

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ROCKWOOD WATER, WASTEWATER & NATURAL GAS BOARD**

**March 24, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at Administrative Building at 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Larry Davis presiding. Commissioners Harold Holloway, James Nuckols, Mark Clem and Ronnie Thompson were present.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of February Regular Minutes:** Commissioner Nuckols made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of February Financials:** Tausha Bruneel reported that water and sewer revenues for February were \$529,126; expenses were \$385,327. Month to date, water and sewer revenues exceeded expenses by \$60,080. Gas operating revenues totaled \$989,033; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$102,539. Month to date, gas revenues exceeded expenses by \$364,128. Commissioner Clem made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Holloway seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**General Manager's Report:** We have seen an up-tick in our Gas Warm Thoughts funding this year. Our gas costs went up significantly as well causing our gas rates to increase a little but we look for those to go back down in a couple of months. The Water Treatment Plant Project is moving along smoothly and everything is looking great.

A customer, Gary Baisley, at 416 S Chamberlain Ave, has a bill totaling \$6,141.37 that was set to final status March 17<sup>th</sup>. The customer had a couple months of a pretty significant leak that was confirmed by one of our technicians and was turned off at the meter. Mr. Baisley first agreed with us he had a leak but asked we not turn it off to allow him the chance to look for the leak. After some back and forth communication from Mr. Baisley we were able to schedule a time for one of our techs to meet him there and confirm the meter was spinning and it was turned off. Mr. Baisley then called back and reported his plumber found no leak and he was not paying the bill. The account was set for ACH payments and had 2 return within a 3-month window for NSF. We sent Mr. Baisley a letter after each NSF that he had 10 days to pay a different way and he did not attempt to make any payments after each letter. We then cut him off for non-payment. We are looking to the Board for guidance due to the amount and recommend we turn it over to our attorney to file a judgement on the property in an attempt to re-coup some of the funds. Commissioner Holloway made a motion to turn over to our Attorney Sharon Clark and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Nuckols. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Operation Report:** Presented February report with no questions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Consideration and Approval of Commercial and Industrial Gas Meter Rate schedule:** Due to the switch in gas meter brands due to difficulty to obtain the current brand we need to update our gas tap fees and sizing along with the meter fees based on meter size. We now service customers with Sonix IQ gas meters for anything from a 250 up to an 880. If a customer needs a meter larger than what the 880 can handle those fees would be calculated individually based on current costs. General Manager recommends approval. Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the updated fee/tap schedule and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration and decision on customer dispute of bill-111 Pond Grove Circle:** Mr. Minnick did not accept the letter the Board approved last month for the GM to send. He is now requesting a full board vote on the matter of the bill. Commissioner Holloway made a motion that the bill stands and Commissioner Nuckols seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Public Awareness request- Roane County 4-H:** 4-H is looking for 2026 summer camp sponsors. Commissioner Nuckols made a motion to decline sponsorship and Commissioner Holloway seconded. Commissioner Thompson passed on the vote but the motion passed.

Comments from the Board were discussed. Chairman Davis stated that he would like to schedule a workshop and called meeting to discuss the extension of a new water line from Hwy 70 to the Tyler Pointe Shopping Center to increase fire flows. Chairman Davis indicated that the City of Rockwood would pay half the cost of this water line. Ms. Leffew asked for time and date options for the workshop and Chairman Davis requested the following week and instructed Ms. Leffew to coordinate with the City on the date and time of the workshop and called meeting.

After a brief communication from the Board the meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM by motion of Commissioner Clem and seconded by Commissioner Holloway. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Larry Davis, Chairman

  
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Tausha Bruneel, Secretary