

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

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

Board of Directors' Meeting for April 23rd, 2026, was called to order by Chairman Boston at 0858 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	Jacob Davis
Centerton	Malcolm Attwood
Decatur	James Boston
Gentry	Rick Craft
Garfield/Gateway/Lost Bridge	Gary Blackburn
Gravette	Richard Sutherland
Highfill	Dustin Kahrl
Lincoln	ABSENT
Pea Ridge	Jake Wagner
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, and Jana Wright from BWRPWA, Matt Dunn, Josh Moore, and James Martin from Crist Engineers, Jeff Dehnhardt from ESI, Michael Moyer from Friday Law Firm, Bob Wright from Crews and Associates, Chris McKenzie from BCWD #1, Mike Taggart from Bella Vista POA, William Putman from BCWD #1, Stan Rodgers from Regions Bank, and Jake Davison from Seven Valleys Concrete.

The minutes of March 19th, 2026, Board Meeting were discussed. On a motion made by Director Holt, and a second by Director Clark, March 19th, 2026, minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Director Craft presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from March 11th, 2026, through April 14th, 2026. The Board reviewed the check detail report, which covered payroll, electronic fund transfers, and checks numbered 21379 through 21426. 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 21379 - 21426, and the presented financials. Director Clark 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 #22 - \$19,000.00
- Total Payment to Date - \$6,203,263.00
- Balance Remaining - \$596,737.00
- Work Underway
 - Pump base construction formed, to be poured this week or early next week
 - Interior column and beam painting nearly completed except touchup. Interior liner panel completely installed
 - Working on pad for VFD
 - Working on discharge pressure sustaining valve vault – connection has been made this month
 - 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 #16 – \$978,932.23
 - Total payment to date - \$5,903,920.75
 - Balance remaining - \$6,225,451.25
 - 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
 - 48" valves are having a hard time closing. One valve had a broken a plug and the bonnet and internal components are being replaced out this week, and a new bonnet is being installed to get the full warranty.
 - Checking the valve closures and still working on the pressure testing to make sure valves are not leaking through. We have a plan for testing the interconnection valves first and then will be pressure testing valved sections one at a time. We may need to flush out the 2-1/2" ports on the bottom side of the horizontal valve to flush the valve track to insure complete closure and sealing.
 - Pressure testing depends on water availability. Chlorination is postponed until some interior piping rework is completed inside the 4MG tank, about 6 weeks from May 4, dependent on water availability.
- **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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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 #17 - \$512,207.18
- Total payment to date - \$25,399,665.22
- Balance remaining - \$4,768,285.58
- Construction progressing – cleanup following
- 19,538+ feet have been installed to date as of 04/17/2026
- Pipe laying crew #1 started at Lewis Lane and completed east of Highway 72. They are jumping west of I-49 to the Shewmaker property and have completed the two sewer line replacements and are starting to lay 54" west along J Street to the bike trails and N. Walton Blvd.
- Pipe laying crew #2 started on the west side of Highway 72 and ran all the way to I-49 and threaded the bore. They jumped to the west side of I-49 and are laying to the Shewmaker property of J Street. Then they will jump ahead to N. Walton Blvd and start 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 #5 - \$394,250.00
- Total Payment to Date - \$2,341,750.00
- Balance Remaining - \$33,649,020.00
- Steel pipe production now. Scheduled delivery to start April 27
- Easements underway
 - 24 signed
 - 7 property owners in condemnation – 1 or 2 supposedly ready to settle.
 - Wal-Mart has been acquired
- Clearing is completed. Currently working on burning all the trees
- Prepping for pipe delivery scheduled to begin week of April 27. 2,000 feet a week for first two weeks then ramping up to 4,000 feet a week while stringing along the route.

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 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 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
 - Change Order #1 - \$17,838.55
 - Current Contract Amount - \$3,514,000.55
 - Pay Application #3 - \$845,485.87
 - Total Payment to Date - \$2,107,034.04
 - Balance Remaining - \$1,406,966.51
- 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" relocation currently underway. Road crossing of Bredehoeft Road this week.
- 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
 - Change Order #1 – -\$531,000.00
 - Current Contract Amount - \$9,573,000.00
 - Pay Application - \$0.00
 - Total Payment to Date - \$0.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$9,573,000.00
- 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
- Contractor to start first filter train within the next week or two.

