Chairman Boston at 0901 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	Charlie Holt
BCWD #1	William Putman
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, and Jana Wright from BWRPWA, Matt Dunn, Josh Moore, JP Martin, Ian Kenyon, Samuel Cline, and McCarlee Perkins from Crist Engineers, Jeff Dehnhardt and Jeremy Rawn from ESI, and Red Klinger from City of Centerton.

Approval of June 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

The Board discussed the minutes of June 18, 2026, Board Meeting. Following discussion, Director Attwood made a motion to approve June 18, 2026, minutes as presented. Director Craft seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report – *Director Craft presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from June 12th, 2026, through July 14th, 2026. The Board reviewed the detailed check report, which covered payroll, electronic fund transfers, and checks numbered 21528 through 21589. 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 Attwood moved to approve the check detail for payroll, electronic fund transfers, checks 21528 - 21589, 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
 - Pump bases poured
 - Pumps proposed to be installed in July
 - VFD Pad completed and VFD installed
 - Working on overflow catch basin
- 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 #19 – \$829,468.27
 - Total payment to date - \$7,513,160.15
 - Balance remaining - \$4,728,284.76
 - Work underway
 - Building interior electrical underway
 - Transformer pads ready for transformer installation
 - 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 – August 10, 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

- Delivery to BWRPWA – On hold
- Pumps built and passed testing process
- Pumps and motors are in storage in Springdale – to be installed soon

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
 - 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 was damaged during the valve change out and is currently being replaced. Phase 2A is being cleaned out to the flush point. 2A should be finished cleaning this week, down to the last 1100 feet. It all needs to be videoed, and it needs to be reviewed. All ARV's must be reinstalled and all manways closed.
 - 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
 - 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 was damaged during the valve change out and is currently being replaced. Phase 2A is being cleaned out to the flush point. 2A should be finished cleaning this week, down to the last 1100 feet. It all needs to be videoed, and it needs to be reviewed. All ARV's must be reinstalled and all manways closed.
 - 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 #20 - \$527,509.69
- Total payment to date - \$27,080,390.04
- Balance remaining - \$3,087,560.76
- Construction progressing – cleanup following
- 27,006+ feet have been installed to date as of 07/15/2026
- 1627+ feet laid in June as of 07/16/26
- 39,149 feet in contract to be completed. 69% complete as of 07/15/26
- Contract time is 99.7% expended.
- Pipe laying crew # 1 is currently in the Slaughter Pen Trail area. They are progressing to the Razorback Greenway Trail. They have been in heavy groundwater – running as many as 12 pumps to keep the ditch dry enough to install pipe.
- Pipe laying crew #2 has completed the connection on the Shewmaker property and has mobilized over to North Walton Blvd. They will be loading the bore and then heading West up the hill on the Terrell property.
- 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 #8 - \$5,051,547.23
- Total Payment to Date - \$11,764,713.39
- Balance Remaining - \$24,226,056.61
- Steel pipe delivery underway
- Easements underway
 - 26 signed
 - 5 property owners in condemnation – 1 is suppose to settle. Boldra's is supposed to be signed on June 16.
- Clearing is completed.
- Pipe delivery has started. Approximately 23,731 feet of pipe has been delivered out of 38,550 feet. Approximately 61.5%.
- Bores are currently underway. Two under Peach Orchard Road are complete and the one at Short Road is nearing completion. Then the crew will move to Highway 72 and Walters Road for those bores.

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 #6 - \$226,927.49
 - Total Payment to Date - \$2,696,761.65
 - Balance Remaining - \$817,238.90
 - 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 dirt work is well underway and is approximately a month or so from being completed.
- 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 currently working on submittals and submittal drawings. Submittals for the tank have been submitted recently and are under review, Submittals for the civil part of the tank contract should be submitted this week.

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 have been submitted for trains 2 and 3. The contractor is making some minor corrections to the submittal, and we should see those back this week.
- The next train was scheduled to start this week, but the new sand submittal and other items did not meet the specifications, and had to be revised
- The final train is scheduled to be completed mid-August but may take a little longer at this point.

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 #4 - \$52,140.75
 - Total payment to date - \$467,290.75
 - Balance Remaining - \$110,544.25
- Current work underway
 - Gate for fence has been installed
 - Gate installer should have the gate operational this week
 - Electrical is completed but the lights for the sign and light pole are backordered until September
 - Entry sign letters should arrive any day and be installed shortly. Street signs are on site and ready to be installed
 - Hydroseeding should take place possibly this week
 - Back drive is complete – seeded and strawed
 - Project nearly completed

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

- Phase 2C and 2D – Design for 2C is 90% complete and working on fine details of design for this portion. Design for 2D is about 60% complete and the fine details for that portion are being worked through. Easement preparation is beginning this month so that the appraisals and acquisition process can begin soon. Steel pipe procurement timing under discussion dependent on construction timing, steel pricing, and production availability – to work 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 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 issues and what can be done to solve those issues – main 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 is getting with our attorney to get communication to the Bond Company.

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

36" Line Break – Manager Borman discussed the recent break in the 36" line. He explained that the line was part of the original installation and was constructed with a lower pressure-class pipe. Startup and shutdown of HSP #3 (nicknamed the Beast) significantly increased line pressures, and existing pipe damage created a weak point. A pressure surge during startup of HSP #3 then caused the weakened section to fail, resulting in the line break. Manager Borman strongly encouraged Directors representing utilities on the system to issue conservation orders limiting outdoor watering, irrigation, and pool filling. He explained that these measures are needed to support recovery from the 36" line break, maintain consistent water storage tank levels, and reduce overall strain on the system.

Utility Contact Information Updates – Manager Borman informed the Board that Assistant Manager Hooper would send a form to all utilities on the system to update their contact information. The requested updates will include primary, emergency, billing-specific, and other applicable contacts. Manager Borman asked each Board member to complete the form for their utility and return it to Assistant Manager Hooper.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Appointment of Nominating Committee for August Annual Meeting

Chairman Boston then mentioned to the Board that the August Board meeting would be BWRPWA's 34th Annual Meeting and Directors would need to be appointed for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will make recommendations for the 2026-2027 slate of officers for BWRPWA. Chairman Boston appointed the following Directors for the Nominating Committee: **Director Dustin Kahl – Chairman of Nominating Committee, Director William Putman - Member, and Director James Clark - Member.**

With there being no further business before the Board, Director Kahrl made a motion to adjourn at 0950 hours. A second was made by Director Attwood. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 27, 2026

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