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MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
P.W.S.D. #1 OF STONE COUNTY
April 20, 2026

The regular Board of Directors meeting took place on **Monday**, April 20, 2026, at the Kimberling City Community Center on 34 Kimberling City Blvd.

Present: President Jesse Deets; V. President Kristie Usher; Director Richard Gardner; Accountant Alan Nippes and District Clerk Jeanette Karl. Absent: none.

Jesse Deets opened the meeting at 6:30 pm and there were no public comments or requests.

Speaker

- Crystal Kurz (42 Golfcrest Dr) recently found out that MAW wants them to pay \$700,000 to dig and run lines to the 4 plex plus pay for additional engineering as well. They did not budget for this. They are asking for just the 4plex to be connected to PWSD#1 it is 4 condos that will be sold individually after the build is finished not rentals. She pleads to the board as they have all their building materials and are ready to go but water is just the hold up. Jesse stated we can approve the 4 units, but we cannot promise any more that that at this time. Jesse stated he will get with Alex at Healy Law to see if we need anything in writing before we move forward. A motion was made by R. Gardner to approve 4 meters for the 42 Golfcrest 4 plex only and a second was made by K. Usher. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Minutes:

- The minutes for March 23, 2026, a regular meeting have been read with a motion to approve as written by K. Usher and a second by R. Gardner. All were in favor, and no one opposed.

Financial:

- The Disbursements and Assets for March 2026 were reviewed, although we are looking good, we still have nothing in the way of doing capital repairs. Contract Labor has remained lower since hiring the office manager to stay on top of it. We have enough funds to possibly look at a field technician and or a full-time operator. This is the best month so far in 2026. A motion was made by K. Usher to approve disbursements for March as noted, and a second was made by R. Gardner. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Operations:

- J. Karl advised that the operators' report is in the packet for their review. We are trying hard to keep the repairs under budget.
- There was a New Meter installed on 24 Hickory and a few minor repairs completed this month.
- We have updated New Meter Installation policy with recent board suggestions.
- DNR submittal for AMAX was done for the Midview meters which can take up to 4-6 weeks to hear a reply.
- Backflow Preventer Policy updated and letters mailed to those customers who have sprinkler systems. Deadline to receive those inspections back is June 30th.
- The Elm & Edgemont repair lowered the pressure on the Hickory PRV and dropped 2hr of running time on the well.



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- Posted for Utility Operator / field technician position and received 86 applications so far and J. Karl has narrowed resumes to a manageable amount for the board to review. She will pull the job post. R. Gardner asked if the Board could review the resumes provided and give their top choices by Monday April 27th. All agreed.
- Late Bills / Collections for April
 - Past Due accounts that paid in full: 117 Accounts - \$6,874.29
 - Past 30 days: 56 accounts - \$3,865.74
 - Past 60 days: 26 accounts - \$4,063.00

Old Business:

- MAW Dissolution petition requires 50 signatures per subdistrict per Alex at Healy Law. R. Gardner mentioned that we are working with MAW to obtain a list of registered voters and which subdistrict they are in to better assist our committee volunteers to obtain the signatures.
- Marge Gonstead suggested an informational brochure with details on both sides to hand out when gathering signatures. Jesse said they are working on putting something together.
- Community Informational meetings will start in May.

New Business:

- R. Gardner has been in conversation with Cochran Engineering they suggested the possibility of a system leak survey to pinpoint areas of the water main that were leaking. We would need to inspect the water mains using a hydrophone at the valves and hydrants. The hydrophone works best on galvanized or ductile iron pipe. With our system being mostly PVC, they will likely have to pothole areas to get accurate results. This was done in Iron County and there was a \$5,000 mobilization fee and they quoted \$3,000/day. The quote assumed 5 days in order to study 17 miles of mains. They were able to complete the project in 3 days. R. Gardner said this is a discussion we need to have. Jesse said Ed Young at Taney County #3 can attest to the accuracy of the hydrophone.
- Cochran is also working on a new district map with our subdistricts and streets in those subdistricts. R. Gardner stated our current map looks like someone colored it in with crayons.
- A. Nippes spoke about possibly hiring a firm to perform an audit of the district. He said take caution as the general perception is there's something wrong. It is costly and time consuming. As an accountant who has done many audits a clean audit does not necessarily find fraud. Digging up the past mismanagement transactions from decisions that this current board did not partake, in his opinion is not wise.
- A DNR Compliance audit can run you upwards of \$50,000 and you may not get anything that would be worth that money.

J. Deets made a motion to adjourn meeting and a second was made by R. Gardner. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting June 1, 2026
(May 18, 2026, rescheduled)

President – Jesse Deets

District Clerk – Jeanette Karl