SALINE REGIONAL PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY (SRPWA) MEETING
Thursday, January 22, 2026
City of Bryant Court Room, 210 S.W. 3rd Street, Bryant, AR

The Saline Regional Public Water Authority met in regular session Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the City of Bryant Court Room, 210 S.W. 3rd Street, Bryant, AR.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by SRPWA Chairman Dickie Kentner.

When the roll was called, Board Members present were:

Dickie Kentner, Salem Water, President
Kim Cupples, East End Water, Vice President
Bobby Westbrook, Haskell, Member
Todd Pedersen, Benton Utilities, Member
Mayor Chris Treat, Bryant, Member
Mayor Mike Kemp, Shannon Hills, Member
Jason Temple, Southwest Water, Member
Jammie Reagan, Saline County Water & Wastewater, Member

A quorum was called with eight members present.

President Kentner asked if everyone had read the regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2025. Member Temple made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Member Kemp seconded the motion. President Kentner called for a voice vote. All members present voted in the affirmative. December 15, 2025, minutes were approved.

3. December Financials

Mrs. Rhonda Sanders, treasurer, presented the financials for December . Mrs. Sanders went through the expenditures and revenues that came in for December as well as CD's, the easement account and the money market account. Member Pedersen made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Member Temple seconded the motion. President Kentner called for a voice vote. All member present voted in the affirmative. December financials approved.

4. Election of Officers

The next item of business was the election of officers for 2026. Member Kemp made a motion to re-elect President Kentner and Member Treat seconded the motion. President Kentner called for a voice vote. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Member Temple made a motion to elect Member Treat as the vice president. Member Kemp seconded the motion. President Kentner called for a voice vote. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Member Temple then made a motion to elect Member Pedersen as secretary/treasurer. Member Threat seconded the motion. President Kentner called for a voice vote. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Easement Acquisitions

Mr. Shawn Jackson gave an update on the status of the easements from the intake to the terminal storage reservoir and from the terminal storage reservoir to Highway 70. He said they had some pretty good success in the last few days. He gave them some spreadsheets with breakdowns on the progress and explained where they were on acquisitions.

B. Update on Waterline Progress

Mr. Matt Dunn, Crist Engineers gave an update on the design of the project and stated that all design will be completed and ready for bid by summer. He showed them renderings of the water treatment plant. He said they were not complete and would have to be approved by the board. He also asked for comments and questions before it was complete.

9. New Business

A. RFQ for Financial Advisor

Mr. Perry Young, Attorney, provided the request for qualifications document for financial advisor services and requested any comments be submitted by him by Friday, January 30, 2026.

B. Report on Email from Bob Hunt with ANRC Regarding Financing.

After a group discussion about the change in funding by ANRC (Arkansas Natural Resources Commission) being offered to Loan 02-758—GO-L. Member Kemp made a motion to allow President Kentner permission to sign the loan acceptance letter from ANRC. Member Westbrook seconded the motion. President Kentner called for a voice vote. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

C. Discussion on Conversation with WIFIA about Loan

Mr. Young described the WIFIA (Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) programs. He said they are for funding projects just like ours and the minimum is twenty million. They are not interested in small projects. He thinks SRPWA need to try to get WIFIA funding and explained how it works. He would like authorization from the board to submit a letter of interest. He said there was no cost for submitting this request. After much discussion, Member Kemp made a motion to proceed with submitting the letter. Member Temple seconded the motion. President Kentner called for a voice vote. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed authorizing Mr. Young to submit a letter of interest to WIFIA.

D. Update on Sardis and Tull

President Kentner distributed the signed agreement between SRPWA and Tull. Sardis is still reviewing their agreement.

10. Public Comment

11. Next Meeting: February 26, 2026

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Dickie Kentner, President