

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
OPERATION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LOST BRIDGE VILLAGE WATER AND SEWER
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS NOS. 1 AND 2
BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

August 13, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Operation Board of Commissioners of Lost Bridge Village Water and Sewer Improvement Districts No. 1 and No. 2 of Benton County, Arkansas was held at 9:00 AM on the thirteenth day of August, 2025 via Zoom video conference application and in person. The following were present, including most of the Commissioners.

<u>Operations Commissioners</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Guests</u>
John Buhr	Stacy Thompson	Joe Zgut	John Metrailer
Corey Cannon		Mike Ramsey	Michelle Olive
Keith Arnold			Joel Lenz

Motion to modify the agenda:

-Mike Ramsey made a motion to modify the agenda to add two line items. First Line item is discussion of a communications ap. Second line item is discussion on backflow preventer program. Joe Zgut seconded the motion. All approved.

Guest:

-John Metrailer stated we received the approval from ADH for the 4th lift station. That pump has been ordered and everything should arrive within the next couple months. Hoping to start by early October. John Buhr asked if the manufacturer of the pumps will do a start up after each install or after all have been installed. John Metrailer stated they will do a startup after each install just to make sure everything is running properly.

-Joel Lenz is a customer who's house is on the ledge above the wastewater plant. He has come to discuss the progress being made to build a "dog house" around the motor. Discussion was made. Joe Zgut stated he will be willing to contact the guys and help get that done.

WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR'S REPORT and WASTEWATER SYSTEM OPERATOR'S REPORT:

-Corey Cannon mentioned the guys fixed two big leaks one on Gainer and one on Black Oak. There is a possible leak on White Oak. The guys are going to go check it out.

-Corey Cannon mentioned the valve on the upper tower has been installed. It has been tested and does work as it should. John Buhr asked if we are able to move forward with the cleaning and painting of the upper tank. Corey Cannon stated we don't need to move forward yet till we get our other pump back so we have a back up pump in case the one installed fails. We will need a bladder tank when we start the rehab so the customers do not lose pressure. Corey stated he is going to reach out to John Metrailer to see if he thinks if there is enough pressure coming from Two-tone to just push the water up the hill to our customers on Whitney Mountain. Corey requested for Stacy Thompson to reach out to USG regarding when the rehab will start.

-Corey Cannon stated we will need to get new tires on the old truck before the end of the year. He stated it is time for an oil change on the new truck. He asked if we should take the truck to the Ford place in Rogers. Everyone agreed.

-Corey Cannon mentioned he received a call from a customer that had a major leak that was not found till the guys were sent to turn the water off for non-payment. They have fixed the leak but asking for relief of the water that went through the meter due to us not catching it. Stacy Thompson stated she can forgive some of the sewer after she receives a letter from them, then can set up a payment plan. Discussion was made. Corey stated he will reach back out to the customer.

BUSINESS REPORT:

-Minutes: John Buhr made a motion to approve the minutes. Keith Arnold seconded the motion. All approved.

FINANCIALS: No discussion was made. John Buhr made a motion to approve the financials. Keith Arnold seconded. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Mike Ramsey gave an update on the installation of Starlink. He is hoping to start the installation of the satellite on the maintenance building on the 14th of August. Once that is installed, he will get in the office on a day no one is there to do what needs to be done there. Once Starlink is up and running good, we will install our VOIP system. Mike will let Stacy know when she can cancel Brightspeed.

-Stacy Thompson requested to attend RVS and Centerpoint training in Little Rock Oct. 20-23. The cost of the training with the hotel will be over \$1000, so need board approval. John Buhr made a motion to approve Stacy going to training in Little Rock. Mike Ramsey seconded the motion. All approved.

-Mike Ramsey presented to the board a possible way to communicate through Whatsapp. You can create different groups in there depending on what project you want to discuss. Discussion was made. It was decided to table till the next meeting.

-Mike Ramsey brought up a suggestion for the backflow preventer required for our customers. Mike suggested we get some estimates from local plumbers on a set price to have these put in, then tell our customers they can go with this plumber for the set price. Discussion was made. It was decided that Mike Ramsey will take the lead on this.

No other discussions were made, Joe Zut made a motion to dismiss Corey Cannon seconded. Next board meeting will be September 17th. All approved.



Mr. John Buhr, Chairman



Mr. Corey Cannon, Secretary

Mr. Keith Arnold, Treasurer