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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities
Meeting Minutes
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office
January 10, 2024

Acting President Brian Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

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

Election Of Officers:

There was a call from acting President Hatfield to elect officers for the 2024 year for the Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Board of Trustees.

Dale Boyd made the motion to nominate Brian Hatfield Board President, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens and the motion was approved (4-0-1) with Brian Hatfield abstaining.

Brian Hatfield made a motion to nominate Marshall Jenkins as Board Vice President, the motion was seconded by Judi-Johnson Stevens and the motion was approved (4-0-1) with Marshall Jenkins abstaining.

Judi-Johnson Stevens made the motion to nominate Mike Gerth as the Treasurer and the Secretary, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion was approved (4-0-1) with Mike Gerth abstaining.

Judi-Johnson Stevens made the motion to have Utility Manager Andrew Klescht continue to take meeting minutes and produce the monthly board meeting agendas, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd and the motion passed (5-0).

Marshall Jenkins made a motion to retain Kayla Zimmerman as legal counsel for 2024, Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Approval of Minutes:

The December 13th, 2023, minutes were presented, Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-0-1), Mike Gerth abstained, He did not attend the December 13th meeting.

The December 20th, 2023, minutes were presented. Mike Gerth made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

Members of the public:

There were no members of the public present.



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Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report. Jeff discussed the proposal for a new SCADA system. Toric has been to our facility and provided a quote for a new SCADA System, the rep met with Jeff Maddux, Andrew Klescht, and President Brian Hatfield. This system would ensure we are in compliance with IDEM and the requirement to have a working alarm system to alert of issues with the treatment process at the wastewater treatment plant. The proposal had a cost of \$22,003.00. After brief discussion Marshall Jenkins made the motion to move forward with the Scada upgrade pending a possible subscription cost investigation, Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-1) with mike Gerth voting against due to lack of clarity on the subscription aspect.

Jeff gave an update on the Hycor. We are waiting for the next break in the weather to install the water line and then move the Hycor in place to have the electric installed, and then proceed to have it brought online.

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. Andrew informed the board that the new rates will be going into effect starting with the billing that will be dated March 1, 2024. Andrew reported he has been investigating internet options with the new fiber internet through REMC at the wastewater treatment plant.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Claims were presented and discussed. There was no further discussion regarding the claims and Marshall Jenkins made the motion to accept the claims as presented and the motion was seconded Judi Johnson-Stevens. The motion passed (5-0).

Mike Gerth then discussed the Water Bond. There was brief discussion as to whether to have the bond be paid down from the rainy-day fund or wait to see the outcome of the study and see what refinancing options may present themselves.

Mike Gerth made a motion to make a \$60,000.00 bond payment out of the clearing account in February, for March, the motion was then seconded by Marshall Jenkins and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Old Business:

The adoption of the 2024 Holiday schedule was discussed. After discussion Marshall Jenkins made the motion to adopt the Holidays as presented including a ½ day ending at noon the day preceding Thanksgiving as the Thanksgiving meal will be that afternoon. Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).



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New Business:

President Hatfield and Attorney Kayla Zimmerman both discussed the USDA meetings and the pending study to take place, the RFP is currently being worked on by Kayla's office, any updates will be discussed as they become available. The current participants on the scoring will be JNRU, County Commissioners and the City of North Vernon.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Marshall Jenkins and Dale Boyd seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

Members

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

Signatures

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: February 14th, 2024

Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth, Secretary
Marshall Jenkins, VP