

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

Date:

Board Members Present:

Brett Fales, Lincoln
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Doug Kruger, Lee
Heidi Pitt, Lee
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford
Kevin Wray, Lincoln (arrived 6:43 PM)

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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Rob Kinnun

Board Members Absent:

Rita Goul, Hope
Steve Rice, Jerome

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Hamann.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Performed. 8 members were present, a quorum. Forum members Peters and Dunkle resigned last week and their replacements have not been named.

MINUTES: Moved by Kreiner, second by Kruger to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Kreiner, second by Rothman to approve payment of WD#1 bills totaling \$85,695.10, checks 14039-14040, 14043, 14045-14051, 14055-14065 and 6 EFTs. There was a printing error on check number 14044. Motion approved by roll call vote, 7/0. Mover by Kreiner, second by Rothman to approve payment of local unit fees and capital payments totaling \$38,474.34, checks 1538-1542. Motion approved by roll call vote, 7/0. Moved by Kreiner, second by Rothman to approve payroll totaling \$42,882.50, checks 14041-14042, 14052-14054, 6 Direct Deposits and 7 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote 7/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- 5185 bills recently sent to customers for a total of \$430,444.91. The annual audit is scheduled for March 3. Paperless billing is in progress on a trial basis, seems to be working well. Office staff are working on other forms.

French- Field staff is doing mostly office work with the occasional field call. Two leak repairs done. 24 meter repairs this month. Work on GIS and BS&A continues. Mains flushing in the north end of the

system was done during a warm spell in the north end of the system. In response to a question, French confirmed that WD#1 is back to sampling water for analysis on a once/year frequency,

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Hamann- No Report

Operations and maintenance: Hamann- Minutes of Committee's last meeting were emailed to Board members. French updated the Board on the office flooring update project. 4 bids were received ranging from \$8,130.50 to \$14,000. The other two bids were close to the lowest bid. Staff decided to choose the bidder who was most flexible with days/hours of installation and picked Find Stretch (sp?) for \$8,130.50. Moved by Fales, second by Kruger to accept the Find Stretch bid. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0. This project will replace the carpet and tile in the office areas of the Price Road office building.

The Lee water tower is due for its 5-year inspection for \$4,650. The Jerome tower should have a 1-year inspection of its new paint job to ensure that the new paint is adhering correctly, \$2,800. Moved by Hamann, second by Kruger to approve both. Motion approved by roll call vote, 8/0. A water tower sensor failed, will be resolved tomorrow. A hydrant Fisher used didn't get pumped down properly and was ruined by Fisher attempts to thaw it out. Fisher will pay for a replacement hydrant. French proposes modifying future rules for such use- under development.

Rothman asked about water meters in apparently occupied buildings that report no water use. After discussion, Rothman asked for a report on how many such meters exist in the District.

Business and Finance: Committee met 2/18/2025 and minutes emailed. Michigan CLASS is currently paying 4.462% interest on deposits.

Policy: Whaley- no report. Wray wanted to discuss a policy matter about lost water at address number 757 and 757 ½, a duplex rental. The property owner was present. This property had a water leak due to a burst frozen pipe with a large amount of lost water. After discussion, Wray made a motion to waive the policy of no "lost water discount" for rental properties in this unusual instance, seconded by Fales. Motion approved by roll call vote, 6/2. This will save the owner \$1,411.34.

Human Resources: No report

NEW BUSINESS: WD has a customer request to extend the time for acting on a permit already sold to this person. Consensus was to grant the extension.

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Robert Kinnun, property owner

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

In David Rothman
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