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Talor or Sheila,

Please print the attached and file as a communication.

Thank you,

Diane

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Subject: items to add to the agenda for the November 24, 2025 meeting (Wastewater & Michael Clayton awards)

Diane,
Please add these <u>two items</u> (information attached) to the City Council agenda for the November 24, 2025 meeting.

1. **North Little Rock Wastewater Utility Honored with Platinum 7 Award for Excellence in Compliance**

2. **Michael Clayton Named 2025 AWWMA Manager of the Year**

Thanks so much,
Shara

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Ms. Hutchcraft:

Please find attached the two articles about the two awards that Mr. Clayton accepted recently for NLRWU. (It's one document, but it contains two different stories.) Below is a photograph from the AWWMA Award (page two from attached)

Arkansas Water & Wastewater Manager's Association
MANAGER OF THE YEAR
2025
Michael Clayton

Respectfully,

Brian Grant

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A Clean Water Agency

Aug 19, 2025

North Little Rock Wastewater Utility Honored with Platinum 7 Award for Excellence in Compliance

Updated: Aug 19, 2025

North Little Rock, Aug. 19, 2025 — North Little Rock Wastewater (NLRWU) has been recognized with the Platinum 7 Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for two facilities: the White Oak Bayou Treatment Plant and the Five Mile Creek Treatment Plant. This prestigious honor marks seven consecutive years of 100% compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.

The NACWA Platinum Award is one of the nation's highest distinctions for clean water utilities. It recognizes operational excellence and environmental stewardship, specifically honoring utilities that maintain a perfect compliance record for more than five years. NLRWU also received one Gold Award for perfect compliance for one year, and one Silver Award, recognizing no more than five permit violations in one year, for Maumelle WRF and Faulkner Lake WRF, respectively.

"This achievement is the direct result of our staff's expertise, diligence, and commitment to excellence in protecting water quality for our community," said Michael Clayton, Director of NLRWU. "Meeting every requirement, every day, for seven years in a row underscores the high level of care and professionalism that defines our operations."

The recognition highlights North Little Rock's ongoing role in safeguarding the Arkansas River and surrounding watershed while providing reliable wastewater treatment services for residents and businesses.

Aug 19, 2025

Michael Clayton Named 2025 AWWMA Manager of the Year

Updated: Aug 19, 2025

The Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association (AWWMA) has named Michael Clayton, Executive Director of North Little Rock Wastewater, as its 2025 Manager of the Year.

Clayton, a civil engineer with more than 30 years of experience in public infrastructure, has led North Little Rock Wastewater since 2021. Under his direction, the utility has advanced major capital projects, strengthened system operations, and improved long-term service reliability.

Prior to his current role, Clayton founded and served as principal of Clayton Engineering and was City Engineer for Sherwood, Ark. He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas and has served in multiple leadership positions within AWWMA, including as president in 2023.

“His ability to align technical expertise with public service goals makes him a model utility leader, whose impact is felt across Arkansas,” said Jean Block, former president of Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority.

The AWWMA Manager of the Year Award is presented annually to recognize outstanding service and leadership in advancing Arkansas’s water and wastewater systems.

About AWWMA
The Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association (AWWMA) is a professional organization dedicated to supporting water and wastewater professionals through education, advocacy, and collaboration. The association promotes safe, reliable, and sustainable water systems for communities across Arkansas.