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## ***Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities***

### ***Meeting Minutes***

March 9, 2022

#### **I. Public Meeting - Call to order**

- Brian Hatfield stated he would take the roll as acting president until officers can be elected. Acting President Brian Hatfield called to order the regular meeting of the Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities' Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM on March 9, 2022, at the Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities office.

#### **II. Roll Call**

- Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Brian Hatfield, Michael Gerth, and Marshall Jenkins. Member(s) absent was Dale Boyd Also in attendance: Jeff Maddux (Utilities Superintendent), Dan Wooton (Financial Controller/Utilities Manager), Andrew Klescht (Assistant Utilities Manager), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and zero (0) member(s) of the public.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- Prior meeting minutes were presented. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Michael Gerth seconded. Motion carried unanimous.

#### **IV. Attorney**

- Brian Hatfield asked for a motion to hire Kayla Zimmerman as the new attorney
  - Kayla Zimmerman's rate will be \$200.00 per hour and she disclosed that she also represents the CSL receivership.
  - Marshall Jenkins made the motion to hire Kayla Zimmerman, Michael Gerth seconded. Motion carried unanimous.

#### **V. Utilities Superintendent – Jeff Maddux**

- Jeff Maddux presented a verbal report.



## VI. Financial Controller/Utilities Manager – Dan B. Wooton Sr.

- Dan Wooton presented a verbal report and discussed budget.
  - Dan Wooton again presented a large list of duties asking for new authorization and direction or to proceed as usual with how we currently manage utilities' business.
    - Dan Wooton stated the normal signatory of the MRO is the president and he had been performing this duty for the past board. Dan Wooton requested that he no longer be the signatory and that the board president begin signing. Brian Hatfield agreed to be the new signatory.
    - The board requested Dan Wooton continue with no changes other than the signatory until further notice.
      - Marshall Jenkins made the motion to continue with Dan Wooton as discussed, Michael Gerth seconded. Motion carried unanimous.
  - IDEM
    - Dan Wooton stated there was still the ongoing issue of getting the project underway and keeping IDEM aware of the status of the agreed order and project.
    - Marshall Jenkins informed the board that he had been speaking with IDEM and setting up a meeting for himself, the board, and the commissioners about JNRU. Dan Wooton suggested that Marshall Jenkins make sure that he discusses these things with the board as no one board member can make any decisions alone without a vote from the majority of the board. Dan Wooton also stated it would be beneficial to include the superintendent in the discussion since he has the technical and historical knowledge of JNRU and its operations that the board does not have.

## VII. Treasurer's Report – Michael Gerth

- Approval of Claims:
  - Marshall Jenkins questioned information about electronic transfers for payroll, taxes, etc.
    - Dan Wooton will forward all ordinances and resolutions the Kayla Zimmerman.
  - Michael Gerth presented the claims. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve all claims; Marshall Jenkins seconded. Motion carried unanimous to approve all claims.



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## VIII. Old Business

- None Presented

## IX. New Business

- Board Meeting Schedule
  - Board meetings had been decided to be held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the utilities' office. The board discussed moving the board meeting location to the CSL office at 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. Brian Hatfield stated he would confirm it all with Mike Miller and let staff know in time to advertise.
- Banking
  - Michael Gerth has been speaking with Jackson County Bank concerning changing to a local bank since PNC has moved from the area.
- Jennings Water
  - Brian Hatfield discussed speaking with Jennings Water about getting a contract with them for a reduced rate. Dan Wooton explained that this has been requested in the past and Jennings Water's position was JNRU was given a reduced rate since we purchase water based on their rate structure. Brian Hatfield then discussed the possibility of Jennings Water taking over JNRU's water system.
- IDEM Meeting and Correspondence
  - Discussion was had to determine what board members would be attending the IDEM meeting. Dan Wooton suggested to make sure a quorum of the board not attend since it would be a possible open door violation with this meeting not being public. It was suggested by Dan Wooton and Andrew Klescht (Assistant Utilities Manager) that a vote should be made to authorize Marshall Jenkins to speak with IDEM and two members attend the IDEM meeting.
    - Michael Gerth made the motion to authorize Marshall Jenkins to speak with IDEM and Brian Hatfield and Marshall Jenkins attend the IDEM meeting, Marshall Jenkins seconded. Motion carried unanimous.



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**X. Adjournment**

- Marshall Jenkins made the motion to adjourn, Michael Gerth seconded. Motion carried unanimous to adjourn.
  - Brian Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

**Brian Hatfield**  
**President**

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**Attest:**

**Michael Gerth**  
**Treasurer/Secretary**

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