



Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes August 11, 2026

I. Call to Order

Chairman Sam Beck called to order the August 2026 regular business meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority (RCWSA) at 10:00 AM, August 11, 2026, at the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Business Office, 137 Hiawassee Street, Clayton, Ga.

II. Roll Call

Chairman Sam Beck, David Hart, Claude Rickman, Kurt Cannon and Dee Van Camp were present at the RCWSA Business Office with member Jerry Krivsky attending by phone. A quorum was present. In attendance were General Manager Brendan Thompson, Finance Manager Traci Adams, Human Resources Coordinator Josh Rimes, Construction and Maintenance Manager Christian Lovell and Zack Bryan with EMI.

III. Approval of minutes from prior meetings

Minutes of the regular meeting on July 14, 2026, had been e-mailed to the members. Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Van Camp. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

IV. General Manager's Report

- July 2026 ending balance on RCWSA Operating Bank Account is \$ 161,825.99
- July 2026 Water System Total Billings: \$ 347,574.58
- July 2026 Wastewater System Total Billings: \$ 188,951.28
- July 2026 Water and Wastewater Total Billings: \$ 536,525.86
- July 2026 Accounts/Receivable (A/R's) \$ 104,720.36 as of 7/31/2026
- South Water System (LRWTP) pumped to distribution system volume for June 2026 was 32,448,000 gallons. Pumped to distribution system volume for July 2026 was 34,955,000 gallons; an increase of 2,507,000 gallons or 7.7% from June 2026 to July 2026. There were no new connections for the month of July 2026.
- Little Tennessee WTP pumped to distribution system for June 2026 was 24,485,000 gallons. Pumped to distribution system volume for July 2026 was 25,016,000 gallons; an increase of 531,000 gallons or 2.2% from June 2026 to July 2026. There were no new connections for the month of June 2026.

- Meter readings for July 2026 were taken by RCWSA on July 20, 2026. Bills were sent out on July 31, 2026.
- Unaccounted-for water volume for the South Water System for the month of July 2026 was 43.9%.
- Unaccounted-for water volume for the North Water System for the month of July 2026 was 53.5%
- Total Water System Unaccounted-for Volume Percentage for the month of July 2026 was 46.8%.
- At the RCWRF and the SCWRF, regular preventive maintenance on motors and machinery is ongoing. Mr. Thompson stated that installation of new chemical pump at the press building at SCWRF was completed. A sand layer was added at the drying bed at SCWRF and maintenance on the bar screen grit chamber has been completed.
- Mr. Thompson stated there were no new sewer connections for June 2026.
- Fire hydrant replacement, maintenance and valve exercising is ongoing.

V. RCWSA Water and Sewer Systems Update

The Board discussed billing and meter status.

VI. 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 started March 9, 2026. Sewer manhole surveying approximately 70% complete. First bill from EMI for the Sewer Surveys has been submitted for payment under SPLOST 8 and ARC Grant split 50-50.

VII. Generators - Lake Rabun Water Treatment Plant, Raw Water Pump Station and South Tiger Booster Pump Station

The Board discussed purchasing generators for the Lake Rabun Water Treatment Plant, the Lake Rabun Raw Water Pump Station and the South Tiger Booster Pump Station. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Bryan have submitted a GEMA Disaster Relief Grant on March 13, 2026, to fund the purchase of the generators. Mr. Thompson is following up regularly on the status of the GEMA Grant. Mr. Thompson stated that GEMA has followed up in the past couple of weeks asking for further information concerning costs. Mr. Thompson also stated that a BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) Grant has also been submitted as a back-up for the GEMA Grant.

VIII. Mountain City Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The Board discussed scheduling for Design, GEFA Loan Funding, Land Acquisition, Bids and Construction. Bids are planned to go out in January 2027. Construction is planned to begin in April 2027.

IX. Stekoa Creek Water Reclamation Facility - Equalization Basin

The Board discussed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the proposed Equalization Basin at the SCWRF. Mr. Thompson stated that the RCWSA has applied for a \$50,000 GEFA grant to fund this PER. GEFA has assigned project number CWHRF2026023 as the Project Number for the PER. Mr. Thompson stated that the RCWSA has confirmed with GEFA that the RCWSA is still interested in the Grant.

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 stated that the field work for the water distribution under the Master Plan is slated to start later in 2026.

XI. Security - SCADA and Network

Mr. Thompson stated that the RCWSA has Cisco security and VT SCADA with a two-point verification system that was installed 3 years ago and the RCWSA has a very good security system in place to prevent possible hacking.

XII. Approval of Invoices

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

ADJOURN - Mr. Rickman made a motion to adjourn.