

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on January 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Loy Howard, Rick Jones, Connie Nelms and Lynda Tucker.

Chairman Loy Howard called the meeting to order. Lynda Tucker, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: None

Approval/Modify Agenda: On motion by Jones and seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Approve Regular Minutes: On a motion by Nelms, and seconded by Jones, the Board approved the minutes from the December 2025 meeting.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

Truck for Distribution: Distribution Superintendent Darrell Brice presented multiple bids for new distribution fleet vehicles. He outlined several options for upgrading the fleet, including the purchase of a new truck equipped with a work body and the installation of a dump bed on the Authority's existing F-450. This configuration would allow crews to transport dirt or gravel to job sites and complete repairs and site restoration in a single trip, improving efficiency and reducing return visits. All truck options presented were diesel-powered. The Board requested that staff also obtain quotes for comparable gas-powered trucks, with those options to be brought back for review at the next Board meeting. The purchase was previously approved as a Capital Expenditure as part of the current fiscal year's budget. The Board further discussed potential revisions to the Spending Policy to allow the Director to proceed with purchases that have already been approved within the adopted budget. Attorney Michael Hill will prepare draft policy language for consideration at the next meeting.

Revision of Purchasing Policy: A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Nelms, to table this item of new business until the next Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Close on Mill Street Property: Attorney Michael Hill prepared a resolution authorizing Executive Director Beth Cantrell to proceed with the closing on the Mill Street property. A motion was made by Jones, seconded by Tucker, to approve and sign the resolution granting the Director permission to close. The motion passed unanimously.

New Signage Quote: Executive Director Beth Cantrell presented a quote for new building signage featuring the updated HCWA logo. The Board selected the white-outlined sign as the primary sign for the new facility. On a motion by Nelms, seconded by Jones, the Board unanimously approved adopting

the white-outlined sign and authorized Director Cantrell to make additional signage decisions provided they do not exceed the amount of the current bid.

Old Business:

None

Reports:

1.) Financial: Chris Barnett, CPA

December 2025

*Income: \$321,108.92

*Expenses: \$273,551.23

*Net Income: \$47,557.69

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: <\$40,438.97>

2.) Distribution

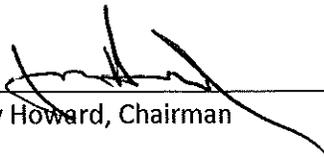
MONTH	December
NEW INSTALLS	5
LEAKS	12
MAIN BREAKS	1
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	88
WORK ORDERS	104
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	25
DATA LOGS	2
MTR CHANGE OUTS	8
D.O.T. PERMITS	0

3.) WTP: Normal Operations.

4.) WWTP: Normal Operations.

Additional Board Issues/Concerns: None

Adjourn: Upon motion by Jones and second by Nelms, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.



Loy Howard, Chairman

Date

2/17/26