Water Treatment Plant Entrance

- Project is an extension of the improvements at the Water Treatment Plant. Project includes a new entry/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
 - Change Order 1 (?) - \$5,778.35
 - Current Contract Amount - \$577,835.00
 - Pay Application 1 - \$119,700.00
 - Total payment to date - \$119,700.00
 - Balance Remaining - \$458,135.00
- Current work underway
 - Deceleration lane has been placed
 - Driveway panels have all been placed
 - Sign and flower planter will be built in the next couple of weeks
 - Fencing to be completed after that

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.
- Majority of the appraisals are back and easement acquisition underway this week on those. Still lacking a couple based on overlapping electric easements and ownership of those easements to determine the exact square footage of new easements that need to be obtained
- 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 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. Mostly on how the roof looks on uniformity of the trim and screws in the trim. Lightening protecting has not been installed yet either, waiting on quality of construction to be resolved first.

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 – need to find a couple of more condemnation documents.
- Meeting was held with Bentonville City Representative, Cody Vaughn, and Garver Engineer Transportation representatives on April 16.
- Currently working on layout options and estimates.
- 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.

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

Update on 2026 Bond Series Sale – Bob Wright from Crews and Associates presented an overview of the 2026 Bond Series sales to the Board. He reported that the final pricing for the 2026 Bond Series was \$22,245,684.60. Of this amount, \$21,739,370.78 will be deposited into the 2026 Construction Account Fund on April 30, 2026. The combined costs for the underwriters' discount, bond insurance premium, bond counsel, rating agency fee, and other related expenses totaled \$506,313.82. The true interest cost for the bond sale was calculated at 4.50%. He also reported that there were orders for more than 7 times the amount being issued, which states that BWRPWA has gained a good reputation with lenders.

GMP Approval: Phase 3 HSPS (Seven Valleys Concrete) – Matt Dunn presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal from Seven Valleys Concrete for Phase 3 of the High Service Pump Station (HSPS) project.

- GMP amount: \$7,470,000.00
- Scope of work: electrical installation; controls and instrumentation installation; and finishing outside work, etc.

After discussion, Director Kahrl moved to approve the GMP from Seven Valleys Concrete in the amount of \$7,470,000.00 for Phase 3 of the HSPS project. Director Clark seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.

Highfill Request for new additional master meter location – Jeff Dehnhardt from ESI Engineering spoke to the board about City of Highfill's request for an additional meter vault, which would be near their existing meter vault on Tilly's Road. City of Highfill plans on building a new pump station but will keep the original meter vault and pump station in operation for backup emergencies. After board discussion, Director Clark made a motion to approve the request from City of Highfill for an additional master meter. Director Attwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Director Kahrl abstaining from the vote.

Centerton request for new master meter connection on Phase 2C – Jeff Dehnhardt from ESI Engineering then spoke to the board about City of Centerton's request for a new master meter connection. City of Centerton is requesting a T and valve be installed on the new 54" line (Phase 2C) on the west side of Centerton. This connection would not be used immediately but would be in place for future growth of the area. It would be easier to put this new connection in during Phase 2C installation rather than later. After board discussions, Director Kahrl made a motion to approve the request from City of Centerton for a new master meter connection. Director Craft seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with Director Attwood abstaining from the vote.

October Board Meeting moved back to October 22, 2026 – Manager Borman then discussed with the Board moving the October Board meeting back to its original date of October 22, 2026. The October board meeting was originally rescheduled from October 22, 2026, to October 29, 2026, to accommodate some board members' vacation schedule. Arkansas Rural Water has scheduled training classes in BWRPWA's training facility for the week of 10/27/26-10/29/26. Concerning this scheduling conflict, Director Attwood made a motion to reschedule the October board meeting from October 29, 2026, back to October 22, 2026, to accommodate Arkansas Rural Water's training classes. Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

With there being no further business before the Board, Director Kahrl made a motion to adjourn at 1013 hours. A second was made by Director Clark. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – May 28, 2026

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