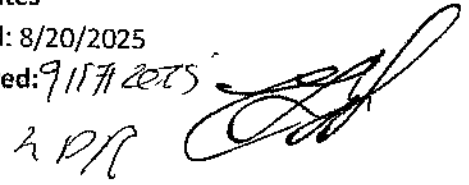


Water District No. 1 Of Midland County
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: Drafted: 8/20/2025

Approved: 9/15/25

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Board Members Present:

Jen Clever, Jerome
Steve Dunkel , Edenville
Brett Fales, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Doug Kruger, Lee
Art Peters, Edenville
Heidi Pitt, Lee (arrived 6:34 PM)
Steve Rice, Jerome
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford
Kevin Wray, Lincoln

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

Public:

Dennis Goul
Nate Meridith

Board Members Absent:

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Wray

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

MINUTES: Moved by Peters, second by Hamann, to approve the minutes of the 7/16/2025 meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Clever, second by Goul, to approve payment of WD#1 bills totaling \$166,736.73, checks 14239, 14244-14252, 14257, 14259-14267, 7 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 12/0. Moved by Clever, second by Goul, to approve paying WD#2 bills totaling \$56,624.34, checks 1556-1560. Motion approved by roll call vote, 12/0. Moved by Clever, second by Goul, to approve payroll totaling \$43,296.66, checks 14240-14243, 14253-14256, 14258, 8 direct deposits and 4 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- 5140 bills were printed, totaling \$547,028.08. Based on advice from the Midland City Postmaster, staff sorted the bills by zip code before taking the bills to the Post Office. The bills with local zip codes did not go to the postal sorting center in Pontiac and are less likely to have delivery issues. Staff worked a few extra hours on sorting. Customers did express appreciation for receiving a letter including a calendar with bill mailing dates and due dates indicated. We will see if this extra effort reduces issues with non-delivery of bills.

French reported that staff has created a water meter repair list. 23 meter repairs have been done. During French's absence, Brennan handled things well. Some water line repairs were necessary due to construction work. Staff will be operating hydrants and valves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Wray noted that this was his last meeting as a WD#1 Board member and introduced his replacement from Lincoln Township- Nate Meridith- a Responsible Care Leader for DuPont. Hamann will take on the duties of Chair. The District will need a temporary vice-chair for the unexpired term. Brett Fales volunteered to serve as vice-chair and that appointment was agreed upon.

Operations and maintenance: Rice- Minutes of the committee August meeting had been shared. French discussed the proposed single mains tap to two free-standing residences request recently received from a property owner in Lee Township. He noted that the current WD#1 policy does not permit that without specific Board approval and recommended against the practice. Lee Township presently allows 2 residences on the same land parcel. Spicer gave the District a \$7500 estimate for modifying the GIS system to include hydrant and valve maintenance data. French will ask for examples of other districts that use similar GIS systems programmed by Spicer for managing such data. The increased water sampling program has completed 54 of 60 samples required in 2025. If the continued good test results continue, the sampling quantity will be reduced in 2026. The Edenville bulk water station is seeing plenty of use. The hydrant with backflow preventer and meter in Porte Park is getting enough use to pay for installing that equipment. A Carter Rd property owner wants a temporary water connection. A shallow main along Monroe Rd has been buried deeper for frost protection by partially filling and recontouring a ditch.

Business and Finance: Clever- reported the committee met 8/19/2025 and reviewed information from the meeting. Rothman advised that the committee will have a rate-setting workshop on Aug. 29 to create a proposal for a rate increase following the bulk water rate increase and results of the 2024 annual audit.

Policy: Whaley- no report

Human Resources: Everleigh noted that our Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums have increased 13% for the new coverage year beginning Sept. 1.

NEW BUSINESS: The property owner at 2131 N. Hope requested an extension on the water permit. There has been no change in the permit fee and the request was granted. Note that the customer says they are about ready to install the meter yoke.

OTHER ITEMS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

