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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities  
Meeting Minutes  
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office  
November 8, 2023

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), and (0) members of the public. (2) guests were present

**Approval of Minutes:**

The October 2023 Minutes were presented. After there was no discussion, President Hatfield asked for a call for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes, Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion and the motion to approve the minutes passed (5-0).

**Members of the public:**

There were no members of the public present.

**Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux**

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report. A representative from 120 Water was in attendance. He spoke to the board and gave a breakdown and explanation of the upcoming lead service line inventory that is due October 2024. He discussed the help 120 water can offer, which includes helping compile all information JNRU has and assisting JNRU submit all information to IDEM. All funding for the services provided for 120 Water can be fully funded by an IFA grant that they will help JNRU apply for. After discussion between board members Mike Gerth made a motion to enter into an agreement with 120 Water for LSL Inventory assistance, Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion passed (5-0).

**Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht**

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. The 2024 health insurance renewal was presented and discussed. There has been interest in once again having JNRU participate in the FSA (Flex Spend Account). After more discussion Mike Gerth made the motion to accept the insurance renewal and start the participation in the FSA, the motion was seconded by Marshall Jenkins and the motion passed (5-0).

The second order of business was a lien that was filed against a property in CSL. The lien was for availability fees, a fee the utility assessed in the past but has since been no longer



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charged. The location was lot 769 Tudor Place. Mike Gerth made the motion to forgive the lien, Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion passed (5-0). Discussion was further had to institute a policy to allow the Utility Manager to forgive, process and sign for lien releases that are for availability fees, the fees will be \$75 for JNRU to process these releases. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to have Kayla Zimmerman draft this policy and Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

A brief discussion was had regarding a customer and lot near one of JNRU's sewer lift stations and how we are attempting to avoid conflict by changing the easement we use to access the station.

The final topic discussed was regarding the water bill we pay monthly to Jennings Water. During the month of October, the bill was unable to be processed as early as normal due to a holiday and a slight delay in receipt of the bill. The bill was processed on October 10<sup>th</sup>. With the recent issues that have been had with the USPS the payment was not received and processed by Jennings Water Inc. until October 18<sup>th</sup>. When we learned of the late fee that was assessed to JNRU, Andrew wrote a letter to the Jennings Water Board asking for one-time forgiveness of the late fees on behalf of the utility and our customers. The request was rejected by the Jennings Water Board. After more discussion the members of JNRU's board requested Andrew to seek other possible ways to pay our water bill sooner each month.

### **Treasurer's Report: Michael Gerth**

Claims were discussed and after brief discussion there was a call for a motion to pay the claims. The motion to pay the claims was made by Marshall Jenkins and was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mike Gerth and Marshall Jenkins discussed the budget outlook for 2024. With the anticipated rate structure change and changes that have been made in 2022 and 2023 we look to be in a stable position for the next year.

The cell tower and the income from it were discussed. We have received a \$100 payment thus far, when the regular payments are set to start was discussed, the board requested Andrew investigate the land lease for when payments are set to start.

### **Old Business:**

Reedy Financial presented a brief overview of the rate study to the board. It was reviewed and discussed. A final version will be presented at the November 15<sup>th</sup> special public meeting.

President Hatfield will be attending a future commissioner meeting to turn over JNRU's private drive to the County.



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**New Business:**

No new Business was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Marshall Jenkins and Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0) The meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

**Members**

Brian Hatfield

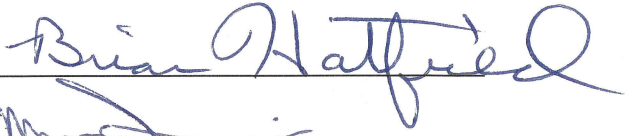
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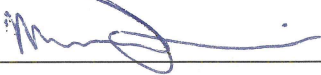
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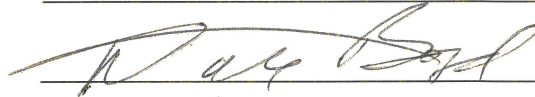
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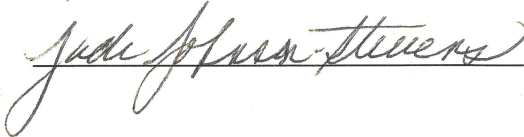
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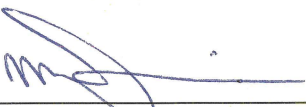
  
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ATTEST: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

  
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Marshall Jenkins, Secretary