

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on March 17th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Loy Howard, Rick Jones, Connie Nelms, Lynda Tucker and Bonnie Vernon.

Vice-Chairman Rick Jones called the meeting to order. Jennifer Betts, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Auditor Kurt Hardison

Welcome New HCWA Board Member: Bonnie Vernon

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

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

Approve Executive Minutes: On a motion by Jones, seconded by Tucker the Board unanimously approved the executive minutes from the February 2026 Board Meeting

Public Comments: None

New Business:

Audit FY 2025: Kurt Hardison with McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co. presented to the HCWA Board, the Audit findings for the FY 2025 Audit. He reported that the Audit received a favorable, unmodified opinion. He noted that the failed implementation of the financial module during the software conversion created challenges in producing the financial reports needed for the Audit. This issue was referenced in the Audit notes but did not impact the favorable outcome or the overall findings.

Contract with Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority: Beth Cantrell, Executive Director, provided an update on the restructuring of the contract between CCWA and HCWA related to the interconnect agreement. She reported that the document was still undergoing revisions and expressed hope that it would be ready for board review and consideration at the next meeting.

Advertisement Packet for New Digital Sign: Lead Operations Specialist Jennifer Betts presented an advertising packet for the new digital sign. The packet outlined several advertising tiers that local businesses may select if they wish to place an ad on the sign. She noted that a few additional details and revisions will be made before the packets are distributed to local businesses for enrollment in the advertising program.

Old Business:

Watchfire Digital Sign: Beth Cantrell, Executive Director, presented the Watchfire sign that had been approved at the previous board meeting and requested the Board’s input on increasing the size of the sign. She explained that, following discussions with Board Chairman Loy Howard, there was concern that displaying the time, date, and temperature continuously would reduce the available space for advertisements, potentially limiting visibility for local businesses. She also noted that a casing to better integrate the sign with the building façade—rather than having it appear to protrude from the structure—was recommended and supported. After discussion, and on a motion by Jones, seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously voted to approve the 4x6 sign in place of the previously approved 3x6 sign, along with the addition of the casing.

Reports:

1.) Financial: Chris Barnett, CPA

February 2026

*Income: \$306,039.33

*Expenses: \$278,493.40

*Net Income: \$27,545.93

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: <\$138,401.46>

2.) Distribution

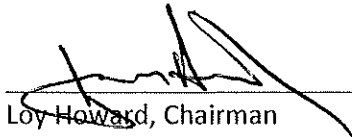
MONTH	February
NEW INSTALLS	6
LEAKS	14
MAIN BREAKS	6
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	100
WORK ORDERS	138
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	53
DATA LOGS	6
MTR CHANGE OUTS	19
D.O.T. PERMITS	1

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 6:02 pm.



Loy Howard, Chairman

Date 4/21/26