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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities  
Meeting Minutes  
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November 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, Judi Johnson-Stevens, Mike Gerth (5:10) and Dale Boyd. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent), Kayla Zimmerman (Via Phone), and Zero (0) members of the public.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to approve October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Marshall Jenkins, motion passed (3-0-1). Brian Hatfield Abstained.

**Members of the public:**

There were zero members of the public present.

**Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux**

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report.

**Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht**

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report.

Andrew discussed the 2026 SIHO renewal and presented it to the board. After discussion Andrew requested the board vote to allow him to sign the renewal if they wanted to proceed. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to proceed with the renewal, and allow Andrew to execute the renewal and Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-0).

Andrew next discussed some repairs that will need to be looked at in the future including roof repairs, HVAC maintenance and building painting.

**Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth**

Mike Gerth arrived at 5:10 PM.

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report.

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

**Old Business:**

Brian briefly discussed the visit from Brad Bender about JNRU taking over the day-to-day operations of the town of Vernon's water and wastewater. No action was taken but there will be a vote in December to decide.





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### **New Business:**

Marshall Jenkins discussed the 2026 budget outlook. Different items discussed would be plans for a possible rate increase. Purchase of new equipment including a road boring machine and new truck to replace an aging truck currently in the fleet. This budget also includes a potential buydown of the bond debt and a \$200,000 buyout of the cell tower lease and a rate increase of 4.5 %.

The cell tower lease was next up for discussion. Tower Co. has offered \$200,000 for the buyout of the lease. After discussion Marshall Jenkins made the motion to have Mike Gerth be the point of contact and negotiate the terms. The motion was seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Next up for discussion was the way in which customers establish water and sewer service. Currently it must be the deeded property owner. Laws have changed and therefore it is required we also come into compliance with state law. Ordinance 2005-1 is the ordinance that requires JNRU to only accept deeded owners as customers. Upon recommendation of counsel Marshall Jenkins made the motion to repeal Ordinance 2005-1 that was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens and the motion was passed unanimously (5-0). The original 2003 ordinances will be the base to establish service fully once again.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Boyd and Seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

### **Members**

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

### **Signatures**

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

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

Mike Gerth  
Mike Gerth, Secretary