

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in regular session on November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Loy Howard, Rick Jones, Shane Cammon, Lynda Tucker and Connie Nelms.

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

Recognition of Guests:

None

Approval/Modify Agenda:

On motion and second (Cammon, Nelms) a unanimous vote was made to approve the agenda.

Approve Regular Minutes:

On motion and second (Jones, Cammon) a unanimous vote was made to approve the minutes for September 2024. Chairman Loy Howard abstained.

Public Comments:

None

New Business:

HCWA's Maturing Bank OZK CDs & Line of Credit with Bank OZK – Beth Cantrell, Executive Director, addressed the board about the Bank OZK CDs that are maturing. OZK is not renewing public fund CDs at this time. Chairman Howard and Director Cantrell had a conference call with Bank OZK representatives. Another option presented was putting the existing CDs, as they mature, into the US Treasury Fund. There was also a discussion about obtaining a Line of Credit from Bank OZK. On motion and second (Nelms, Jones) a unanimous vote was made to approve the move of HCWA CDs into the US Treasury Fund.

Christmas Bonus for Staff- Beth Cantrell, Executive Director, asked the board to approve and possibly increase the Christmas Bonus for HCWA employees. On motion and second (Jones, Nelms) a unanimous vote was made to approve and increase the Christmas bonuses for HCWA Staff.

Policy Addressing Unbilled Metered Authorized Consumption-Matt Dean asked the board to sign a Policy for Unbilled Metered Authorized Consumption that would help meet the requirements of Water Audit reporting. On motion and second, (Nelms, Cammon) a unanimous vote was made to sign the policy.

Slide Show featuring Distribution Dept. Concerns- Distribution Superintendent Darrell Brice and Lead Operations Specialist Jennifer Betts presented a slide show that addressed concerns that Distribution has with HCWA's main lines and issues with repairs due to the original installation procedures.

Old Business:

Brief Tenaska Update- Beth Cantrell, Executive Director, gave an update on the Tenaska Project. Pressure loggers will be placed on some of the hydrants by Garver, USA soon. Tenaska will do a test pull from our water system between the 4th-6th of December, 2024. The data will be collected to determine if the HCWA system can support the needs of the proposed new Tenaska power plant.

Garver, USA Update - Beth Cantrell, Executive Director gave an update on Garver, USA. The financial model is almost complete. This will provide the information that will help HCWA know how to make the necessary financial adjustments to move forward in maintaining HCWA's water system and working on upgrades to the system.

Reports:

1.) **Financial:** Beth Cantrell, Executive Director, presented the financial statement for October 2024.

October 2024

*Income: \$304,496.98

*Expenses: \$215,373.58

*Net Income: \$89,123.40

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: <\$174,445.18>

2.) **Distribution:** Darrell Brice, Distribution Superintendent, presented the report for Distribution

MONTH	Oct-24
NEW INSTALLS	5
LEAKS	27
MAIN BREAKS	1
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	137
WORK ORDERS	116
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	24
DATA LOGS	2
MTR CHANGE OUTS	7
D.O.T. PERMITS	0


3.) **WTP:** Matt Dean, WTP Manager presented the report for the Water Treatment Plant. Normal Operations.

4.) **WWTP:** Darrell Brice, Distribution Superintendent, presented the report for Waste Water Treatment Plant. Normal Operations.

Executive Session: None

Additional Board Issues/Concerns: Loy Howard, Chairman, announced his approval of turkeys for all staff and board members for Thanksgiving.

Adjourn: On motion and second (Jones, Cammon) a unanimous decision was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm.



Loy Howard, Chairman

Date 12/16/24