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

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on October 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. Director 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 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 September 2026 meeting.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

Top Capital Improvement Plans: Executive Director Beth Cantrell presented the proposed priority list for the HCWA Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Following thorough discussion by the Board, it was agreed that the plan should be expanded to include additional projects focused on enhancing drought resilience and increasing water storage capacity.

Old Business:

Development Standards for HCWA: Following careful review, Executive Director Beth Cantrell presented the revised HCWA Development Standards document to the Board for approval. On a motion by Nelms, seconded by Tucker, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the document.

Tenaska Update: Executive Director Beth Cantrell presented a letter from Wayne Haynie of Garver USA regarding the firm's involvement with Tenaska. Following discussion, the Board requested that staff schedule a meeting with Mr. Haynie to obtain further clarification on the matter.

Reports:

1.) **Financial:** Chris Barnett, CPA

September 2026

*Income: $355,537.27
*Expenses: $270,658.31
*Net Income: $84,878.96
*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: <$25,556.83>

2.) **Distribution**

MONTH	August
NEW INSTALLS	6
LEAKS	14
MAIN BREAKS	3
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	108
WORK ORDERS	65
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	0
DATA LOGS	4
MTR CHANGE OUTS	2
D.O.T. PERMITS	0

3.) **WTP:** Normal Operations for September.

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Executive Session: Personnel

On a motion by Jones, seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session at 5:59 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. On a motion by Jones, seconded by Nelms, the Board unanimously voted to exit executive session at 6:24 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

Upon a motion by Jones, seconded by Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in regular session at 6:25 p.m.

The Board then conducted the annual performance review for Executive Director Beth Cantrell. Following much discussion, upon a motion by Nelms, seconded by Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve a salary increase and bonus for Executive Director Beth Cantrell.

Additional Board Issues/Concerns: None

Adjourn: Upon motion by Jones and seconded by Tucker, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:45p.m.

Loy Howard, Chairman

Date 11/18/26