

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

September 17, 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 seventeenth day of September 2025 via Zoom video conference application and in person. The following were present, including most of the Commissioners.

Operations Commissioners

John Buhr
Corey Cannon
Keith Arnold

Staff

Stacy Thompson

Commissioners

Joe Zgut
Mike Ramsey

Guests

John Metrailler
Mayor Gary Blackburn

Guest:

-Gary Blackburn, Mayor of the City of Garfield, brought before the board that there will be a meeting on September 22nd, at the training center at Benton/Washington Regional Public Water Authority to discuss the possible consolidation of Gateway Water, Garfield Water, Lost Bridge Village Water and Benton County Water District 1. Mayor Blackburn stated Scott Borman, with BWRPWA spoke at the Garfield City Council meeting on September 16th and the Gateway Water Board meeting on September 15th regarding this possibility. Mayor Blackburn stated he hoped we will have representation. Mayor Blackburn also mentioned regional sewer system. He stated the Northwest Council has taken it on as a project to get regional wastewater. Mayor Blackburn stated there will be a meeting on September 23rd at Rogers City Hall at 11:00am.

-We had no report from John Metrailler. He had to get off the meeting before we could get to him.

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

-Corey Cannon stated there are some valves sticking down on the lower tank. Once the tank is finished, we will look into replacing them. Corey stated the sticking valves might have led to the loss of water in the lower village. Discussion was made regarding why the bladder tank was not used. There was discussion on the loss of water pressure and the injury of Justin Lansdell. Corey mentioned we need to come up with a procedure for water boil orders and the communications sent to customers. Corey stated that on September 22nd, the engineers with USG and Scott Hurd will come out and brainstorm on what needs to be done to divert the water away from the tank.

-Corey Cannon mentioned the guys fixed a leak on Pine Dr. that the customer complained the water had been getting into her house. She has a house that is built underground. Corey stated he would like John Buhr to go with him to look and assess the damage. The guys stated the water was not flowing hard enough to get into her house. John and Corey will go and talk with the customer.

-Corey Cannon stated he received a call saying our pump motor is fixed and ready to be picked up. The second pump is in the shop waiting to be fixed. The company is having a hard time getting parts. Corey stated he reached out to Scott Hurd to contact this company with all the specs he has on the pump to try and help find the parts. If the pump is not fixable, Scott Hurd has another work around for the pumps. Corey asked the board to approve to give Scott Hurd the go ahead to get us a description and a quote. Stacy Thompson stated we still have money that was allocated for the upper tank repair of the motors, pumps, and valves. After much discussion, Corey made the motion to see if the pump can be repaired and if not then to get a quote from Scott Hurd for an alternative for the pumps on the upper tank. Keith Arnold seconded the motion. All approved.

Corey Cannon mentioned the tires on the new truck got damaged due to nails from construction around the village. The guys took the truck and got new tires on it.

BUSINESS REPORT:

-**Minutes:** Mike Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Corey Cannon seconded the motion. All approved.

FINANCIALS:

No discussion was made. Keith Arnold made a motion to approve the financials. Mike Ramsey seconded. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Discussion was made regarding the meeting to discuss the possible consolidation of systems. John Buhr mentioned he has asked our Engineer, John Metrailler to come to the meeting as well. John Buhr, Kevin Lepola, Stacy Thompson and John Metrailler will be in attendance at the meeting. They will report back next month.

-Corey Cannon mentioned he spoke with Fire Chief, Rob Taylor. ISO ratings are being looked at. Rob Taylor stated we need to test and inspect our own fire hydrants, or hire someone to do them, to keep our ISO rating where it is or to improve it. Chief Taylor gave Corey some names of places that can come in and test them for us. Corey stated he will look into this. We have a year to get all the testing results to NEBCO.

-Joe Zgut gave an update on the "doghouse" around the motor at the waste treatment plant. After much discussion, it was decided to meet with whoever wanted to meet and look at options.

-Stacy Thompson gave an update on the VOIP system. She stated the phone numbers are supposed to be transferred on Thursday.

-Mike Ramsey gave an update on the possibility of using Whatsapp. Mike gave a synopsis of how it works. After discussion it was decided to move forward with implementing the use of Whatsapp.

-Mike Ramsey gave an update on reaching out to plumbers on getting quotes to put in dual check valves. He is still waiting to hear back from a couple plumbers.

-Discussion on moving along on getting a SCADA system once the lift stations are done was made.

-Stacy Thompson provided a spreadsheet on the estimated cost of putting in water and sewer taps. After discussion, the board needs a more detailed average cost breakdown of the taps.

-Mike Ramsey brought up the issues the office is having with emails. He suggested consolidating the email accounts into one. After discussion, it was decided for Mike to move forward with this.

-Mike Ramsey also brought up a suggestion on putting a program on the computer for it to continually back up. After discussion, it was decided for Mike to move forward with this as well.

-Stacy Thompson brought up information on Act 605. Act 925 has now been added to this stating that sewer systems are now to be included in rate studies. Our rate study for the water is not due till 2030. Stacy Suggested to have a combined rate study done by July 2028.

No other discussions were made; Mike Ramsey made a motion to dismiss Keith Arnold second. Next board meeting will be October 14th. All approved.



Mr. John Buhr, Chairman



Mr. Corey Cannon, Secretary

Mr. Keith Arnold, Treasurer