

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

July 20, 2026

Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its monthly meeting at 4:00 PM on July 20, 2026, at the Rogers Water Utilities Administration Building located at 601 S. 2nd Street.

Commissioners Present: Jene' Huffman-Gilreath, Paige Sultemeier, Derek Morgan, and Kathy McClure.

Staff Present: Jered Sigmon, Brian Sartain, Todd Beaver, Jerry Roegner, Johnny Lunsford, Debbie Putman, Jennifer Hoffman, and Brent Dobler.

Legal Counsel Present: Robert Frazier, Frazier Law Firm.

Others in Attendance: Kevin Faught representing Stephens Inc., and Ryan Bowman with the Friday Law Firm.

Chair Huffman-Gilreath called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Public Forum: No participants were present.

Action on Minutes: Chair Huffman-Gilreath asked whether all Commissioners had reviewed the minutes of the June 15, 2026 meeting. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sultemeier seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Financial Report – J. Sigmon:

Mr. Sigmon presented the June financial report, noting that these results represent RWU's unfinalized and unaudited fiscal year-end figures. He explained that additional accruals, year-end adjustments, and depreciation entries would be made in collaboration with auditors. Water Fund revenues ended FY26 at 92% of budget, with expenses at 100%. Sewer Fund revenues finished at 104% of budget, and expenses at 98%. Capital outlay totaled \$6.1 million in Water (57% of budget) and \$26.3 million in Sewer (55%). Billed consumption-based revenue increased compared to June 2025, and year-over-year revenue growth remained strong. Access and impact fees totaled \$2.2 million for FY26, below projections and approximately \$1 million lower than FY25. June included significant developer-contributed capital—\$800,000 in Water and \$280,000 in Sewer—bolstering monthly net income. Cash reserves at fiscal year-end totaled \$31.5 million in Water and \$31.4 million

in Sewer. Mr. Sigmon provided detailed ledger-level breakdowns of residential, commercial, industrial, miscellaneous revenue lines, interest income, access and impact fees, and contributed capital.

Engineering Report – B. Sartain:

Mr. Sartain updated the Commission on multiple ongoing projects. He briefed the Commission on regional wastewater planning discussions occurring across Northwest Arkansas. Solids handling facility work continued with electrical, HVAC, piping, and fabrication delays pushing final completion to January 2027. The Highway 12 Water Main Replacement project progressed, although several segments required redesign due to narrow construction corridors and misaligned existing water line locations. Chateau subdivision sewer construction was nearing completion, with lines installed through roadways and residential yards; testing and cleanup were underway. PCF Improvement Project design meetings continued with Crossland Heavy and Freese & Nichols, and the 30% design package for equalization basin expansion was submitted to ADEQ, with construction expected to begin in early 2027. Additional engineering activities included utility coordination at the planned Oak Street municipal campus, ongoing design contracts under legal review, SCADA redeployment planning, development plan reviews, and status updates on water master planning and industrial area water improvements.

RPCF Report – T. Beaver:

Mr. Beaver reported strong plant performance during June. Phosphorus averaged 8.4 pounds per day, below 1.0 mg/L, reflecting stable process conditions. Industrial pretreatment partners continued improving their effluent strength, reducing surcharges. Heavy metals sampling showed no issues. June rainfall totaled eight inches across 13 events, with average influent flow of 12.8 MGD. The ammonia loading continued to fluctuate but remained manageable. Plant operations and engineering's targeted approach to relining and infiltration reduction continued to yield benefit. Overall, RPCF systems remained well within design parameters.

Old Business: No items listed.

New Business:

Selection of Underwriter for Anticipated Bond Issues – J. Sigmon:

Six firms responded to RWU's RFQ for underwriting services. After evaluation, the selection committee recommended Stephens Inc. Commissioner Sulzemeier made a motion to approve Stephens Inc. as Underwriter. Commissioner Morgan seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Selection of Bond Counsel – J. Sigmon:

Three firms responded to the RFQ for bond counsel services. The committee recommended Friday,

Eldridge & Clark. Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Friday, Eldridge & Clark as Bond Counsel. Commissioner Sultemeier seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Resolution 26-18 – Purchase of Field Operations Vehicles – J. Lunsford:

Staff requested approval to waive competitive bidding and purchase two 2026 Ram 1500 Tradesman 4×4 Crew Cab trucks and one Nissan Frontier SV 4×4 Crew Cab truck. The Ram trucks total \$89,148.62 and the Frontier totals \$40,247.30—all within budget. Commissioner Sultemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 26-18. Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor; Resolution 26-18 was approved.

Blossom Way Sewer Project Change Order – A. Short:

Mr. Short presented a change order from Ground Zero including epoxy coatings for diversion structures (\$169,050) and additional rock removal costs (\$75,000). The total change order requested was \$244,050, exceeding the allowance by \$94,050. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Sultemeier seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Resolution 26-19 – Municipal Water System Interconnection Agreement with City of Pea Ridge – B. Sartain:

Mr. Sartain explained the emergency-only interconnection agreement with Pea Ridge, intended to provide mutual backup service through an upgraded dual-direction meter at Yoakum Road. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve Resolution 26-19. Commissioner Sultemeier seconded. All in favor; Resolution 26-19 was approved.

Utility Routing Study Contract – Oak Street Municipal Campus – B. Sartain:

Halff Associates submitted a proposal to develop a coordinated utility and drainage master plan for RWU and City of Rogers facilities along Oak Street. Staff requested authorization to enter into an agreement not to exceed \$89,000, with RWU and the City cost-sharing up to 50%. Commissioner Sultemeier made a motion to approve. Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Resolution 26-20 – Settlement of Blossom Way Sewer Improvements Litigation – R. Frazier:

Mr. Frazier presented the proposed settlement agreement with the Lindsay property entities. The agreement includes a \$200,000 payment, detailed construction obligations, and post-construction encroachment agreements. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve Resolution 26-20. Commissioner Morgan seconded. All in favor; Resolution 26-20 was approved.

Resolution 26-21 – Amendments to City of Rogers Municipal Code Chapter 54 – B. Dobler:

Superintendent Dobler presented proposed amendments to remove outdated provisions related to metering exemptions and transitional fee structures. Commissioner Morgan made a motion to

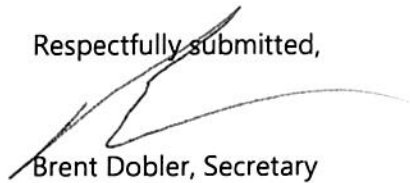
approve Resolution 26-21. Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor; Resolution 26-21 was approved.

Bid Results for RWU SCADA Systems – B. Sartain:

One bid was received from Crossland Heavy for \$370,798.00, which was slightly below the engineer's estimate. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve the bid award. Commissioner Sultemeier seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

With no further business, Chair Huffman-Gilreath adjourned the meeting at 4:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Dobler', is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Brent Dobler, Secretary