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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities  
Meeting Minutes  
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office  
January 08, 2025

Acting 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, Dale Boyd, Judi Johnson-Stevens. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), Chelsea Kummer (Lead Customer Service Rep), and Zero (0) members of the public.

**Election Of Officers:**

There was a call from acting President Hatfield to elect officers for the 2025 year for the Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Board of Trustees.

Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to nominate Brian Hatfield Board President, the motion was seconded by Mike Gerth and the motion was approved (4-0-1) with Brian Hatfield abstaining.

Judi Johnson-Stevens made a motion to nominate Marshall Jenkins as Board Vice President, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion was approved (4-0-1) with Marshall Jenkins abstaining.

Judi-Johnson Stevens made the motion to nominate Mike Gerth as the Treasurer and the Secretary, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion was approved (4-0-1) with Mike Gerth abstaining.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to approve the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Marshall Jenkins, motion passed (5-0).

**Members of the public:**

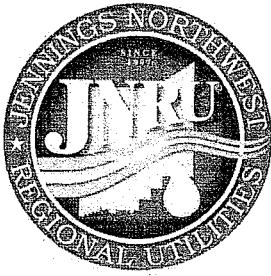
There were 0 (zero) members of the public present.

**Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux**

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report.

Jeff gave various updates regarding the wastewater treatment plant. Nitrifiers in the MSABP are struggling to maintain temperature with the extreme cold snap we are currently in, there may be a violation this month.

The quarterly compliance update is due to be sent to IDEM by Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> to give an update regarding the progress that has been made on our study.



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### **Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht**

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. Andrew has submitted our budget for 2025 for tracking. There was discussion about if our budget must be submitted to gateway or any other body, and Andrew informed the board that we do not submit our budget. Andrew inquired to Treasurer Gerth regarding the HWC Invoices for the county, and he was going to make sure they got forwarded to the proper parties. Andrew also informed the board that HWC does plan to be scheduling update meetings in the month of January. President Hatfield would like Andrew to produce a year-end summary of the utility.

### **Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth**

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report. 2024 financially was a good year for the utility with nearly a \$60,000 surplus. Mike also informed the rest of the board he would be moving \$50,000 to the money market fund; the funds would still be liquid if needed.

Claims were discussed and Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the claims, and Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

### **Old Business:**

The study was discussed. The Third invoice has now been sent to JNRU and Andrew will disperse the invoices to the other parties involved soon. It was requested of Andrew to work with HWC on coordination of update meetings, including a public meeting, which would need to be a special public meeting.

The 2025 pay matrix meeting with JNRU employees was discussed by Vice-President Jenkins. The meeting went well and there were some constructive talks regarding possible tweaks for the 2026 year.

### **New Business:**

There were several items up for discussion under new business.

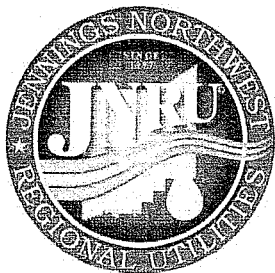
Kayla Zimmerman presented the board with an updated contract for legal services as the previous contract was in force since summer 2022 with no updates. Mike Gerth made the motion to accept the contract as presented and Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion, and the motion passed (5-0).

After discussion regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> HWC invoice, there was a motion from the floor from Marshall Jenkins to pay the first invoice in full and seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens and the motion passed (5-0).

Chelsea gave an update on the canned food drive that was done at the JNRU office. The boys and girls club sent a letter of appreciation, and everyone involved was glad to know that all items collected stayed within the CSL community.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Boyd and Seconded by Marshall Jenkins. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 P.M.



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**Members**

Brian Hatfield


Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

  
Mike Gerth, Secretary

**Signatures**

