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# Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Meeting Minutes Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities Office September 11, 2024

President Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:01 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), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), Chelsea Kummer (Lead CSR). Zero (0) members of the public.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

August 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes were presented.

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Dale Boyd. motion carried (4-0-1). Brian Hatfield Abstained.

## Members of the public:

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

## Superintendent Report: Jeff Maddux

Jeff Maddux gave a verbal report. The plant has been operating well over the last month. the lead service line inventory is nearly complete and is on schedule to be completed before the October deadline.

# Manager's Report: Andrew Klescht

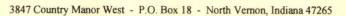
Andrew Klescht gave a verbal report. We have been working with our website designer to bring back more tabs with more information for customers to have access to.

# Treasurer's Report: Mike Gerth

Mike Gerth gave a verbal report. Financially we are still in a good position. We do appear to show a small loss for the year, but that is with making the remainder of the years bond payments early, as projected we will be in a good position at the end of the year. Dale Boyd made the motion to pay the claims, and the motion was seconded by Judi Johnson-Stevens and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

#### **Old Business:**

The study RFP was discussed. HWC will begin the study soon and our compliance updates will move to quarterly.





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Jeff Maddux's PTO buydown will be paid out 40 hours at a time, over 2-3 weeks per month until the balance of 662.08 hours is bought down.

Jeff informed the board that he has continued to be in discussions with E-Town regarding the Operator position; if he accepts the position, it will be fully away from JNRU including Lab services.

Chelsea Kummer gave an update on the safety budget the board established. It has been going well, we have had a class and ordered equipment. Next is investigating and AED.

#### **New Business:**

The CSL lake dredging project has been underway, during the process of the heavy traffic on JNRU's private drive there was damage to the road causing the service line that feeds water to the office to leak underneath the drive. Repairs have been made and billed to the bond of the lake dredging project.

Brian has still been in contact with the county and commissioners regarding transferring the JNRU drive to the County.

Andrew brought before the board a new gas and propane contract with Ellis Gas and Oil. They are willing to have us back as customers since we are under new management as formally, we were cash only due to non-payment. The price they had presented was cheaper than our current propane contract and as well as Gas and Diesel. Judi Johnson-Stevens made the motion to change vendors and Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Marshall Jenkins discussed employment contracts for both Jeff Maddux and Andrew Klescht. There was discussion but no actions were taken.

#### Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Boyd and Seconded by Marshall Jenkins. Motion passed (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

Members	Signatures
Brian Hatfield	Bria Hatfield
Marshall Jenkins	m
Mike Gerth	Mil Ge
Dale Boyd	
Judi Johnson-Stevens	

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ATTEST: October 9th, 2024

Mike Gerth, Secretary