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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities
Meeting Minutes
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office
October 09, 2024

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 (5:10). Mike Gerth, Dale Boyd, Judi Johnson-Stevens. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent). Zero (0) members of the public.

Approval of Minutes:

September 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Mike Gerth made the motion to approve the September 11th, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, motion carried (4-0). Marshall Jenkins not present.

Members of the public:

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

Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report. There were no violations this month and the lead service line inventory is now complete and is being submitted via the 120Water portal. The blower block at the plant has been replaced and the refurbishments are under way for the others.

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. Andrew will be discussing the 2025 budget draft under new business.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report. Financially we are still in a good position. Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to pay the claims, and the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Old Business:

Jeff Maddux informed the board that the operator position with E-town has been awarded to another party.

The study RFP was discussed. The first steering committee meeting will be held on October 17th at 5:30 at the HWC office. JNRU will have Andrew, Jeff, Brian, and Marshall in attendance.



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New Business:

Andrew presented the board with a first draft of the 2025 budget. The first idea brought forth was switching to a pay matrix with built-in pay increments for 10 years for non-exempt employees, with Cost-of-Living Adjustments for employees with more than 10 years of service, it also has separate breakouts for certification pay. Vice President Jenkins noted the idea of adjusting lower-level (Class 1 and DSM) certification pay to further encourage employees to become certified in water, wastewater and water audit validation. Other aspects of the 2025 budget were discussed with a budget workshop to be had later in November.

Starting a bank account with the sole purpose of paying for the study was discussed again, it has not been opened yet, but the board wants to have Andrew investigate how Blue & Company wants to handle claims from the account.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Boyd and Seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

Members

Brian Hatfield

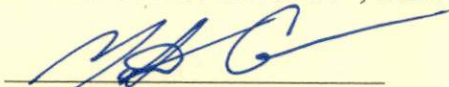
Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: November 14th, 2024


Mike Gerth, Secretary

Signatures

