

**NICHOLSON WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026**

Board Members Present: Roger Brock, Martie Hutchens, Robert Akin
Staff present: Mike Pruett, Tosha Gaddis
Others: Nick Zimmer, Ronald Long

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from February 10, 2026 Board Meeting and March 17, 2026 Called Meeting were looked over. There was a motion made by Robert Akin to approve the minutes. There was a second by Martie Hutchens. All members agreed. The motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

ENGINEER:

Engineer, Nick Zimmer explained the GEFA Hurricane Helene Grant and application process to the board. Next steps is to respond to the email. There was a motion made by Martie Hutchens to move forward with the application process with the guidance from Mr. Zimmer. There was a second made by Robert Akin. All members agreed. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

OPERATIONS

Jeremy Owensby was not present. The discussion of the Waterworks Right-of-Way was discussed. Tosha Gaddis explained that she had a surveyor come out and mark the ROW and the line is siting 15 feet off the ROW. The owner of the property asked if we could move the water line down 5 feet so that they could get their driveway installed. Tosha reported that Jeremy and Wayne have been working to relocate the line and finished today and set the homeowners tap while the line was open.

FINANCIALS

There were a few questions about Dollar General and Walmart transactions. Tosha Gaddis stated that the DG is where drinks/water and hydration packets are purchased. And that Walmart was a phone protector. She stated that she gets receipts from purchases and examines them. There was a motion made by Robert Akin to accept the financials. There was a second made by Martie Hutchens. All members agreed. The motion carried.

USAGE

Water loss percentage was at a 16.68%. Roger Brock asked for the Operator to check the meter next to his for any usage.

OTHER

No Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Locator – The board was presented with a quote from EASTCOM for the Sonar Locator. Martie Hutchens made a motion to purchase the LMX100 with funds from the Reserve Account. There was a second made by Robert Akin. All members agreed. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Standard Technical Specifications & Details

Water System Extension Policy

Impact Fee Schedule for Specs and Water System Ext. Policy – There was discussion on what to call this fee. Tosha Gaddis is going to call around and research other systems and their developer policies. The board agreed to allow Engineer, Nick Zimmer to continue to work on these policies and changes that are needed before approving.

Drug and Alcohol Policy – The board agreed that NWA needs a policy. Attorney Mike Pruett explained the different type of testing available. And what would work best for our small employment. Tosha Gaddis is to call providers to ask questions on the cost and logistics of setting a drug policy in place and bring it back to the board next month.

DISCUSSION:

There was some discussion on the JCWSA connection and the next steps. No action taken.

ADJ:

There was a motion to adjourn made by Robert Akin. There was a second made by Martie Hutchens. All members agreed. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Developer Fee Schedule

Drug and Alcohol Policy Info