

**Heard County Water Authority
Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024**

The Heard County Water Authority Board met in a re-scheduled session on September 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Rick Jones, Shane Cammon, Lynda Tucker and Connie Nelms.

Vice-Chairman Jones called the meeting to order. Shane Cammon gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Todd Willbanks, Hendley Road, Franklin, GA & Mike Inot, Conyers, GA

Approval/Modify Agenda: On motion and second (Cammon, Tucker) a unanimous vote was made to amend the agenda to wait until the end of the meeting to approve the executive minutes.

Approve Regular Minutes: On motion and second (Cammon, Nelms) a unanimous vote was made to approve the minutes for August 2024.

Public Comments: Todd Willbanks & Mike Inot approached the board requesting that we extend our water lines down Hendley Road. We currently have one service line on each end of Hendley Rd. (3/4" line off Roosterville Rd and a 1" line off of Caney Head Rd.) but not all the way down Hendley Rd. Willbanks stated that at least 3 homes in that span would like to hook up to County Water. He asked that the board consider extending our line.

New Business:

Proposal from Garver, USA: Beth Cantrell, Interim Director presented a proposal from Garver, USA to help HCWA with EPD Permit Compliance, Financial Modeling, Team Building and Engineering Assistance. This will help get a good view of where HCWA stands and jump start things for the Team. Upon motion and second (Nelms, Tucker) a unanimous vote was made to accept the Garver, USA's proposal.

Old Business:

Lead Svc Line Update: Jennifer Betts, Operations Specialist gave an update on the Lead Service Line Inventory. All the data that will be submitted will make us compliant with EPD requirements. So far, no lead was found.

Tenaska Update: Beth Cantrell, Interim Director gave an update on the Tenaska and the Garver, USA negotiations. They are drafting an agreement to collaborate on examining our system to determine the optimal way for HCWA to meet the new water demands for the proposed new Tenaska plant.

Mill Street Update: Superintendent Darrell Brice gave an update on Mill Street. The contractor is ready to install the new 2-inch line to solve the water issue on Mill Street.

Darold Wiggins and Brandenburg Road Update: Superintendent Darrell Brice reported that the work on Brandenburg Road has been completed.

Reports:

1.) **Financial:** Beth Cantrell, Interim Director and Office Lead, presented the financial statement for August 2024.

August 2024

*Income: \$283,450.35

*Expenses: \$303,484.02

*Net Income: \$<20,043.67>

*Net Income with Depreciation, Capital Expenses and other Expenses: \$<136,477.80>

2.) **Distribution:** Darrell Brice presented for Distribution

MONTH	Aug-24
NEW INSTALLS	0
LEAKS	23
MAIN BREAKS	5
VALVE MAINT	0
MTR /PUMP TESTING	0
LOCATES	139
WORK ORDERS	148
N/PAY CUT-OFFS	28
DATA LOGS	2
MTR CHANGE OUTS	8
D.O.T. PERMITS	0

3.) **WWTP:** Darrell Brice reported that there were normal operations in the month of August, 2024.

4.) **WTP:** Darrell Brice, in the absence of Matt Dean WTP Manager, presented the WTP report for August, 2024. Normal Plant Operations.

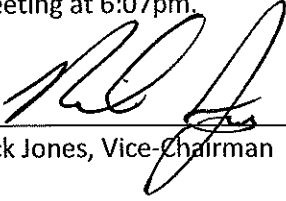
Executive Session: On motion and second (Cammon, Nelms) a unanimous decision was made to enter in to executive session at 5:45pm. Chairman Loy Howard arrived at this time to join the meeting. On motion and second (Cammon, Jones) a unanimous decision was made to exit executive session and enter back in to regular session at 6:00 pm

Return to Regular Session: The board announced its offer to Beth Cantrell for the Executive Director position, which she accepted, effective 9/27/2024. Upon motion and second, (Jones, Cammon) a unanimous vote was made to approve Beth Cantrell's appointment as Executive Director of HCWA.

Additional Board Issues/Concerns:

Approval of Executive Minutes: On motion and second (Jones, Tucker) the board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes with Connie Nelms abstaining from the vote.

Adjourn: On motion and second (Nelms, Cammon) a unanimous decision was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm.



Rick Jones, Vice-Chairman

Date 10-21-24