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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities
Meeting Minutes
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office
March 12, 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 (5:09 PM), Mike Gerth, Dale Boyd, Judi Johnson-Stevens. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent), Chelsea Kummer (Lead Customer Service Representative), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and Zero (0) members of the public.

Approval of Minutes:

The February 12th, 2025, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Mike Gerth made the motion to approve February 12th, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd, motion passed (4-0). Marshall Jenkins Absent.

Members of the public:

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

There was discussion regarding granting water leak adjustments. There was a policy proposed. After review and discussion there was a request for changes to some wording to the policy. After further review and discussion there was a motion to approve of the proposed changes and the policy. Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion and Mike Gerth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report.

Jeff informed the board that the motor for the grit pump has arrived, and we will be coordinating installation in the coming weeks.

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

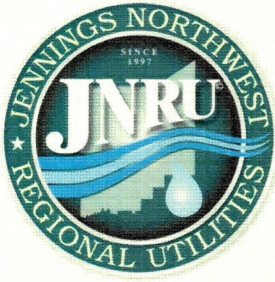
Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report.

The mowers have been bought and will be delivered soon.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report.

We are still in a good position, but a few items will make the financials appear distorted. The bond payment and the mower purchase have been made but the bond will not have another payment until September and the mowers are a one-time purchase.



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Claims were then presented, and Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the claims, and the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens and the motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

Old Business:

The Jennings County Coalition Sewer study was next up for discussion. Brian and Marshall discussed the HWC Study, and the progress made so far. Discussed were the potential phases and ideas that had been presented this far. Plant operations bonds would be for 20 years. Collections improvements would be over 35-year bonds. All projects are contingent upon financing, submitting the SFR application in no way obligates JNRU nor any other entity to any loans or projects.

The asset management was discussed and after discussion there was a motion to only enter the AMP for Wastewater for a not to exceed \$25,000. The motion was made by Marhsall Jenkins and seconded by Dale Boyd and was approved unanimously (5-0).

Brian then discussed how Brian and Andrew had a meeting regarding OCRA and how we may have the opportunity to get \$750,000 towards a project.

The Authorized Representative Resolution for HWC and The Approval to Submit the PER were discussed. These will allow Brian to act for JNRU. The motion was made by Judi Johnson-Stevens and seconded by Marhsall Jenkins and the motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

Reedy's agreement for a rate study to go with the study was discussed. The rate study must accompany the PER to get funding. The motion to approve Reedy's total proposal not to exceed \$40,000, if funding is secured the cost can roll into a bond. Mike Gerth made the motion to accept the proposal and seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

New Business:

An Employer/ Employee agreement was presented by Kayla for the board's review. It pertains to acceptance into the apprenticeship program, it would require any employee who wants to enter the apprenticeship program to sign a 3-year agreement with the utility. Two years while the employee is in the program and one year after program completion the employee would have to repay training costs paid on their behalf if the employee left employment *before* the 3 years was completed. Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to adopt the agreement, and Marhsall Jenkins seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Gerth and Seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Members

Signatures



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Dale Boyd

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Judi Johnson-Stevens

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ATTEST: April 9th, 2025

Mike Gerth
Mike Gerth, Secretary