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MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
P.W.S.D. #1 OF STONE COUNTY
August 18, 2025

The Special Board of Directors meeting took place on Monday, August 18, 2025, at the Kimberling City Community Center on 34 Kimberling City Blvd.

Jesse Deets opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present: Acting President Jesse Deets; Director Kristie Usher; Director Richard Gardner; Terry Jarrett; Healey Law Firm and District Clerk; Jeanette Karl

The meeting opened and since there was a big turnout and many new faces, Jesse Deets had the board introduce themselves again and he introduced Matt & Matt from Missouri American Water.

Jesse gave a brief explanation of how we arrived at where we are at this point. There was a long-term planning committee formed about 2 years ago who did research on the status of our infrastructure and costs to fix it. He feels the past board pushed it off because no one wants to be the bad guy and raise rates. We need to start the process now to get on the April ballot to have the members vote on a dissolution of the district or not. We are here to educate our community members so they may make an educated vote.

Richard thanked the large turn out and he took a census of how they were made aware of this meeting 50/50 alerts and Facebook, but a handful said they were told by the ladies in the office.

Guest: Missouri American Water Matt Barnhart

1. Missouri American water

Matt did a Q&A with the crowd and gave out lots of examples of current communities in the western Missouri area that are with Missouri American Water. We currently have a 70% water loss and a district our size should be less than 10%. MAW has an office in Branson with 10 employees near Table Rock Dam. MAW services approximately 1 in 4 customers in the entire state of Missouri. The company is 139 years old with Joplin and St. Joe being their oldest Missouri districts. They are regulated by the Missouri Public Services Commission and must follow MPSC procedures.

MAW has many departments and resources to better build our infrastructure they buy in volume and can get supplies at a fraction of what we can. If the vote is in favor of dissolving the district it will take approximately 11 months after the vote passes in April, before MAW can come in and take over.

Bill Comparison from MAW

	4000gal usage	2000 gal usage
PWSD#1	\$58.38	\$42.38
MAW	\$55.81	\$33.40

2. Dissolution Committee – Please sign up if you are interested in being on the committee. You can also contact Jeanette at the PWSD #1 office.

J. Deets made a motion to adjourn meeting and a second was made by R. Gardner. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Acting President – Jesse Deets

Next meeting Monday, August 25, 2025



District Clerk – Jeanette Karl