



CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority was called to order on January 27, 2026, at 5:32 pm by President Gabehart.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Gabehart led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Donald Gabehart, Treasurer Teresa Parker, Director Laurel Brown and Director Bret Wager. Secretary Jill Duvall arrived at 5:39pm via Zoom.

Also present:

Kim Boyd, Town Administrator

Sasha Davidson, Town Clerk

Michael Wolf, Wolf Compliance on Zoom

Chris Cobbley, Wolf Compliance on Zoom

Steve Eis, Wolf Compliance on Zoom

CONSENT ITEMS

- A. **Approval of the Agenda** – President Gabehart entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Treasurer Parker made the motion to approve the agenda. Director Wager seconded the motion, and the motion passed 4-0, with no discussion.
- B. **Approval of the minutes of December 10, 2025, Meeting** – President Gabehart entertained a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2025. Treasurer Parker made the motion to approve the minutes. Director Wager seconded the motion, and the motion passed 4-0, with no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **Expenditures for Year-to-Date 2026** - Administrator Boyd shared the financial reports. It was discussed that a request has been made of Wolf Compliance to create a list of repairs above and beyond what regular maintenance should be.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Sasha Davidson, Clerk

- 1. **Systems Total Report** – Showing 57% water loss that could be due to draining tank and around 14 malfunctioning and missing meters. There was also an issue at the pump house where water was

flowing backwards and not reading correctly. Wolf Compliance has done a great job of identifying problems with the meters and starting to repair the issues.

2. There were 8 shut-off notices that were sent out along with 17 warning letters.

B. Kim Boyd, Administrator

1. New Well was discussed with note that KWWA has been awarded a \$1 million dollar grant to start the project. It looks like the project might be able to be divided into sections to help with the costs and grant opportunities. Most of the cost comes from construction, design and engineering, while the drilling of the well will be around \$300,000 of the estimated \$4-5 million.
2. There have been some breaks recently, and Wolf Compliance has been able to stop the leak without shutting down the whole system. A yellow notice has been created to put on people's door to let them know that their water has been shut off and which party (KWWA or customer) is responsible for the repair.

C. Wolf Compliance, ORC

1. Mike – Wastewater - Steven has been working at the waste plant trying to get it back online and working properly. There have been numerous issues with numerous pumps, some of which Steven has been able to repair. The UV channel needs to be pulled and cleaned as it has not been maintained. There many need to be some bulbs replaced. The back-up motive pump is missing, and another one is shorting out, it is recommended that a new motive pump be ordered. Many of the blowers needed new belts and sprockets, which have been replaced and/or ordered in some cases. One of the SBR's had to be drained and found that the float for the decant arm was about to fall off, and it has been repaired. There were some golf balls and a lay flat hose that were found in the header that were blocking flow. The grinder and muffin muncher have been pulled for repairs. It was noted that the board has been misled in the past about how bad the conditions are at the sewer plant.

Water – Level sensor for tank that goes into the water tank had corrosion which contributed to the tank overflow and huge amounts of water loss. It has been fixed and is working correctly now. It was suggested that a sign be put up at the water tower to deter people from trying to enter or tamper with the tower as it is a federal offense. The water system is working but needs some maintenance. It was noted that Ted cleaned up the water building and got things in order. It was recommended to sandblast and paint of the pipes in the building due to rust. As far as the "no read" meters, to get some of the reads, the meter pits had to be dug up, so it appears that reads were not being accurately taken. They are requesting some handheld probes for the wastewater facility.

2. Steve – There is a bad check valve on the second high service pump, and it leaks backwards about four gallons a minute when the pump isn't running. They are going to try and repair it before replacing it. The pump mechanical seals on both high service pumps also need to be replaced as

they are leaking. Reactor number 2 at the wastewater plant is back online as of today, so one side is back working properly. Quotes have been requested to replace the two pumps that are malfunctioning. Will need a large vac truck with a hydraulic crane arm to reach in and clean.

3. Chris – There is a sanitary survey coming up in February with the State. They will look to make sure we are in compliance and will probably look back at the last three years of records.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Reappointment and renewal of term for Donald Gabehart**
2. **Reappointment and renewal of term for Jill Duvall**

It was noted that public notice was not placed in the paper for the open board positions in a timely manner, so the reappointment and renewal of the two positions will be held at the February meeting if there are no other applicants.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Wright Water KWWA Draft Water Plan** – There was discussion over possible revisions that need to be made to the plan to make it work for both KWWA and Elbert County. Clarifications have been sent to both sets of attorneys. This will be discussed again at the February meeting. It was noted that a contact point for water issues is the North Kiowa Bijou Groundwater Management Board.

CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

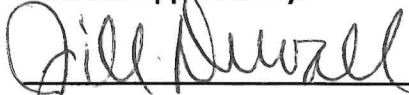
There was discussion about the level of service that is being done by Wolf Compliance, and the ability to repair some of the systems to save money. There is an appreciation for the company being proactive in solving problems. There was also appreciation noted for Ted and his work to assist with the system also.

ADJOURN

President Gabehart entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Wager made the motion to adjourn. Treasurer Parker seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0 with no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:30pm at Kiowa Town Hall.

Minutes Approved by:



Jill Duvall, KWWA Secretary



Sasha Davidson, Secretary to the Board