

**MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2025**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on August 15, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. An amended agenda was filed the August 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Stormie Bowen, Ernesto Villanueva, Arthur Lloyd, and Ernie Dowdell

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Gena Trent, Sean Stephens, Shiann Dawson

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Heidi Teeter, Dan Day, Stephen Palmer, Lana Johnston, Yukiko Oakley, Rob Johnston, Talitha Adler, Susanna Williams, Troy Lee, Trey Arney, Steve Gordon, Brandon Lee, Donnie Phipps, Shane McMasters, and others.

Custer County Sheriff Dan Day opened the meeting with prayer and Heidi Teeter, Vice-Post Commander, American Legion Post No. 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of August 5, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Pay Application No. 4 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. S-2505 Invoice No. 25158 in the Amount of \$122,417.00 for Clinton Sewer Improvements Project Associated with ODOT Project Agreement #31842(04) I-40 Exit 65 Improvements
- C. Pay Application No. 4 from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company Project No. W-2501 Invoice No. 25157 the Amount of \$151,409.10 for Clinton Water Improvements Project Associated with ODOT Project Agreement #31842(04) I-40 Exit 65 Improvements,
- D. Requested Change Order from Krapff Reynolds Construction Company to Extend the Water and Sewer Improvements Project by Sixty (60) Days Due to Springtime 2025 Weather Events

Motion was made by Trustee Dowell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva that the

Consent Agenda Items be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. Update on the Repairs to the 27 Inch Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Main and Any Action(s) Needed Regarding Project Funding

Public Works Director Gene McCullough reported that Lone Hickory has completed point repairs and will be testing the line for flow. Engineer Matt Coe presented an update on the repairs to the 27-inch sanitary sewer interceptor main and reported that he had also recently toured the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Coe stated that he would like to do a comprehensive assessment of the plant and look at costs of repairs vs building a new plant. Manager Johnston asked Mr. Coe if he could have an assessment back by the October 7, 2025, meeting. The assessment should provide information regarding costs of repairs identified verses the cost of a new facility.

No action needed.

B. Regarding the event identified below to enter into Executive Session, upon the advice and request of legal counsel, to discuss the status of this matter with counsel. Public disclosure of these confidential communications would seriously impair the ability of the City of Clinton and its attorney(s) to properly process and defend itself in litigation. Counsel may appear telephonically. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)]

- **Notice of Tort Claim filed by Meacham Farms, Inc.**

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Lloyd to enter into Executive Session, upon the advice and request of legal counsel, to discuss the status of this matter with counsel. Public disclosure of these confidential communications would seriously impair the ability of the City of Clinton and its attorney(s) to properly process and defend itself in litigation. Counsel may appear telephonically. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)] regarding notice of tort claim filed by Meacham Farms, Inc. and invite in Manager Johnston and Stephen Palmer, Collins, Zorn & Wagner PLLC, attorney for the Clinton Public Works Authority.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

C. Discussion within Executive Session, upon the advice and request of legal counsel, to discuss the status of this matter with counsel. Public disclosure of these confidential communications would seriously impair the ability of the City of Clinton and its attorney(s) to properly process and defend itself in litigation. Counsel may appear telephonically. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)]

- **Notice of Tort Claim filed by Meacham Farms, Inc.**

No Action

D. Action, discussion and possible vote, in public forum, to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene in Open Session, relative to the case identified below. Counsel may appear telephonically. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)]

- **Notice of Tort Claim filed by Meacham Farms, Inc.**

Motion was made by Trustee Bowen and seconded by Trustee Lloyd in public forum, to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene in Open Session, relative to the case identified below. Counsel may appear telephonically. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)] regarding the *Notice of Tort Claim filed by Meacham Farms, Inc.*

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

E. Possible vote to take any necessary action relative to the Executive Session for the case identified below. Counsel may appear telephonically. [Authority: Title 25 Okla. Statute, § 307(B)(4)]

- **Notice of Tort Claim filed by Meacham Farms, Inc.**

Motion was made by Trustee Bowen and seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve Steven Palmer and Collins, Zorn & Wagner PLLC, to act on the PWA's behalf related to the Meacham Farms Tort Claim and give authority to the Manager Robert Johnston to negotiate a settlement pending the Authority and Council approval.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

ITEM NO. 4 NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: MANAGER COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Villanueva, Berrong
Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman

MINUTES OF CLINTON PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 26, 2025

Minutes of the special meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Public Works Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on August 26, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. An amended agenda was filed the August 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall.

AGENDA ITEM No. 1. CALL TO ORDER, OPENING

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following present:

CHAIRMAN: David Berrong

TRUSTEES: Stormie Bowen (Hill), Arthur Lloyd, and Ernie Dowdell

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Ernesto Villanueva

MANAGER: Robert Johnston

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

CITY CLERK: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Sean Stephens, Shiann Dawson

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Talitha Adler, Richard Coit, Len Lacefield, Ken Baker, Chris Jones, Cris Hickerson, and others.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

A. Request from the Clinton Hospital Authority for Funding Assistance to Meet Payroll and Other Specifically Designated Expenses.

Clinton Hospital Authority Chairman Baker provided an update regarding the current financial needs of the hospital. He reported that the Clinton Regional Hospital is going a different direction with the Revenue Cycle Management and has reached out to Far West Health Systems, LLC to help review and facilitate the corrections that need to be made. Barbie Miller, President of Far West Health Systems, joined the Clinton Hospital Authority meeting earlier today via a Teams call. She has RCM and hospital CFO experience in rural hospitals. Claims were refiled this weekend and those claims should be in paid September 8-20. Chairman Baker stated that current cash on hand is \$117,000.00. Accounts Payable including payroll is estimated at \$272,000. He asked the Public Works Authority for financial support in the amount of \$200,000 to help with payroll and specific designated expenses.

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Lloyd to approve the request from the Clinton Hospital Authority for Funding Assistance to Meet Payroll and Other Specifically Designated Expenses in the amount of \$200,000.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Lloyd to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Bowen, Lloyd, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman