

The Arbuckle Public Utility District Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arbuckle Public Utility District was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2026, by Director Jon Ring.

Directors present: Director Jon Ring, Director Juan Diaz, and Board President, Kevin Wood by Zoom.

Others present: Cindy Nunez, Ana Hass, Austin Cho with Downey Brand via Zoom

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the previous regular Board meeting June 11, 2026, were approved as read. Director Juan Diaz made the motion to approve the minutes. Director Jon Ring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call was taken for each director vote.

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 17, 2026, were approved as read. Director Juan Diaz made the motion to approve the minutes. Director Jon Ring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call was taken for each director vote.

Public Comment: Rod Bradford, district customer, addressed the Board regarding the time of public board meetings, and requested that the Board meet later in the evening. Mr. Bradford also commented on the division of costs for wastewater as reflected sewer rate study.

Financial reports & Account Transfer:

The Board reviewed financial statements for the month June 2026 and bills from June 11, 2026, to July 8, 2026. Director Juan Diaz made a motion to approve the financial statements and bills; Director Jon Ring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Roll Call was taken for each director vote.

Discussion and action regarding current balances in county accounts: The Board reviewed financial statements from the Colusa County Auditor Office.

Staff Report:

General Manager:

- Mr. Felkins reported to the Board of Directors that the average inflow into WWTP for the month of June was 268,000 gallons per day. A total of 8,040,804 gallons for the month. Pond #1 over topped into Arwill Farms containment ditch then into Salt Creek for a total of 472,000.00 gallons for the month of June 2026.
- Mr. Felkins reported that Well #1 and Well # 4 pumped 41,667,000 gallons for the month of June 2026.
- Mr. Felkins reported that Well #4 pumping level is 228 feet and 600 g.p.m.

- Mr. Felkins reported that Ana and Cindy have entered all the customers new wastewater rate increases into the District billing system and sent all statements out.
- Mr. Felkins reported that he had a Teams meeting with the State Water Resources Control Board and MC-Engineering on June 29th to discuss the Waste Discharge Requirements.
- Mr. Felkins reported that Fabian Gomez and he went to a RCAC Water Treatment and Distribution class on Tuesday.

Office Manager:

- Ms. Hass reported that July year accounts were mailed to District customers.
- Ms. Hass reported that January year customers were mailed a bill for \$203.04 for the wastewater rate increase, representing the difference between the old rate and the current rate.
- Ms. Hass informed the Board that the District Office has been very busy the first part of July 2026. Many walk-in customers and frequent cash deposits taken to Columbia Bank.

General Business:

- Discussion and action on delinquent customer accounts:** Ms. Hass informed the Board that the District Office has sent out 6 (7-day letters) to delinquent customer, and two District customers were disconnected due to 60-day delinquency. Water was restored after payments were processed.
- Discussion on Historical Water and Sewer rates:** District staff gave a presentation on the historical APUD rates. The 1954 Arbuckle Public Utility District water and sewer monthly rate was \$6.00 (\$3.00 per month for water and \$3.00 for sewer). With an average yearly inflation rate over the last 72 years of 3.56% and an annual capital improvement increase of 1.44% per year, the original \$6.00 per month combined rate would now be \$201.27. A ¾" line at the new wastewater rate is \$107.69. Mr. Felkins was directed to send the figures to MC Engineering and ask them to confirm the math and give their opinion on the reasonableness of an average annual capital improvement increase of 1.44%.
- Audit Results from Robert Johnson Accounting:** Financial Audit Results for the year ended June 30, 2025, were given to the Board Directors to be reviewed at their convenience and auditor's recommendations to be discussed at the following board meeting.
- Arbuckle Cemetery Office Agreement:** Update and Discussion on A.P.U.D. office space rental to Arbuckle Cemetery District: Copies of the draft agreement were made and given to the Ana Hass to be given to the Arbuckle Cemetery District Directors for their review.

Closed Session:

The Board entered closed session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following two items:

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Gov. Code 54956.9) *Arwill Farms. LLC v. Arbuckle Public Utility District*, Colusa County Superior Court Case No. CV24834;
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel-Significant Exposure to Litigation (Gov. Code, 54956.9 (d) (2) (One Case).

The Board resumed Open Session at 4:47 p.m. and reported no reportable action taken in closed session.

Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be August 13, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ana M. Hass