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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities  
Meeting Minutes  
Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office  
May 14, 2025

President 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, Judi Johnson-Stevens. Also in attendance: Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jeff Maddux (Utility Superintendent), Chelsea Kummer (Lead Customer Service Representative), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and Zero (0) members of the public.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Dale Boyd made the motion to approve April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Marshall Jenkins, motion passed (5-0).

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, special meeting minutes were presented.

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens, motion passed (5-0).

**Members of the public:**

There were 0 (zero) members of the public present.

**Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux**

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report.

There was discussion regarding how the plant has been handling spring rain. Jeff let the board know we have been able to handle the rain with zero non compliances and we are at a level in wet weather storage where we can clean the polishing pond if needed at a moment's notice.

**Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht**

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report.

Andrew spoke regarding the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to start recording and livestreaming all board meetings. We have a budget left in computers and office supplies to ensure we can get the camera equipment needed. JNRU has a computer to dedicate to this, and we will livestream to either Facebook and or YouTube.

Next for discussion was JNRU Insurance renewal for the pillar policy (Property/Liability coverages). Andrew presented a quote of \$56,331 for the year. After discussion about if there were areas where negotiations made be able to be made, Marshall Jenkins made the motion to



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accept the quote as presented while asking Andrew to attempt to negotiate further but to not having the price increased. Mike Gerth seconded the motion, and the motion passed (5-0).

**Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth**

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report.

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

Next for discussion was approving JNRU's portion for the HWC Coalition Study. JNRU's portion is \$22,503.58. After discussion regarding why the amount is, JNRU approved and agreed to pay 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the total cost of the study not to exceed \$100,000. The final amount came in at \$90,000.

**Old Business:**

Andrew discussed the apprenticeship program. Andrew will not be participating as a student due to not having a mentor. He will instead be a sewer mentor, and Jeff will be a water mentor. It is set to begin July 1, and the water apprentice should qualify for JNRU to have salary and training reimburse.

**New Business:**

House Enrolled Act 1459 was discussed and requires all utilities to have asset management plans in place and other requirements as well regarding training for boards among other items. HWC is still willing to perform an asset management plan for the water side of the utility for the discounted rate of \$15,000. After brief discussion Mike Gerth made the motion to approve HWC performing the Water Asset Management Plan for \$15,000 and Brian enter into the agreement on behalf of the Utility, and Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Boyd and Seconded by Marshall Jenkins. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

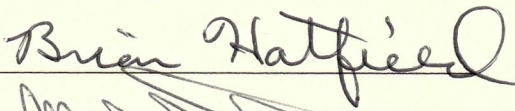

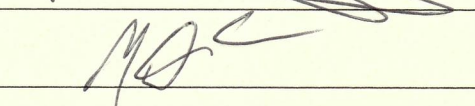
**Members**

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

**Signatures**



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Dale Boyd

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Judi Johnson-Stevens

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ATTEST: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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Mike Gerth, Secretary