

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission
March 16, 2026
Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its monthly meeting at 4:00 PM, March 16, 2026, at the Rogers Water Utilities Administration Building located at 601 S 2nd Street.

Present were Commissioners Paige Sulzemeier, Derek Morgan, Kathy McClure, Jene' Huffman-Gilreath and Chairman Jerry Carmichael. Rogers Water Utilities staff present were Aaron Short, Jered Sigmon, Brian Sartain, Jennifer Hoffman, Todd Beaver, David Staib, Johnny Lunsford, Jerry Roegner, Debbie Putman, David Ingram and Brent Dobler. Deborah Dattoli was in attendance. Also there was Robert Frazier with the Frazier Law Firm.

Chairman Carmichael called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Carmichael then called for action on the minutes from the February 17, 2026, Water and Sewer Commission meeting. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2026. Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor, minutes were approved.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present the financial reports. Billed revenue in the Water department for February 2026 was up 0.2% from February of 2025 at \$1,399,136. Fiscal year total net income in the Water department was \$5,922,878 at 60% of Budget. Water consumption was up 4.3% at 231,876,387 gallons. Residential/Commercial/Industrial consumption was up 6.8% year over year. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 67%. Water revenues are 62% of budget and expenses are 63% of budget. Capital spend is 38% at \$4,108,883.

The Sewer department billed revenue for the month of February 2026 is down 4.0% from January 2025 at \$1,810,134. Fiscal year total net income in the Sewer department was \$7,997,531 at 86% of Budget. Sewer consumption was up 14.0% from February of 2025 at \$1,932,113. Sewer consumption was up 3.8% at 195,401,400 gallons. Residential/Commercial/Industrial consumption was up 20.2% year over year. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 67%. Sewer revenues are at 70% of budget and expenses are at 62% of budget. Capital spend is 35% at \$16,673,059.

Unrestricted cash reserves for February 2026 in Water are \$27,927,398 and in Sewer are \$28,079,265. Restricted funds in Water are \$3,259,162 and in Sewer are \$1,988,481. Total restricted and unrestricted cash reserves are \$61,254,306. This is an increase of \$6,467,605 from February 2025. Impact and access fees collected in February 2026 totaled \$120,200. YTD actuals are 36% of FY25 total and 24% of the FY26 budget. The twelve-month rolling average for unaccounted for water stands at 9.2%.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present the Engineering Reports. Brian began by showing slides of the Poplar Street project. After 3 years of design and almost 2 years of construction, this project is now substantially complete. He continued by updating the Solids Handling project. This project is now in the electrical, plumbing, and HVAC phase. He then continued by showing the Commission the progress on the subsurface geologic testing in the karst areas along the proposed Western Corridor water transmission main. This resulted in some relatively minor adjustments to the proposed alignment to greatly reduce the risk of

uncovering environmentally sensitive areas. We have now directed the engineer on this project to move forward with design and easement acquisition. He ended his presentation by going over the current project status information and development plans.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized David Staib to present the Rogers Pollution Control Facility reports. David stated that the plant was operating very well as he went over the DMR summary. The FOG Inspections are routine. The plant is evaluating how to move forward by replacing or repairing the centrifuge feed pumps. The plant treated 269.5MG in February including approximately 17.5MG of I&I. The average daily flow for the month was 9.6MGD. These flows included .24" of rain over two events. The historical average rainfall for February is 2.24", so additional inflow is likely not from rain but occurring at a creek crossing or spring.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Johnny Lunsford to give the Operations report. Johnny showed photos of our new Leak Detection and Sewer Inspection vehicles with our new branding. He then went over the sequence of events RWU has undertaken to address odor issues at the exit manhole from a long force. He then discussed the training videos that our own internal crews have produced. Employees were invited to help in producing these and the results were increased participation, high creativity, along with ownership and increased compliance. Moving forward, RWU will continue to utilize these tools as they continue to produce safety videos, training, and informational videos for our in-house employees.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jerry Roegner to give the IT Report. Jerry informed the Commission of the threat that the current conflict presents to infrastructure operators. He elaborated on several of the activities that RWU has undertaken to combat these cyber threats such as our phishing simulation software and our IT newsletter. Along with these, RWU is required by Act 926 to migrate to a .gov email address. Act 848 that updated language in our existing technology use policy to include AI. He also went over other requirements that the State of Arkansas requires to be in place. The roll out of other items will increase our resilience against these threats and the ongoing training requirements. We continue our SCADA redeployment and migrations of other software already in place that will ultimately be a continuous process.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized David Staib to present RESOLUTION 26-09 RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR LIQUID POLYMER FOR THE ROGERS POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Staib explained that RWU entered a contract for Liquid Polymer on March 25, 2025 and it will be beneficial for RWU to renew this contract for an additional one-year period. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-09 RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR LIQUID POLYMER FOR THE ROGERS POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, Resolution 26-09 passed.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present RESOLUTION 26-10 AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR ANTICIPATED REVENUE BOND ISSUES; DESIGNATING UNDERWRITING AND AUDITING AS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR TRUSTEE SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Sigmon explained that, as planned, RWU will soon need to procure an underwriter for our anticipated revenue bond issue through the RFQ process. At the same time, RWU would like to utilize our existing Trustee (Regions Bank) and our existing auditor (Forvis Mazars, LLP) for the same issue since competitive bidding will result in needless administrative time and expense. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-10 AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR

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Chairman Carmichael then recognized David Ingram to present RESOLUTION 26-11 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Ingram stated that RWU's contract with their current uniform rental services provider ends in June 2026 and that there is a need to obtain a new uniform rental services provider. After evaluating several companies and their offerings, RWU believes that Cintas is the provider that can deliver the level of garment quality, the professional look, and service sought by RWU. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-11 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, Resolution 26-11 passed.

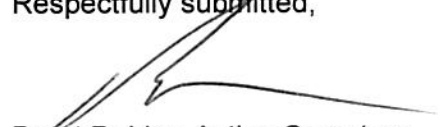
Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present Amendment #1 to Engineering Agreement (Engineering During Construction, Construction Observation, Project Staking, As-Built Plan Preparation & Project Closeout) Professional Services Agreement Highway 12 East Water Main Replacement. Brian stated that this Amendment will allow RWU to retain engineering services for the duration of this project with an expected duration of 270 days. This will also allow the engineer to be on site daily. Staff recommends approval of this amendment for \$142,000. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the Engineering Agreement for Professional Services Agreement for the Highway 12 East Water Main Replacement. Commissioner McClure seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael then stated that Commissioner Greene has completed his two-year term on the Water and Sewer Commission's Depository and Investment Committee. Chairman Carmichael then asked if any other Commissioner would volunteer to Chair this Committee. Commissioner Jene' Huffman-Gilreath responded that she would be willing to serve as the next Chair of the Depository and Investment Committee. Commissioner McClure made a motion to designate Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath as the next Chair of the Depository and Investment Committee, seconded by Commissioner Sultemeier. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael then made a comment that his term as Chair of the Water and Sewer Commission will be ending and that the Commission will need to decide on a new Chair at the April meeting.

Chairman Carmichael then asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McClure. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brent Dobler, Acting Secretary
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