

**MINUTES**  
**ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**June 4, 2025**

The special meeting of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) was held via zoom on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 9:30 am.

Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Chairman Jamie Burr, Commissioner Neal Anderson, Commissioner Bruce Leggitt, and Commissioner Mike McDermott, Commissioner Joanne Bush, Commissioner David Gilbert and Commissioner Eddie Glover. Commissioner William Anderson was unable to participate in the meeting.

Staff members in attendance included: Chris Colclasure, Natural Resources Division Director; Christy Raatz, Administrative Analyst; Tate Wentz, Water Resources Chief; Megan Perkins, Conservation Program Coordinator; Debby Dickson, Water Development Section Manager; Bob Hunt, Finance Program Coordinator; Amanda Andrews, Managing Attorney; Corey Seats, General Counsel.

A list of guests is attached to the minutes.

Chairman Burr called the ANRC meeting to order, and roll was called.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM SERIES RESOLUTION** – Director Colclasure, Natural Resources Division Director, presented taxable series 2025 for \$25,000,000 of State of Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal and Pollution Abatement Facilities General Obligation Bonds, Taxable Series 2025 (the "Series 2025 Bonds"), pursuant to Act 631 of 2007 (the "Act") and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas.

*Upon motion by Mr. William Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Joanne Bush, the Commission unanimously approved the general obligation bond taxable series 2025 resolution for \$25,000,000.*

**WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SECTION**

*Upon motion by Mr. Neal Anderson, seconded by Mr. William Brewer, the Commission unanimously approved the following staff recommendations for financial assistance.*

Mrs. Debra Dickson, Water Development Section Manager, presented a recommendation for the project below requesting financial assistance.

**City of Hoxie**

**Lawrence County**

**Purpose:** Emergency Funding Request – Sewer Repair 2025

**Project Description**

This project is for emergency funding requests and sewer repairs. The sewer main collapsed beneath the highway at the intersection of Highway 63B and Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The main

serves approximately one-third of the city. As part of this project, they will need to bore under the roadways to inspect and repair the main.

The city passed resolution 2025-007, on May 15, 2025, declaring an emergency need for the sewer main repair. On May 16, 2025, Director Colclasure consulted with Chairman Burr and Secretary Ward, the request of \$100,000, was approved. The city is requesting an additional \$50,000 to complete the project.

**Project Financial Information**

Their current rates are \$19.20, based on 4,000 gallons a month of wastewater usage, the city will not be required to raise their rates for this loan. The current three-year (2019-2021) average Median Household Income (MHI) provided by UALR for Hoxie is \$33,354. Hoxie listed the customer base for this project at 777. Hoxie has one loan with the commission and is current on their payments.

**Estimated Project Cost**

Construction:	\$150,000
Contingencies:	0
Engineering – Planning, Design & Construction:	0
Engineering-Inspection:	0
Legal:	0
Administrative:	0
Other:	0
Other:	0
Capitalized Interest During Construction:	0
<hr/> Total Estimated Capital Cost:	<hr/> 150,000
Less:	0
3% Origination Fee	0
<hr/> Total ANRC Funding Requested:	<hr/> \$150,000

**Director’s Recommendation**

Recommend the commission approve an amount up to \$150,000 (and waive the 3% origination fee), in the form of a loan from the Water, Sewer, Solid Waste Fund.

Authorize the director the discretionary authority to increase the amount of financial assistance to the applicant for bid overruns by an amount up to 10% of the commission funding amount (\$15,000) without returning to the commission for approval. Such increase in financial assistance shall be granted only after consultation with the commission chairman. Any financial assistance increases pursuant to this section shall be reported to the commission in its entirety at the next regularly scheduled commission meeting.

**OTHER**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the commission unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

  
Chris Colclasure  
Director

8/12/25  
Date