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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities
Meeting Minutes
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July 8, 2026

President Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Brian Hatfield, Marshall Jenkins, Judi Johnson-Stevens, and Mike Gerth. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utilities Superintendent), Chelsea Kummer (Lead Customer Service Rep), Attorney Kayla Zimmerman, and Zero (0) members of the public. Dale Boyd was absent

Approval of Minutes:

The June 10th, 2026, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve June 8th, 2026, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, motion passed (4-0).

Members of the public:

There were zero members of the public present.

Superintendent Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report.

There were no violations this month. We are still waiting to get a price on the pump repair for station 5. It was a violation free month as well.

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report.

Andrew presented two resolutions to the board to satisfy two separate corrective actions plans from the State Board of Accounts. The first is resolution 2026-5 adopting uniform control standards and 2026-6 for daily deposits and monthly financial reconciliations.

Judi- Johnson Stevens made the motion to adopt resolution 2026-5 and that was seconded by Mike Gerth the motion passed (4-0).

Mike Gerth made the motion to adopt resolution 2026-6 and that was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens.



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With the adoption of these resolutions, it will fulfill two Corrective Action Plans.

Next up for discussion was JNRU's need for water meters. Currently the majority of JNRU's water meters are in the range of 14-15 years old. Currently on average we lose 1 to 4 meters per month on average to dead batteries. While they are under warranty for 20 years the warranty only goes 100 % for 10 years. After that point meter heads become cheaper to replace outright vs replace under the warranty. Andrew asked the board for a large purchase of new meters to mainly use in new home builds and some meter replacements, and we will continue to recycle older meters back into the system until they no longer work.

After discussion the board approved a \$20,000 purchase of meters to begin the process of updating our meter inventory. Mike Gerth made the motion to approve a purchase of up to \$20,000 and was seconded by Marshall Jenkins and approved (4-0).

There then was discussion about adding a \$25,000 line item to each year's budget moving forward to continue the process each year.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report.

Mike noted this month was another good month and the first 6 months of the year have gone well financially.

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).

Old Business:

Brian discussed the SRF scoring and where JNRU ranked. Brian will be reaching out to HWC we plan to re-apply again next year and work on ways to improve the scoring.

New Business:

The ability to incorporate online forms for customers to begin the process of starting services was discussed. The question of preventing fraud was brought up by Attorney Kayla Zimmerman, and ways to ensure who we were dealing with was accurate. Docusign and other alternatives were discussed but no action was taken and will be followed up at a future meeting.

Andrew told the board the SBOA has begun another two-year audit covering 2024 and 2025.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Marshall Jenkins and Seconded by Mike Gerth. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 P.M.



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Members

Brian Hatfield

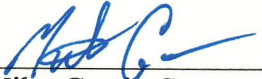
Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: August 12th, 2026


Mike Gerth, Secretary

Signatures

