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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Meeting Minutes Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office www.youtube.com/@JNRU October 8, 2025

Vice President Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes:

The September 10th, 2025, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to approve September 10th, 2025, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd, motion passed (3-0-1). Mike Gerth Abstained.

Members of the public:

There were zero members of the public present.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report.

Jeff discussed that the 120 Water renewal was up for renewal at a cost of over \$7,000 annually to help in the water line inventory or other issues related to the lead service line inventory. After discussion and Jeff's opinion that with the state of where we are regarding the portal we do not need 120 water's renewal currently. Jeff also said he is reaching out to the Alliance to see the options they have in the event we need external help in the future.

Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. We should soon be receiving our yearly renewal for Health Insurance within the coming weeks.

First up for discussion was Surety Bonds for all employees who manage money and board members. It is one of the items our audit cited JNRU deficient in. While we do have directors and operators' insurance, we still must have bonds. Andrew presented applications for members to look at. Andrew will get them prepared and have ready to sign for the next board meeting.

Next up for discussion was a proposal from Reedy Financial. This proposal covers bookkeeping and other financial record keeping. Currently we use Blue & Co. Reedy's proposal ensures that all the deficiencies cited in JNRU's recent audits will be addressed. This is only an



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initial proposal and currently Andrew does not ask the board for a motion to accept. After discussion Andrew will reach out to Reedy with changes to some of the services requested and to Blue & Co. with a request to quote the needed changes to the processes we have.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report. There was approximately a \$10,000 excess this month. Considering the \$10,000 that went towards the bond it was roughly a break-even month. Andrew did note a 5th payroll did happen this month and an approximately \$3,000, once a year insurance policy also was due this month.

Claims were then presented, and Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to approve the claims, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd, and the motion was approved (4-0).

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Boyd and Seconded by Mike Gerth. Motion passed (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

<u>Members</u> <u>Signatures</u>

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: November 12th, 2025

Mike Gerth, Secretary