

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

Members: Chair Mike Irwin, Vice Chair Eric Oschwald, Trustee Mark Lewis, Trustee Bill Moss, Trustee Mark DiMarzio, Trustee Jim Mayes, Trustee Wayne Benanti, Operations Manager Aaron Smith, Engineer Max Middendorf, Business Manager Cherril Graff, Treasurer Stacy Stremsterfer and Secretary Jessica Ryg

Guests: Todd Folder

I. Call to Order

Chair Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Secretary (Ryg)

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to approve Tuesday, September 9, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to approve Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Lewis second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to approve Tuesday, September 23, 2205, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Guests/Visitors:

V. Treasurer (Stemsterfer)

The Monthly Budget Report for September 2025 will be presented at a later date. Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to table the report. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion.

A list of vendor bills were presented. Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Stremsterfer said the CEFCU CD renewed.

It was clarified that the end-of-the-month was transferred in an effort to reconcile.

VI. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)

There is no water loss report for this month.

The Illinois EPA field inspection was completed and went well. The District awaits for the final report.

Brotcke, Well and Pump began work on Well #1.

Three services were installed in Sloan Crossing.

On September 10 - 12, 2025, Tom and Mike attended the annual Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association annual conference held by Illinois Rural Water. For more information, please visit: www.ilrwa.org/IPWSOA/IPWSOA%20Conference.html

The lime batch's load cell issue was resolved.

Todd and Lewis attended a training hosted by Mueller Company that covered fire hydrants, valves and brass fittings.

The 1 ½ RPZ backflow preventer (Reduced Pressure Zone) in the treatment plant was replaced.

The aluminum air gap basket at the Bradfordton Elevator Bulk Station was damaged. Sharps welding in Pawnee was able to make the repair.

A fire hydrant in the Village of Berlin was dug up and reset due to being hit.

A repair was made at the break at the Old Covered Bridge Road. The District is in the process of flushing and the sample will be taken tomorrow.

The construction and operating permit was received for the Cedarhurst Independent Living Cottages.

VII. Business Manager's Report (Cherril Graff)

No report.

VIII. District Engineer's Report (Middendorf)

The District Engineer has been working with Alison Ward of the USDA of the Jacksonville Regional Office on future funding opportunities and projects.

Engineer Middendorf is working with Rail Pros for the Curran permits. There's a \$2,500 one-time fee for a permit. We're trying to get away from the annual maintenance fee to the railroad to be on their property.

Winch Lane: There will be a different approach to consider in the future.

Chair Irwin asked Engineer Middendorf to add the Lincoln Trail project to District's task list. The boring and easements were discussed re: Lincoln Trail.

Engineer Middendorf said he's in the process with IEPA (D. Johnson) for permit clearance. As always, he advised of the possible cultural resource clearance needed that could kick-in during archeological inventory phase.

The permit applications were finished re: Bomke Road.

IX. Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Reports

A. Chair (Irwin):

The attorney asked the Board to prepare an advantages and disadvantages list of a possible settlement offer. It was clarified that the City of Springfield declined to reply to our settlement offer because they claimed it was not in the realm of possibilities. The magistrate will be met on November 3rd at 9am at the federal courthouse.

B. Vice Chair (Oschwald): Vice Chair Oschwald noted that the upcoming cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is projected to be approximately 2.7% or 2.8% in the future. Also, he said that the Route 97 project was named in the Rebuild Illinois Transportation funding (See handout).

C. Finance Committee (Oschwald/DiMarzio/Lewis): no report.

D. Planning Committee (Moss/Mayes): no report.

E. Personnel Committee (Lewis/Moss): Aaron Smith got a compliment from a future customer inquiring about service.

F. Systems Oversight Committee (Irwin/Benanti): no report.

G. Policy and Procedures Committee (Benanti/Lewis): no report.

H. Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald): no report.

(7:20 pm)

X. New Business

A. Budget Amendment #1: Vice Chair Oschwald moved to pass Budget Amendment #1. It would be for the billing clerk salary of \$37,258/annually. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin took a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes

Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

Trustee Lewis: Yes

Yes With 7 yes votes, the motion carried.

- B. A budget amendment was presented for a contract not to exceed \$3,500 for security upgrades to the water plant. Trustee DiMarzio made the motion. Chair Irwin took a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee Lewis: Yes
Yes With 7 yes votes, the motion carried

- C. System Enhancements: Lincoln Trail will move the design phase.

- D. Future Compensation for Trustees. Trustee Lewis spoke about an email thread with Attorney Allen Yow that the Board would qualify for the amount of \$1,200 per year. A resolution would go into effect May 1, 2026, if that was the Board's decision.

(7:32 p.m.)

XI. Visitors and Guests:

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 10th instead of Tuesday due to Armistice Day/Veterans Day

XII. Executive Session – none.

XIII. Return to Open Meeting – none.

XIV. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

XV. Adjournment A motion was made by Vice Chair Oschwald to adjourn. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried. The CGTPWD Board adjourned. 7:40 p.m.