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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities
Meeting Minutes
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August 12, 2026

President Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes:

The July 8th, 2026, regular meeting minutes were presented.
Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve July 8th, 2026, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, motion passed (4-0).

Members of the public:

There were zero members of the public present.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report.
The plant had a good month, and the plant is doing well.

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report.
We have had 6 new taps this month. The office has been running smoothly. The State Board of Accounts has finished the audit, and we have had the exit conference.
Next up for discussion is the PTO yearly buyback policy. Currently it is set at a maximum of 40 hours per year. A request to for this year to move it to 80 hours was made. Discussion was had and employees selling back up to 80 hours per year was discussed, but with clarifying requirements. It was discussed that an employee had to have at least double the hours available to sell back hours, if an employee wanted to sell 40 hours, they have at least 80 available to them at that time and 160 available to sell 80. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to set the buyback policy as follows, Employees can sell back up to 80 hours per year, but the

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buyback cannot exceed 50% of the employees' currently available hours. The motion was seconded by Mike Gerth and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report.
Mike noted this month was another good month.
Claims registers were then presented in the amounts of $53,082.00 and $75,737.48 and Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the claims, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, and the motion was approved (4-0).

Old Business:

Jeff Maddux wanted to discuss the road boring machine that had been discussed in previous board meetings. The unit discussed would be $64,393.47. That includes crew training for JNRU staff. This will allow JNRU to continue to do road bores for water lines in house without the need for 3rd party contractors. There was discussion about if JNRU could offer up its services to neighboring utilities for a fee. Kayla recommended we check with our insurance before any decision was made. After no more discussion Mike Gerth made the motion to buy the Boring machine as presented and use the clearing account and that motion was seconded by Marshall Jenkins and the motion passed (4-0).

New Business:

There was an approximately $400 difference in the pump previously approved compared to the invoiced price due to freight. It was still approved but there was a question as to whether it needed to be voted on or not and it was the opinion of counsel that since there is a set amount management can approve without board approval that the difference would fall under management authority.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Marshall Jenkins and Seconded by Judi Johsnon-Stevens. Motion passed (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M.

Members	**Signatures**
Brian Hatfield	_____

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Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: September 9th, 2026

Mike Gerth, Secretary