

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on July 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Loy Howard, Rick Jones, Connie Nelms and Bonnie Vernon.

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

Recognition of Guests: Lawrence Lipford

Approve the Agenda: On a motion by Nelms, seconded by Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

Approve Regular Minutes: On a motion by Vernon , seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the June 2026 meeting.

Public Comments: Lawrence Lipford reflected on his previous employment with HCWA and expressed his appreciation for the Authority.

New Business:

GEFA LSLI Loan: Executive Director Beth Cantrell presented the documents requiring approval in order to secure the 0%-interest GEFA loan in the amount of \$92,015, which will fund completion of the EPA-mandated Lead Service Line Inventory compliance requirements. Upon a motion by Jones, seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously approved the documents and authorized Director Cantrell to proceed with finalizing all steps necessary to obtain the GEFA loan.

Old Business:

Update on Search for New Software:Lead Operations Specialist Jennifer Betts reported that the search for new software has been narrowed. She noted that she has been in discussions with Valiflo and is confident in the potential transition from Edmunds to Valiflo for Accounts Receivable and Billing. Following extensive discussion regarding long-term rates, system updates, custom builds, and future support levels, the Board requested that she determine whether Valiflo would agree to a three-month trial period prior to entering into a long-term contract, ensuring the system meets HCWA's operational needs and provides customers with a high-quality billing experience. On a motion by Nelms, seconded by Vernon, the Board unanimously authorized Executive Director Beth Cantrell to sign a contract with Valiflo contingent upon inclusion of the three-month trial provision.

Roof Bids for New Location: Director Beth Cantrell presented two bids for the roof replacement at the new facility. Both proposals included full roof replacement and offered identical manufacturer and contractor warranties. Director Cantrell recommended selecting Big House Construction, noting their local presence, reasonable pricing, and the high-quality assistance they have provided on previous HCWA projects. Upon a motion by Jones, seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously approved awarding the roof replacement contract to Big House Construction.

Reports:

1.) Financial: Chris Barnett, CPA

June 2026

*Income: \$327,470.30

*Expenses: \$243,810.01

*Net Income: \$83,660.29

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: <\$83,531.94>

2.) Distribution

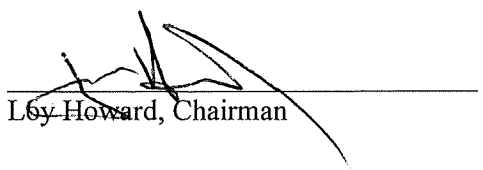
MONTH	June
NEW INSTALLS	0
LEAKS	20
MAIN BREAKS	2
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	114
WORK ORDERS	114
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	0
DATA LOGS	3
MTR CHANGE OUTS	8
D.O.T. PERMITS	0

3.) WTP: Normal Operations for June.

4.) WWTP: Superintendent Darrell Brice reported a violation at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in June. Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) weekly testing was high due to a mechanical breakdown in the plant. Darrell has written a SOP so this does not happen again in the future. The BOD weekly average is 45 the test came back at 100, the monthly average of 35 was met. The testing for remaining four tests were, 4, 7, 4, and 4. Four being the lowest the 5 day BOD test can detect.

Additional Board Issues/Concerns: None

Adjourn: Upon motion by Jones and seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.


Loy Howard, Chairman

Date

8/18/06