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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities  
Meeting Minutes  
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February 11, 2026

Brian Hatfield, acting as President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

The January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, motion passed (5-0).

**Members of the public:**

There were zero members of the public present.

**Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux**

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report. The Wastewater Plant's generator needed repairs; they included a water pump and alternator. The cost was \$3372.89. These repairs were vital as we must maintain a backup power source for the wastewater plant in the event of a power outage. There are some possible fuel issues we are working on as well, fuel additives and possible fuel testing at \$250 a test if it is determined to be needed.

Brief discussion was had regarding the UV lights and having new ones installed and working before the April 1<sup>st</sup> starting date.

**Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht**

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. This included Andrew informing the board that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to have the AFR submitted on the Gateway for State of Accounts.

First item up for discussion were quotes we received regarding roof repairs and side garage door repairs. There were attempts to get two quotes for the side garage door repair and we have only received one back in three months. The second project was roof repairs and building painting. There had been multiple requests for quotes for building painting and only one was



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received back, there were multiple requests sent for roof repairs, two were received back, one for a full replacement for \$68,000 from royalty roofing. One company turned in a quote to do both building painting and roof repairs/painting. The Quote came back at \$13,382.13, this quote was provided by Advanced Contracting & Repairs LLC, for roof repairs/painting and building painting, which includes power washing the building. After discussion, there were some questions as to the large price difference between the two bids. Royalty would not repair a roof like JNRU's they would only do a replacement, and the cheaper bid felt the repairs would be sufficient and replacement was not needed and painting would add several years of usable life to the roof, and the building being painted is much needed as the building is fading in many places and has not been painted in over 20 years. Labor costs were also reduced because the projects will be done simultaneously.

Andrew had a second project quoted as well. The side garage door for the office building has wood rot underneath the metal and has metal damage as well. Only one quote was received back for it, and it is for a total of \$728.45. There was brief discussion on this quote. This quote was provided by Advanced Contracting & Repairs LLC.

There was a request for a motion to accept both quotes from Advanced Contracting & Repairs LLC. After more brief discussions Mike Gerth made the motion to approve all quotes from Advanced Contracting & Repairs LLC and Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion was approved (4-1) with Judi Johanson-Stevens voting against.

Next was a plan Andrew board members and staff feel we need to be working towards which is a consistent work truck replacement schedule. Currently the truck Jeff the Superintendent drives is a 2013 Ford F-350 Diesel. Being 13 years old and having high engine hours it has started to show its age and beginning to have repairs needed more often, specifically to the diesel exhaust system. Andrew is currently in talks with Bob Poynter of Seymour for a new or used Gas truck and replacing our fleet over time with almost exclusively gas trucks, except for the specialty trucks. There was discussion regarding whether to either buy a truck outright as we did in 2023 or finance a truck since the utility credit rating has improved in recent years.

Next for discussion was water meter replacements. Our water meters were fully replaced in roughly the 2012-2013 timeframe; we know this from employees who were here at the time and manufacturing dates on most meters in the system from this period. Field crew have noticed an uptick in meters batteries dying over the last months/ years. Meters only have a ten year replacement guarantee at no cost and a pro-rated warranty from years ten to twenty, currently it is cheaper to replace meter registers outright than it is to claim warranty on them, as they are over ten years old, also after ten years the mechanical parts may start slowing down and under registering readings. Andrew is in discussion with Neptune meter representatives about different meter technologies including cell read meters and AMI systems (no longer have a need to read once a month or have a dedicated day to reading meters, readings would be received every 15 minutes by the system.) infrastructure cost is not known at this time but is being worked on by our vendor for JNRU's needs.



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Last for discussion was a resolution regarding Emergency closures regarding weather or Emergencies. This was tabled in January, Andrew requested clarification from State Board of Accounts. Their response was "SBOA will not take audit exception to employees of the regional utility district being paid pursuant to an inclement weather/emergency closures policy." After discussion Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the Resolution to be named 2026-02 and remove (Section 2, Part B (setting a defined time frame)) and was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

JNRU's Transition to Reedy should be complete in the month of March 2026.

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

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report. It was a fairly normal month with some numbers appearing skewed as water was paid in late December 2025 and did not count towards January 2026 and most of our yearly contracts/ subscriptions were paid this month, that will not repeat throughout the year.

Claims were then presented, and Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the claims, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd, and the motion was approved (5-0).

The bond payment was discussed, the Tower Co. proposal has been executed, and payment is pending to be received by JNRU. With the pending payment there was discussion about paying off the delinquent water bond, it stands at \$310,000 remaining, or just the normal \$60,000 payment for now until the funds arrive. Mike discussed whether to wait on the payment to arrive. After discussion it was determined that the money is legally due to JNRU so if the money does not arrive before the time in which Mike can process the wire payment it is to be taken from the money market account. Mike Gerth made the motion to make the bond payment in full of the money market account and that was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

### **Old Business:**

As previously discussed earlier in the meeting, the Tower Co. lease buyout was executed, and payment is due no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **New Business:**

Next up was a call from new business from the floor, there was none.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Boyd and Seconded by Marshall Jenkins. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.



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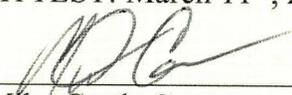
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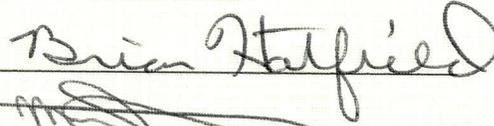
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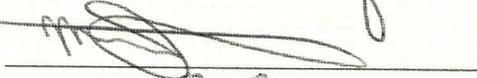
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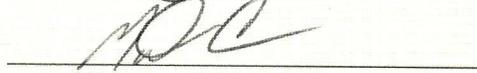
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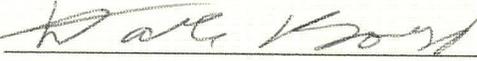
  
Mike Gerth, Secretary

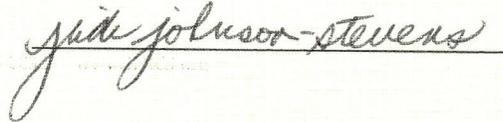
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