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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **P.W.S.D. #1 OF STONE COUNTY**

#### **December 8, 2025**

The regular Board of Directors meeting took place on Monday, December 8, 2025, at the Kimberling City Community Center on 34 Kimberling City Blvd.

Jesse Deets opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present: President Jesse Deets; V. President Kristie Usher; Director Richard Gardner; Accountant Alan Nippes and District Clerk Jeanette Karl. Absent: none.

The meeting opened and there were no public comments or requests.

#### **Minutes:**

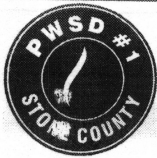
- The minutes for the November 24, 2025, regular meeting have been read with a motion to approve as written by R. Gardner and a second by K. Usher. All were in favor, and no one opposed.

#### **Financial:**

- The Disbursements and Assets for November 2025 were reviewed, and Alan made note that expenses were down from previous months which is a step in the right direction. The revenue in November is also down but not drastically or anything to be concerned with. Our water loss is still around 70%. Our cash revenue is increasing annually but not enough to cover CapEx repairs. A motion was made by R. Gardner to approve disbursements for November 2025 as noted, and a second was made by K. Usher. All were in favor. No one opposed.
- Alan Nippes and board members reviewed proposed 2026 Budget. Alan updated the Board on the items last discussed at the November meeting to be changed. He made the comment we are slowly fixing things piece by piece, reducing repair costs, new staff helping to control the costs.
- Richard agreed with Alan on maintaining our Contract Repairs at around 12K per month as the PRV upgrade a couple years ago that was going to save us millions of dollars is not happening. We will continue to make repairs but not Capital repairs as we are not seeing it make a difference to reducing our water loss.
- A motion to approve the 2026 Budget was made by R. Gardner and a second by K. Usher. All were in favor, and no one opposed.
- The Board discussed a 3% rate increase of Base Rate + Consumption. This minor rate increase will help to keep us in the black with an average bill only increasing around \$1.50 per month. A motion to approve a 3% rate increase was made by R. Gardner and a second by K. Usher. All were in favor, and no one opposed.

#### **Operations:**

- The bids from Digital Wave had an optional \$200 for services performed personally by the tech crew up to 2 hours per month. This was overlooked at the past meeting and needed to be voted on to move forward. A motion to approve as written on the proposal from Digital Wave by R. Gardner and a second by K. Usher. All were in favor, and no one opposed.
- Penny minting has stopped but they have not been taken out of circulation yet. Jeanette asked does the board want to make a policy on rounding up or down on bills or policy for crediting the account for the next water bill to not lose money on our end with rounding. They discussed options and Cindy Leach brought up how many companies are rounding and the thousands of dollars they are expecting to lose. The Board tabled this for next year to discuss at a later date.



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- Jeanette told the board about American Water sports put in a fence damaged our meter. We fixed it and charged them for the repair. Check received for \$564.66 the cost to replace damaged meter and contractor costs to repair.
- Remember, the Dec 22 meeting is cancelled.

## Old Business:

- Richard brought up that we have been looking to find a day that fits into the City's calendar at an earlier time to hold our meeting at Kimberling City Community Center. It was agreed upon to move our monthly Board meetings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm with the exception of January and February as these Monday's are Holidays. Those 2 meetings will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Jeanette will verify with the city that we can do this, and it will not interfere with any other previously booked groups. We will make changes to our Bylaws and send out notifications to the community of this change via text alerts, back of the bill in January and our Facebook account.
- MAW Advisory Committee update - J. Deets spoke with our attorney, Alex Riley, who is the Senate Majority Leader working to change the percentage needed for public water companies to dissolve. A. Riley stated that the Senate is looking at making changes to the law which currently requires a 2/3 vote and change to a 50% plus 1 vote or similar. MAW is also lobbying to get this percentage lowered. It did not make it to the floor last year to they are working hard to get it reviewed and passed in 2026.
- J. Deets stated we need to finalize the contract verbiage with MAW, our attorney is reviewing this, before we move forward with the petition. We will need to gather the contract, petition, engineer study, our plan and strategy for PWSD#1. Then all of this brought before the judge to get passed.
- We are realistically looking at getting on the ballot for dissolution by Aug 2026.
- J. Deets said A. Riley stated there is not 1 public water district in the state of Missouri who has successfully dissolved at the ballot.
- MAW Committee will discuss an informational newsletter/fact sheet for mailing to all customers at their January meeting.

## New Business:

- The Board discussed and approved the new paid employee medical leave that was approved at a closed session on November 24, 2025. Jeanette will take what Alan provided the Board and incorporate it in the PWSD #1 Employee Handbook.

J. Deets made a motion to adjourn meeting and a second was made by R. Gardner. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**Next meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2026.**

Acting President – Jesse Deets

District Clerk – Jeanette Karl