

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on August 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: James Ray Gosdin, Loy Howard, Rick Jones, and Shane Cammon.

Chairman Gosdin called the meeting to order. James Ray Gosdin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Lawrence Lipford, Chris Barnett, and Rick Luongo.

Approve Agenda: On motion (Cammon) and second (Jones) a unanimous vote was made to approve the agenda.

Approve Minutes: On motion and second (Jones, Cammon) a unanimous vote was made to approve the minutes for June 2023.

Public Comments: Lawrence Lipford, Volunteer, said that he was thankful to assist the Authority and glad to flush the water on Newnan Street.

New Business:

Health Insurance: With all board members present, Director Cook advised the group of the current staffing crisis and made the recommendation to amend the current benefits options that HCWA offers. Benefits options would allow employees to select the existing insurance coverage and current rate of pay per hour. A second option would be a package with less coverage giving HCWA the ability to pay a higher rate of pay. Thirdly, an option to select "no coverage" with an even higher rate of pay would be available. After discussion, the Board advised the Director to continue with the existing benefits for all staff, and to work on solutions to resolve staffing issues.

Lead and Copper Rule: Director Cook presented a summary of service line inventory requirements set forth by EPA. These requirements would mandate water systems to survey each property that has a service line installed prior to January 1990 to determine if it contains lead or copper. The initiative would require water systems to develop an inventory system, compile and maintain data, and report the findings to EPD for EPA by October 16, 2024. In addition, in the future the guidelines will require water systems to replace lines containing lead. Director Cook and other HCWA employees have attended multiple webinars to learn what is necessary to comply with EPD's guidelines on the matter and are working diligently to devise a plan to meet the requirements.

Old Business:

None

Reports:

1.) **Administration:** Chris Barnett, CPA, presented the financial statement for June 2023.

June 2023

*Income: \$261,990.25

*Expenses: \$246,360.51

*Net Income: \$15,629.74

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses, and other Expenses: \$<52,364.04>

July 2023

*Income: \$299,435.57

*Expenses: \$234,637.79

*Net Income: \$64,797.78

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses, and other Expenses: \$<3,533.25>

2.) **Distribution:** For the August 2023 meeting, there was not a distribution member in attendance to present. Board members reviewed the reports and were given an opportunity to ask questions. There were not any questions asked.

June 2023

Services: 1

Leaks: 21

Main Breaks: 4

Valve Maint: 2

Meter Pump Testing: 0

Locates: 203

Work Orders: 91

Turn Offs: 50

Data Log: 3

Meter Chg. Outs: 0

DOT Permits: 0

July 2023

Services: 0

Leaks: 14

Main Breaks: 1

Valve Maint: 0

Meter Pump Testing: 0

Locates: 258

Work Orders: 79

Turn Offs: 54

Data Log: 2
Meter Chg. Outs: 2
DOT Permits:0

- 3.) **WTP:** For the August 2023 meeting, there was not a WTP member in attendance to present, but Director Cook was available. Board members reviewed the reports and were given an opportunity to ask questions.
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Executive Session: On motion and second (Cammon, Jones) a unanimous vote was made to enter Executive Session at 6:12.

On motion and second (Howard, Cammon) a unanimous vote was made to return to open session.

On motion and second (Cammon, Howard) a unanimous vote regarding former employee Joe Jones was made to pay him for his 120 hours of Annual leave.

Adjourn: On motion and second (Gosdin, Howard) a unanimous vote was made at 6:37 pm to adjourn the meeting.

James R. Gosdin Sr.
James Ray Gosdin, Sr., Chairman

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