

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

Date: 3/19/2025

Board Members Present:

Rita Goul, Hope
Brett Fales, Lincoln
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Linzy Kreiner, Jerome
Doug Kruger, Lee
Art Peters, Edenville
Heidi Pitt, Lee (arrived 6:35 PM)
Steve Rice, Jerome
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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Approved: 4/16/25

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Public:

Dennis Goul
Tim Dana

Board Members Absent:

Kevin Wray, Lincoln

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Pledge performed. 9 members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES: Moved by Rothman, second by Kreiner, to approve the minutes. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Kreiner, second by Rothman to approve payment of bills totaling \$88,079.50, checks 14067, 14069-14078, 14080-14088 and 5 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote 9/0. Moved by Kreiner, second by Goul, to approved payroll totaling \$43,053.83, checks 14066, 14068, 14079, 8 direct deposits and 7 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 9/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: The District received a request by a Mr. Doug Doehring for lost water policy on a rental property account. The Board decided to take this request up during the Policy Committee discussion.

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh reported that 932 past due notices were mailed out. The annual audit went very well.

French reported that the field staff is beginning to do outdoor work, given the improving weather. There were 33 meter repairs and 6 new meter installs. The MDOT work on the M30 overpass over US-10 would be inconvenient. Nate is coming to the end of the WET program and needs to perform a practicum of 120 hours in a drinking water facility and another 120 hours in a wastewater treatment

facility. HR Committee should work with Nate on his schedule and compensation during the practicum period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Hamann- no report.

Operations and maintenance: Rice- Committee met 3/13/2025 and minutes were provided. A water sample failed the alkalinity test, a water quality violation that requires WD#1 to once again follow an increased amount of water quality testing. There was discussion of acquiring the tools to perform this test by WD1 personnel. Rothman asked French to meet with him on Friday March 21 to discuss the test. French offered information that there is a company that would take on the full work of the increased sampling at a cost of ~\$20,000/year. French believes the workload of doing our own sampling program is more than our staff can handle. Everleigh offered that she has downtime she could use to help. This matter is tabled for now.

WD#1 is required to inspect plumbing in businesses to ensure that any backflow preventers are identified and tested. The question of who should pay for this was discussed, as this is not routine backflow preventer testing but rather plumbing inspections. GIS system work continues. Floor work in the office building is coming up and the hydrant damaged by Fisher is being repaired.

Business and Finance: Kreiner- Committee met 3/18/2025 and summarized the meeting. Kreiner noted that French had completed the class approved by WD#1 and requested reimbursement of \$514 for tuition. Moved by Kreiner, second by Rothman, to reimburse French. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

Policy: Whaley- Looking for advice from a lawyer regarding a policy issue. The lost water request brought up during the Correspondence agenda item was mentioned but no one offered a motion to approve as this issue occurred in a rental property.

Human Resources: Pitt- No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Board member Peters advised that Mr. Tim Dans in the audience would be appointed to the Water District Board by Edenville Township for our April meeting.

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Staff were excused from the meeting after which the Board discussed a matter. Hamann will discuss with Wray and contact Rothman.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

h. David Rothman
DR