

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on June 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Loy Howard, Connie Nelms, Lynda Tucker 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: None

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

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

Public Comments: None

New Business:

FY'27 Budget: Executive Director Beth Cantrell presented the proposed FY 2027 Budget to the Board. The proposed budget included a rate increase of \$1.35 per thousand gallons for all customers. Upon motion by Nelms and seconded by Tucker, the Board unanimously approved the FY 2027 Budget.

Roof Bids for New Location: Director Beth Cantrell presented two roof bids for the new facility. One proposal involved applying a coating to the existing roof, while the second proposal was for a complete roof replacement. No action was taken at this time. The Board requested that Director Cantrell conduct additional research on the warranties associated with both proposals and report back at the next meeting.

Pfiffner Easement, Deed and Fire Tank Maintenance Contract: Executive Director Beth Cantrell and Attorney Michael Hill presented the documents requiring execution for the construction of the new Pfiffner plant. Upon motion by Nelms and seconded by Vernon, the Board unanimously authorized the Executive Director to sign all related documents on behalf of the Heard County Water Authority, provided no material changes are made.

Request for line extension on Butler Rd: Executive Director Beth Cantrell informed the Board of a request to extend the water line along Butler Road. Distribution Superintendent Darrell Brice estimated the cost of installing a 6-inch main at approximately \$400,000. The property purchaser inquired whether the Authority would consider funding half of the project cost. After discussion, the Board agreed that extending the water line at this time is not feasible, as upgrading existing infrastructure remains a higher priority than new line extensions.

Old Business:

Update on Search for New Software: Lead Operations Specialist Jennifer Betts informed the Board that the search for new software remains ongoing. She shared that she has been in discussions with a software consultant and conveyed the consultant's recommendations to the Board. Jennifer noted that Valiflo has been collaborating with her to develop a billing and receivables software system tailored to HCWA's operational needs. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Jennifer will coordinate a conference call with Valiflo and HCWA's CPA, Chris Barnett, to confirm that the proposed system can generate the necessary reports to ensure accurate financials. Jennifer will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

Update on New Admin Location: Executive Director Beth Cantrell provided an update on the progress of the new office. She reported that preparations are moving forward to ensure the facility is ready for the planned July 1st opening.

Reports:**1.) Financial: Chris Barnett, CPA****April 2026**

*Income: \$249,238.17

*Expenses: \$263,352.11

*Net Income:< \$14,113.94>

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: <\$117,999.82>

May 2026

*Income: \$336,550.63

*Expenses: \$263,402.36

*Net Income: \$73,148.27

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: <\$32,836.07>

2.) Distribution

MONTH	April
NEW INSTALLS	2
LEAKS	25
MAIN BREAKS	2
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	119
WORK ORDERS	111
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	32
DATA LOGS	12
MTR CHANGE OUTS	12
D.O.T. PERMITS	0

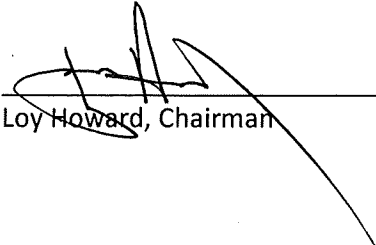
MONTH	May
NEW INSTALLS	4
LEAKS	17
MAIN BREAKS	3
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	133
WORK ORDERS	104
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	32
DATA LOGS	9
MTR CHANGE OUTS	1
D.O.T. PERMITS	0

3.) **WTP:** Normal Operations for April & May.

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Additional Board Issues/Concerns: None

Adjourn: Upon motion by Vernon and second by Nelms, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.



 Loy Howard, Chairman

Date 7/21/26