

Water District No. 1 Of Midland County
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Date: May 20, 2026

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Clever, Jerome
Brett Fales, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope (arrived 6:53 PM)
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Doug Kruger, Lee
Meredith, Lincoln
Art Peters, Edenville
Heidi Pitt, Lee
Steve Rice, Jerome
Dave Rothman, Hope
Bonnie Whaley, Sanford

Staff Present:

Rowan Everleigh
Nate French

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None



Board Members Absent:

Steve Dunkle, Edenville

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 performed. 10 members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES: Motion by Hamann, second by Peters, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Water District Board meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Clever, second by Rothman, to approve payment of WD#1 bills totaling \$91,882.02, checks 14462, 14464-14467, 14471-14480, 14484-14488 plus 7 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Moved by Clever, second by Rothman, to approve payment of WD#2 bills totaling \$10,500, checks 1582-1585. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. Moved by Clever, second by Rothman, to approve payroll totaling \$78,684.76, Checks 14463, 14468-14470, 14481-14483, 12 direct deposits and 11 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- 5105 bills mailed out this cycle. The 2025 audit has been completed. The County sent us a list of foreclosed properties- none were WD#1 accounts.

French- 321 Miss Dig tickets. The seasonal employees are back on the job for the 2026 season and have completed hydrant flushing. Water quality sampling has been completed. Two main leaks occurred and were repaired, one was the responsibility of WD#1, the other the responsibility of the fiber optic marking crew. There were 9 meter repairs, 4 meter sets, prep for Irish Road repaving has been completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Fales- no report.

Operations and maintenance: Rice- French is getting bids for re-painting the office building and pump house. French discussed the bids received. Moved by Rice, second by Hamann, to approve a bid not to exceed \$11,000 for the work. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0.

Rice described a proposed Office Building improvement- replacing the existing rain gutter and downspouts with larger 6 inch hardware to minimize maintenance due to leaves. Bid price for this is \$2,860. Moved by Rice, second by Hamann, to approve the improvement. Motion approved by roll call vote, 10/0. The office parking lot asphalt condition was inspected for possible repaving in 2026, but O&M Committee decided to wait 2-3 years before repaving. The new main on Almond Drive is in place. Jim and Val are back as seasonal employees. French recommended not filling a third seasonal position, hoping to find a younger person who could fill the role and provide future continuity in this role. French recommended buying a \$125 license for our GIS system that would allow fire departments in the District to have read-only access to the GIS database. Only one license is required. Moved by Fales, second by Hamann, to approve the purchase. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0.

Business and Finance: Clever- reported the Committee met May 19, meeting minutes provided. Clever discussed contractor Margoria Letts, who cleans the office weekly for a \$75 fee. The last fee increase was in 2022. Moved by Clever, second by Goul to approve increasing the weekly fee to \$100, for which price Ms. Letts will also provide the cleaning products formerly provided by WD#1. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0. French discussed an item he introduced at the May 19 B&F meeting- a recommendation for the rate increase to cover the expected July 2026 \$0.17/1000 gallons bulk water rate increase by adding to the RTS rate. French also proposed adding a 5% inflation adjustment to the RTS charge to cover increases in other WD#1 costs. The two increases would yield a new RTS rate of \$28.97. Moved by Hamann, second by Fales, to increase the RTS charge to \$29.00, effective July 1, 2026. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0.

Policy: Whaley- the Committee met May 20, 2026. Items discussed are not ready to be reported.

Human Resources: Pitt- no meeting, no report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public present

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

H. David Redman
