



Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the February 2026 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, February 10, 2026 at the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Business Office, 137 Hiawassee Street, Clayton, Ga.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Sam Beck, Vice Chairman Jeff Hunter, Claude Rickman, Dee Van Camp, John Joyce and David Hart were present at the RCWSA Business Office. Treasurer Jerry Krivsky was present by telephone. A quorum was present. General Manager Brendan Thompson, Finance Manager Traci Adams, Maintenance & Construction Manager Christian Lovell, Human Resources Coordinator Josh Rimes and Zack Bryan with EMI were also present.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

Minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2026 had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Rickman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hunter. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

IV. General Manager's Report

- * January 2026 ending account balance was \$85,752.49
- * January 2026 Water System Total Billings: \$261,311.62
- * January 2026 Wastewater System Total Billings: \$161,569.99
- * January 2026 Water and Wastewater Total Billings: \$422,881.61
- * January 2026 Accounts Receivable (A/R's) \$158,405.16 as of 1-31-26
- * South Water System (LRWTP) pumped to distribution system for December 2025 was 28,432,000 gallons. Pumped to distribution system volume for January 2026 was 28,941,000 gallons; an increase of 509,000 gallons or 1.8% from December 2025 to January 2026. There was one new water connection on the south water system for the month of January 2026.
- * North Water System (LTWTP) pumped to distribution system for December 2025

was 24,780,000 gallons. January 2026 was 24,655,000 gallons; a decrease of 125,000 gallons or -.5% from December 2025 to January 2026. There was one new water connections on the north water system for January 2026.

- * Meter readings for January 2026 were taken by RCWSA on January 19, 2026. Bills were sent out on January 30, 2026.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (South Water System) for January 2026 was 46.4%.
- * Unaccounted for water volume (North Water System) for January 2026 was 56.2%.
- * Total water system unaccounted for water volume for January 2026 was 48.8%.
- * At the RCWRF and the SCWRF, regular preventive maintenance on motors and machinery is ongoing.
- * Mr. Thompson stated there were no new sewer connections for January 2026.
- * Fire hydrant replacement, maintenance and valve exercising is ongoing.

V. Ice and Snow Storms – Water Supply and Generators (LRWTP and LRWTP RWPS)

Mr. Thompson gave an update on power outages during the ice storm (January 24, 2026) and snowstorm (January 31, 2026) that caused water outages. Mr. Hunter stated two new generators are needed that will efficiently run the LRWTP and the LRWTP RWPS during power outages. The costs of the generators will be paid out of the RCWSA's SPLOST funds. Mr. Hart made a motion for Mr. Hunter to move forward with getting bids for the generators, seconded by Mr. Rickman. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

VI. RCWSA Water and Sewer Systems Update

The Board discussed billing and meter status.

VII. Master Plan for the Consolidated Water and Wastewater System

The Board discussed the Master Plan for the RCWSA's Water and Wastewater System. The Master Plan application was approved July 25, 2025 and will be effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027. Sewer manhole locates and condition scope from Woolpurt, a subconsultant for EMI, to be done under the Master Plan has been reviewed and those services will be started in April 2026.

VIII. Mountain City Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The Board discussed design, GEFA Loan funding, land acquisition, bids and construction.

IX. Stekoa Creek Water Reclamation Facility - Equalization Basin

The Board discussed the preliminary engineering details. Mr. Thompson stated that the RCWSA will be applying for a 100% GEFA grant to fund this project.

X. Leak Analysis and Detection

Mr. Thompson stated that the RCWSA has hired Mack Jones to assist with leak analysis and detection. Mr. Thompson stated that several data loggers have been placed and leak detection analysis is ongoing. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Lovell also stated that the RCWSA Staff was installing modulating valves on the Big Screamer Tank and the Greg Peters Tank to allow more control of the tanks' flows and allow the tanks to be isolated; helping in leak detection. The Board also discussed meter change outs and new Edmunds billing and financial software.

XI. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve invoices, seconded by Mr. Hart.
ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN - Mr. Rickman made a motion to adjourn.