

WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
DATE: NOV. 16, 2022

Board Members Present:

Roger Crockett, Lincoln
Craig Gosen, Edenville
Rita Goul, Hope
Terry Hall, Edenville
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Doug Kruger, Lee
Heidi Pitt, Lee
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford
Mike Wood, Jerome

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nathan French

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Approved: 11/16/22

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Public:

No public present

Board Members Absent:

Kevin Wray, Lincoln

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Wood.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Pledge was performed. 11 members were present, a quorum.

MINUTES: It was moved by Gosen, seconded by Crockett to approve the minutes with a typo correction on page 2, paragraph 2. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: It was moved by Kreiner, seconded by Hamann, to approve WD#1 bills totaling \$102,724.15, checks 12911-12920, 12931-12939. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0. It was moved by Kreiner, seconded by Hamann, to approve WD#2 bills totaling \$10,600, checks 1459-1462. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0. It was moved by Kreiner, seconded by Hamann, to approve payroll totaling \$41,684.78, checks 12902-12910, 12922-12930 and 5 EFTs. Check 12921 was voided. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

STAFF REPORTS: French- The seasonal employees are done for the year. WD#1 has received a quote from Perceptive to move the VFD controls from the office to pumphouse building, total \$11,000, 50% down payment. There is no guarantee this will solve the problem with pump control, this seems like the next logical step in resolving the problem with pump control. Hydrants have been pumped down for the winter. 4 taps were done last week, 5 more to do. Water tower inspection has been completed.

Everleigh- 5036 bills sent out, office is active taking payments. End of year work is underway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Wray absent, no report.

Operations and maintenance: Hall- The Jerome Township water tower inspection has been completed. WD#1 can use RRI funded account to pay for the VFD rewiring project. Wood moved, seconded by Hall, to approve \$11,000 to relocate and wire the VFD pump controllers with the funding coming from the RRI account. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/1 (Hamann dissenting). Wood asked staff to get quotes for acquiring a forklift for the Price Road facility. A question came up whether WD#1 could give new employee Mudd a stipend for using his personal phone for business work rather than providing him with a business phone. The policy committee will review documentation to see if this is already allowed.

Business and Finance: A draft 2023 budget was included in the packet for Board inspection. The HR Committee was requested to provide information on wage changes for 2023 budget purposes.

Everleigh advised the Board that in discussion with Troy at USDA, there is a disagreement between the amount USDA thinks should be in the RRI fund and what WD#1 records show. Everleigh has been unable to track down the discrepancy. After much discussion, Everleigh was asked to engage our auditors in sorting out the situation. It was moved by Hamann, seconded by Goul, to approve funding for the accounting investigation. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0.

Policy: Whaley said Policy would be reviewing the language on phone policy. Hall asked for an update on drug testing policy that had generated discussion at a previous meeting now that marijuana use has been legalized in Michigan.

Human Resources: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Wood is working on documents to allow a Greendale property owner to connect to a Jerome Township water main.

OTHER ITEMS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

h. David Rothman Mike Wood