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## Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities

# Meeting Minutes Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities May 10, 2023

Vice President Marshall Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Brian Hatfield (5:06 PM), Marshall Jenkins, Dale Boyd Judi Johnson-Stevens Also in attendance: Jeff Maddux (Utilities Superintendent), Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Cindy Summerfield (Office Manager), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and (0) members of the public. Absent was Mike Gerth.

## **Approval Of Minutes:**

The April 2023 Regular Meeting minutes were presented. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dale Boyd Seconded the motion, and the motion passed (3-0-1) with Judi Johnson-Stevens abstaining.

The April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Public Meeting Minutes were presented. Marshall Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed (3-0-1) with Judi Johnson-Stevens abstaining.

#### Members of the Public:

Utility Manager Andrew Klescht presented an adjustment and extended payment plan on behalf of a customer. After brief discussion Marshall Jenkins made the motion to accept both the water and sewer adjustment of \$500 Water and \$500 Sewer and the extended payment agreement. Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

## **Utilities Superintendent:**

Jeff Maddux presented a verbal report.

Jeff has been in contact with Chad Kirk regarding the Phase 1 Expansion sink hole situation on county road 300 N. After back and forth with the City of North Vernon they are going to fix all issues and no longer claim the issue falls back to JNRU.

Parts that were ordered for the screen/press have started to arrive, once all remaining parts arrive we will bring the screen and press back online.



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The annual consumer confidence report was sent with the May 2023 billing, as it is required to be sent each year.

During the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> we will be flushing water hydrants. Jennings water just finished our area and it will be best to follow them as soon as possible to prevent as many disruptions as possible to customers. As part of the CSL Front Gate Highway 7 road project, Jennings Water will be moving our water connection. As part of our emergency response plan, we must have a plan in place for a backup water connection. We have a plan in place to use Jennings County Emergency Management and Jennings water has three (3) backup water sources.

We now have a new IDEM case manager who will be overseeing our compliance updates and working with us towards our compliance plans.

We have discovered a hole in the roof of the breezeway and have gotten a quote for the shingles of Approximately \$1,300. Marshall Jenkins made the motion for all materials to not exceed \$3,000 and Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

## **Utilities Manager:**

Andrew Klescht presented a verbal report.

Indiana SBOA's audit of JNRU is now imminent and will be starting near the end of May or early June.

The long-term plan for customer deposit refunds was discussed briefly. After discussion Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to have Kayla Zimmerman write an ordinance changing the deposits on customer accounts refundable after 24 months of good credit history in a row. The motion was seconded by Marshall Jenkins and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

#### Treasurer:

Verbal report was given by Vice President Jenkins.

#### **Old Business:**

The ordinance for self-tapping of lots was tabled.

#### **New Business:**

CSL is wanting to use 12 acres of JNRU Farm ground near the wastewater treatment plant to move/ till-in the silt that will be removed from the Country Squire Lake (Big Lake) during the drudging of the lake project set to happen later in summer 2023. President Hatfield wants to have Mike Miller and Tim Hunt representing CSL to meet with the Board of Trustees before any decision is made.



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The Jennings County Council voted not to buy the 48-acre parcel of Land from JNRU. Further action has been tabled.

## **Payment of Claims:**

Claims were presented for the month of April 2023. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the claims as presented and Dale Boyd Seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

### Adjournment:

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to adjourn, and Dale seconded the motion (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Members	<b>Signatures</b>
Brian Hatfield	
Marshall Jenkins	
Mike Gerth	Mil Ca
Dale Boyd	
Judi Johnson-Stevens	
ATTEST: June 14, 2023	
Marshall Jenkins, Secretary	