

Lake Catherine Waterworks and Sewer Facilities Board
Of Garland County, Arkansas

Minutes of Board Meeting held Monday May 18, 2026

The meeting of the Lake Catherine Waterworks and Sewer Facilities Board was called to order at 10:00am.

Attendance

John Combs, Chairman

Joe Allman, Secretary

Don Oseroff, Member

Doug Stephens, Member

Jack Plumlee, CEO

Leny Baker, Operations

Absent

Greg Pallitto, Vice Chairman

Guests Present

Ralph Carruth: Mayor, City of Diamondhead

Following a review of attendance, it was determined that a quorum was present. Chairman John Combs called the meeting to order.

Public/Guests Comments: Mayor Carruth discussed potential funding opportunities for improvements currently being investigated related to water pressure issues. He also presented the board with a document of contacts and steps to begin the process. CEO Plumlee agreed to initiate the process with the contacts at the State of Arkansas.

Approval of April 13, 2026 minutes. Chairman Combs made a motion that the minutes be approved, and Doug Stephens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- 1) CEO Jack Plumlee presented the financials.
 - a. Director Allman asked why March 2026 income was significantly lower than March 2025 and previous months in 2026. CEO Plumlee stated that March 2025 was anomaly as we had a freeze and usage was up due to residents running water, etc. Also, we had leak adjustments in March 2026 that totaled \$8,000 (deducted from April income) which significantly reduced the income. All in all, it was a good month, and we were able to pay some bills that we had been unable to pay due to lack of funds which explains the increase

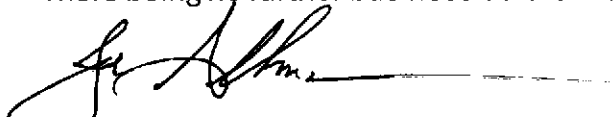
in expenses for the month. The rate increase is helping. All members agreed and thanked CEO Plumlee.

- 2) CEO Plumlee wanted to recognize Leny Bakers group as they were able to find and fix many water leaks which contributed a \$2,000 decrease in water purchase from the City of Hot Springs.
- 3) Operations Manager Leny Baker discussed a letter from a representative of Asterra (the company we were investigating for underground leak detection. This company is currently utilized by Central Arkansas Water; whereby they use satellite technology to detect those leaks in water distribution lines that are not visible on the surface) The Representative, Eric Trerotola, stated that LCWW is a bit small for the size of customer that they currently serve. (Charges are \$36K for scan/analyze and investigation of our system. Leak detection only with 5 days of investigating would be \$12K) They recommended that we piggyback off of Hot Springs in order to spread the charges out and make it more cost effective or employ a company that specializes in leak detection (McKim & Creed or WaterWise)
 - a. Chairman Combs recommended that we get with HS (has a new Operations Manager) and see if we can piggyback before we try to take it on ourselves. With Leny's crews work at the manual process of detecting leaks we have significantly reduced the leaks that were around 45% loss of water we purchase.
 - b. Director Allman stated that we still need to have greater leak reduction before we begin any project related to increasing pressure in lines for those residents with low pressure. This is step 1. Other members agreed.
- 4) Several Directors began to comment on recommendations of PMI to increase water pressure (\$3M project) and if we could have an interim fix of using pump stations. We've heard from many residents that they have great pressure when the pump stations are filling the water silo/tank, so it would stand to reason that we could create a system that would provide this pressure for those neighborhoods experiencing low pressure. Director Allman recommended investigating pump stations with the use of pressure transmitters downstream along with loop controller or PLC. If pressure drop to a certain level (as residents use water), booster pumps kick on and maintain a certain amount of pressure throughout the system. The PLC could be programmed to operate during specific times of day to conserve energy. These booster stations would be significantly less than upsizing lines and replacing existing "standpipe" silo/tank. All members agreed we should investigate further.
- 5) Director Don Oseroff resigned duties as Secretary. Director Allman accepted this additional duty and shall be added as signor on all bank accounts.

Old Business

- 1) Operations Manager Baker stated that he had received some information from PMI (Engineering firm contracted to perform hydraulic analysis); however, we still don't have the complete package. CEO Plumlee stated that we haven't paid them and will not until all agreed upon deliverables have been completed.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.



Joe Allman, Secretary