

Water District No. 1 Of Midland County
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Date: March 18, 2026

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Clever, Jerome
Steve Dunkle, Edenville
Brett Fales, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Doug Kruger, Lee
Meredith, Lincoln
Art Peters, Edenville
Heidi Pitt, Lee
Dave Rothman, Hope

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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LDR

Public:

Dennis Goul

Board Members Absent:

Steve Rice, Jerome
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford

MEETING LOCATION: Jerome Township Hall

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND ROLL CALL: Pledge was performed. 10 members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES: Moved by Hamann, second by Peters, to approve minutes of the Feb. 18, 2026 Board meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Clever, Second by Goul, to approve payment of bills totaling \$69,705.68, checks 14426-14432, 14434-14439 and 6 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Moved by Clever, second by Goul, to approve payroll totaling \$45,902.62, checks 14425, 14433, 8 direct deposits and 6 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- 944 past due notices were sent. The 2025 audit has been performed, District is awaiting adjusting entries. A new MERS retirement savings plan website will be activated March 23. The Unemployment Insurance office also has a new website. Both require learning new data entry procedures. Chris Patterson, attorney in Bill Fahey's practice, is advising on rolling over WD#1 system damage costs from a contractor who was attempting to hook up to the curb box to the tax rolls. District is awaiting his response.

French- District field staff is marking locations of WD#1 mains in anticipation of burying new TDS fiber cables. 75 miles of mains have been marked, approx. half the system. The GIS system is helpful with marking cur buried utilities. There were 19 meter repairs and 3 meter sets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Fales- no report.

Operations and maintenance: Rice absent, Fales- Bids received for the Lee tower repainting. The 3 bids were \$93,800, \$94,700 and \$45,999. French reported the first two bidders had plenty of work, while the third was looking for jobs and French recommended accepting their bid. Moved by Hamann, second by Peters, to accept the \$45,999 bid. Motion approved by roll call vote. WD#1 was advised of the bulk water cost increase effective July 1, 2026, up \$0.17 from \$2.64 to \$2.81. One of our hydrants was hit by a car and broke loose. Someone took away the hydrant, so it will be replaced by a new hydrant. Andrew's service truck had a mechanical issue- apparent tappet noise. Truck was taken to Garber for diagnosis, but the noise had stopped by the time they examined the vehicle. The vehicle will be monitored for reappearance of the noise. WD#1 got a request for putting a radio antenna on Edenville tower for public service broadcasts in case of emergency. Moved by Rothman, Second by Hamann, to approve the request. Motion approved 9/0 with one abstention (Peters, who is in an unrelated radio group that provides broadcast services during emergencies). The first announcements of a job opening for summer help received no responses.

Business and Finance: Clever- met March 17, minutes provided. Michigan CLASS is paying 3.8%. The Committee will propose a new rate structure by the May meeting to accommodate the new bulk water rate effective in July.

Policy: Whaley absent, No report

Human Resources: Pitt plans to schedule a meeting of the HR Committee to finalize the job descriptions

NEW BUSINESS: The District was contacted by a customer who purchased 3 permits for 3100, 3102 and 3108 N. Meridian but did not immediately use them. The work has now been completed, but a fee increase occurred since the permits were originally sold. Moved by Hamann, second by Fales, to approve renewal of the permits with an additional \$2,700 in permit fees. Motion approved by voice vote.

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: Meeting Adjourned at 7:04PM.

