

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

June 18, 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 eighteenth of June, 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>
Corey Cannon	Stacy Thompson	Joe Zgut	Mike Ramsey
John Buhr		Mike Ramsey	

Guest:

-John Metrailler was not present, however, John Buhr stated he spoke with John Metrailler the day before and had received ANRC approval for the change order. John Metrailler will get a cost estimate spreadsheet showing how much funds we have left to us.

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

-John Buhr stated that the Sevens Valley bid for the work on the upper tank includes an eight (8) inch valve install, all concrete as needed, thrust collars and all materials needed. Our guys will replace 6 inch valves, replace and repair pump and pump motors. All work done is not to exceed \$25,000, which will be paid for out of the depreciation fund. Seven Valleys is targeting getting started on June 26th.

-Corey Cannon stated he has talked with Kevin Lepola and Justin Lansdell regarding getting the asset management plan done by July 1st.

-Corey Cannon stated he has contacted someone to come get the old non-working generator up on the hill.

-Corey Cannon mentioned to possibly look at having the pumps/motors that are coming out of the lift stations being replaced, refurbished to have as backups.

-John Buhr stated the generator install is complete. It kicked on during the power outage and ran smoothly.

-Corey Cannon stated the road patches have been done.

BUSINESS REPORT:

-Minutes: Discussion was made on the wording for the quote from Seven Valleys discussed at last meeting. Stacy Thompson stated she typed up what was stated at the meeting. Corey Cannon made a motion to approve the May minutes. Joe Zgut seconded. All approved.

-Water Loss: Stacy Thompson mentioned the System Totals report and the water utilization report show two different water loss amounts. The System Totals report that is printed from RVS shows more water loss due to the fact that she just estimated the amount of water loss. When she was doing the water utilization report, she looked at the readings from Two-ton to get a better idea of how much was lost due to the massive leak that was found.

FINANCIALS: Discussion was made on the spending. John Buhr had some questions on the debt reserve and depreciation. No other discussion was made. Joe Zgut made a motion to approve the financials. Mike Ramsey seconded. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mike Ramsey presented before the board of commissioners to become a commissioner for District 1. John Buhr, chairman of the Operations Board made a motion to accept Mike Ramsey as Secretary for District 1. Corey Cannon seconded the motion. All district 1 commissioners approved.
- Gate at the plant is finished and operational. Only thing needed is the knox lock for NEBCO. Stacy Thompson stated she would contact NEBCO regarding this to see if they have a lock on hand. Mike Ramsey stated if they don't we can order directly from Knox Box.
- John Buhr mentioned our district Judge, Judge Dunn, will be visiting out here the next day. John stated he will take him around the village and show him the towers and plant.
- Joe Zgut mentioned the recreation center has been having some issue with water loss and drainage backup. He stated they found root balls in their drainage pipes. Also while looking for water loss problems, they found some valves that turn water off and on to the pool area that are deep in the ground. Also found some backflow issues. Joe asked if we could form a letter stating a backflow preventer is required to be put in. He states he has told the Association Board, but he thinks a letter from the water board would help.
- Stacy Thompson mentioned her and Kevin Lepola attended a zoom meeting held by Communities Unlimited on asset management planning and it was very informative. One of the things discussed in the class is that the EPA did recommend smaller systems to combine. They have already started combining some of these. This is something to keep in the back of our minds, looking forward. We would rather combine with Garfield then have Benton County Water District 1 to come in and consolidate all of us. There is funding out there for systems to combine. Another items she learned was, in order to raise sewer rates, we have to have a public meeting. One more item is, that ANRC does look at all revenue when determining funding for projects. So they do look at our assessments as revenue. Stacy mentioned we might want to look into raising our assessments. Stacy informed the board she has sent a link for a similar meeting that Communities Unlimited is holding and strongly encourages all board members to attend.
- Stacy Thompson mentioned that she had called Kati Hofstra with Lost Bridge Association regarding if the Starlink they use is business or residential. Kati informed Stacy that they have residential. Stacy also asked what phone system was used, Kati informed Stacy they use the VOIP system GoTo. Kati actually had their representative reach out to Stacy. Stacy seemed very impressed with the GoTo. After some discussion, the board had some questions, so it was decided that Mike Ramsey would come to the office the next day and talk with the representative.
- Corey Cannon mentioned he had gotten with Mike Ramsey on the best place to put the starlink satellite. Mike had mentioned the best place if we could do it would be to put it on the associations maintenance building. They could use it for internet there and we could fix it to where there would be no access to any of our stuff. John Buhr will talk with Craig Kelly, the TA for the maintenance.
- Discussion was made on raising our assessments. No decision was made at this time.

No other discussions were made, Corey Cannon made a motion to dismiss Mike Ramsey seconded. All approved.



Mr. John Buhr, Chairman



Mr. Corey Cannon, Secretary

Mr. Keith Arnold, Treasurer