

Water District No. 1 Of Midland County
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Date: June 17, 2026

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Clever, Jerome
Steve Dunkle, Edenville
Brett Fales, Lincoln
Rita Goul, Hope
Carl Hamann, Sanford
Doug Kruger, Lee
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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Approved: 7/15/2026
LOR

Public:

Dennis Goul
Shelly Browning- presenter



Board Members Absent:

Nate Meredith, Lincoln

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: Performed. Eleven members were in attendance, a quorum.

MINUTES: Moved by Hamann, second by Peters, to Approve minutes of the May 20, 2026 meeting .
Motion approved by voice vote.

REPORT BY WINELANDER-FITZHUGH ON 2025 AUDIT: Presented by Shelly Browning, who provided copies of the financial report, a letter from the auditor and a slide deck summarizing the audit results. Browning noted that WD#1 had a clean report with no exceptional findings.

Moved by Peters, second by Hamann, to accept the auditor's report. Motion passed by roll call vote, 11/0.

OPERATIONAL BILLS: Moved by Clever, second by Rothman, to approve payment of bills totaling \$104,148.79, checks 14489, 14493-14501, 14505-14510 and 6 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0. Moved by Clever, second by Rothman, to approve payroll totaling \$42,273.22, checks 14490-14492, 14502-14504, 8 direct deposits and 7 EFTs. Motion approved by roll call vote, 11/0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS: Everleigh- Staff mailed 955 past due notices totaling \$9,848.79. WD1 received a notice of bankruptcy for one of its customers. Everleigh noted this was the first such notice she had received and consulted our attorney to ensure this was handled correctly. WD1 received a Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan settlement of \$1,547.29 after Everleigh applied for it. Whispering Pines trailer park's water payment check bounced for NSF. Everleigh sent a query to our attorney to find out whether WD1 can shut off water service to the trailer park if proper payment is not received and is awaiting response.

French- 196 Miss Dig calls, crew is shifting to valve and hydrant exercising. Reminder letters for backflow preventer testing have been sent and most test confirmations have been returned. 39 meter repairs were performed. Sanford Lake Marina was found by field staff to have replaced their water meter with a piece of straight pipe. Appropriate fine will be imposed and estimated unmetered water use will be billed to their account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Fales- no report

Operations and maintenance: Rice- Committee met June 11, 2026. Rice provided a copy of the meeting minutes. There is a failed drain tube at Jerome Twp fire hall. Perceptive Controls lost their key programmer for our control system. French is finishing write-up of updated WD1 Emergency Response Plan. 911 contacted WD1 for permission to install an antenna on the Edenville water tower (granted).

Business and Finance: Clever- Committee met June 16, 2026 and provided copies of the meeting minutes. Everleigh noted that she is looking for input from Clever and Rothman on updates to WD1 medical insurance plans for September plan renewal.

Policy: Whaley- Reported committee met earlier June 17, 2026. Topic was a recommendation on allowing multiple water hookups to the main on a single parcel of land. The committee recommended a limit of 2 such connections with each customer having separate billing addresses. Moved by Peters, second by Hamann, to reject the proposal. Motion approved by roll call vote, 9/2.

Human Resources: Pitt- no report. Hamann asked about out-of-cycle and merit (As opposed to COL) pay increases for staff. After discussion, there was agreement that any such action would need to be supported by performance reviews.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: 7:30 PM

