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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities  
Meeting Minutes  
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office  
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August 13, 2025

President Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Brian Hatfield, Marshall Jenkins, Mike Gerth, Judi Johnson-Stevens. Dale Boyd was absent. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent), Chelsea Kummer (Lead Customer Service Representative), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and Two (2) members of the public.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, motion passed (4-0).

**Members of the public:**

There were 2 (two) members of the public present. Brad Bender from Vernon was not present. The Members of the public were Mr. Lawson and His wife. President Hatfield allowed Mr. Lawson the floor and told him the meeting was live streamed. Mr. Lawson confirmed and said he would like to know how he could view the meeting after it was over if His attorney needed it. He stated he was at the meeting to discuss His water bill for July 2025. He stated the bill was for 31,800 gallons, he told the board he felt there was no possible way that much water could run through his meter and not cause a yard flood or be visible in some way. Andrew did state he did pull the data on the meter and the data showed that for several days the meter ran at approximately 3 gallons per minute and if the water was running down the toilet the system would be able to handle the flow without any issues. There were more discussions and Mr. Lawson said there is no way that he can afford the bill as it is currently. The board asked was there anyway we could prove if the water went into the sewer or not. Andrew said there was no way to know for certain. After more discussion the board asked Andrew if we could figure out our cost of the water for that usage. We could and would, and if the board were to grant the LLA it would be \$713.88 for water, sewer and taxes. Mike Gerth made a motion to do the LLA and Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-0). Marshall did note that the account would be ineligible for any more adjustments of any kind for the rest of the year. Mr. Lawson will come into the office to discuss and sign a payment plan for the balance.

**Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux**

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report.





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Jeff informed the board that our NPDES Permit is due to be applied for soon for the renewal. After discussion Brian signed the Permit renewals.

**Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht**

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report.

Andrew Gave an update regarding the financial statements for this month showing a large loss. There were several reasons for this. We collected monies from the city and county for the PER Study and made a large lump sum payment on it. We paid August's electric and water bills early to ensure timely payment to avoid fees, and we had 5 pay periods the previous month. Repairs were paid for as well as apprenticeship classes and books.

Andrew discussed with the board increasing the credit card limit to \$3,000 dollars as the current \$2,000 limit can be a hinderance at times due to how many supplies we buy with the credit card because many vendors with the best prices do not have or allow charge accounts.

Mike Gerth made a motion to approve the request to increase the credit card limits to \$3,000 and that was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens. The motion passed (4-0).

**Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth**

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report.

Claims were then presented, and Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the claims, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, and the motion was approved (4-0).

There was discussion regarding transferring from the money market account to the clearing account. After discussion there was a motion from Mike Gerth to transfer \$50,000 from the money market account to the clearing account and the motion was seconded by Marshall Jenkins and the motion passed (4-0).

September's bond payment was discussed, and Mike Gerth made the motion to make the \$60,000 bond payment and that was seconded by Marshall Jenkins and the motion passed (4-0).

**Old Business:**

North Vernon has said they have no interest in a takeover of Vernon's utilities.

**New Business:**

Brian gave an update from HWC regarding our submittal to IFA and our standing of 17<sup>th</sup> best submittal. A meeting/zoom could be held in September/October to move forward in the process.

Marshall brought up a couple of issues including getting a roof repair quote and an HVAC repair for the condensation issues within the offices.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Marshall Jenkins and Seconded by Mike Gerth. Motion passed (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 P.M.





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**Members**

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Mike Gerth, Secretary

**Signatures**

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*Brian Hatfield*  
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*Marshall Jenkins*

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*Dale Boyd*  
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*Judi Johnson-Stevens*