

**Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District**  
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**Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting**

Members: Chair Mike Irwin, Vice Chair Eric Oschwald, Trustee Bill Moss, Trustee Mark DiMarzio (excused), 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, Mark Lewis

**I. Call to Order:** Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Secretary (Ryg)**

Trustee Oschawld made a motion to table the May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and Special Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. Guests/Visitors:** Mark Lewis addressed the CGTPWD Board. He and his family have been a CGTPWD customers for the past 15 years and he wanted to introduce himself as a candidate for the CGTPWD Trustee vacancy.

**V. Treasurer (Stremsterfer)**

The April 2025 CGTPWD Budget Report was tabled at the last meeting. Treasurer Stremsterfer presented both April 2025 (Year-end) and the May 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> report for the new fiscal year).

**Income:**

Month End District Water Income

May: \$165,729.00

April: \$152,992.00

Fiscal YTD Water Income

May: \$165,729.00

April: \$2,029,338.00 (year-end)

Month End District Income - Including Other Income

May: \$193,038.00 (96% of the budget)

April: \$181,871.00

Fiscal YTD for All Income

May: \$193,038.00 (95% of budget)  
April: \$2,493,733.00 (103% of budget and year-end)

**Expenses:**

Month End Operating Expenses

May: \$174,522.00  
April: \$155,759.00

Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget

May: \$174,522.00 (95% of operating budget)  
April: \$1,946,740.00 (118% of operating budget and year-end)

**Net Operating Income (Loss)**

The YTD FY25 Unaudited Net Operating Income

May: \$18,516.00  
April Report: \$508,526.00

**Budgeted Debt Service & Short-Lived Assets (SLA):** \$46,650.00 which transfers each month to Debt & Service accounts

**Capital Expenses for the Period:**

May: 0 (correct)  
April: \$13,676.00

Net Income for the Period:

May: (\$28,134.00)  
April: (\$20,688.00)

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to accept April's profit and loss report pending audit. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to accept May's profit and loss report pending audit. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

**Bills List of Vendors**

May: \$178,013.07

Trustee Moss made a motion to pay the bills for May of 2025. Trustee Benanti second the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Stremsterfer informed the board that the audit is scheduled to start on Monday, June 16. She also updated CGTPWD Trustees that the new bank signatures cards and other related items were ready for their signatures.

## **VI. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)**

Operation Manager's Water Report for April 18, 2025 – May 20, 2025

- Amount of water treated and sent to the distribution system: 11,175,000 (32-day billing cycle)
- Amount of water billed: 9,443,970 gallons
- Amount of water loss: 1,731,030 gallons (15.4%)
- Amount of water loss per minute: 37.5 gallons

*DISCLAIMER: No water from CWLP, South Sangamon Water Commission or customer billings served by them had any bearing on the determinations made in this report.*

The Farmingdale Tower Water Station and Bradfordton Bulk Water Station had rate changes.

Young's Security has completed the installation of security cameras at the Treatment Plant.

Two new water services were installed in the Centennial Point subdivision.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) requested information on fire flows and hydrant locations to help establish fair premiums for fire insurance.

Meter replacement and GPS data collecting efforts continue.

Two replacement meters were ordered for the Farmingdale Elementary School and Farmingdale Middle School. Midwest Meter informed CGTPWD that replacement parts were no longer available to rebuild them.

The Pleasant Plains emergency interconnect was turned on in order for Pleasant Plains to complete work on their wells.

## **VII. Business Manager's Report (Cherril Graff)**

Office equipment will be moved around to accommodate one additional workstation.

Interviews are scheduled for a billing clerk's position.

CGTPWD will be collaborating with Midwest Meter's technical expert, Nick Clark, to address the cellular meters that are not receiving data during the most recent billing cycle.

Business Manager Graff would like to arrange a brief meeting with the Ordinance Committee to discuss the abandoned meter policy.

The annual audit has commenced, and Business Manager Graff has been collecting the necessary exhibits.

### **VIII. District Engineer's Report (Middendorf)**

#### **SRF 1 | Project #620-081**

The IEPA construction permit was received and PEID approved. Funding nomination forms submitted to IEPA SRF.

#### **SRF 2 | Project #620-082**

The Water Tank Rehabilitations project is on the 2024 funding list. The IEPA construction permit renewed for SRF 2 tank rehabs. Funding nominations were resubmitted to IERPA for SRF.

#### **SRF 3 | Project #620-083**

The Curran Pressure Zone Improvements: Preliminary plans progressing. The funding nomination form was submitted to IEPA SRF. Environmental clearance proceeding.

Engineer Middendorf informed the Board that the District did not qualify for the EPA SRF grants (score of 285 doesn't meet the cut line of 345). The District may consider possible USDA loan options. It was noted that the USDA faces potential budget cuts with proposals suggesting a reduction of nearly \$7 billion compared to the previous year. It was also noted that these are 40-year loan terms, so assets with a shorter life span may not qualify.

#### **Project 620-084; .001; .002**

GIS Mapping; Boundary; Hydraulic Analysis; Monitoring depositions.

#### **Project 620-086; -001; 002**

Curran Watermain Loop Project. The IEPA, IDOT and Railroad permit applications are being processed.

#### **Project 620-087; -001; 002**

Winch Lane Watermain Loop: The IEPA permit application was drafted. MECO is working with Sangamon County to permit crossing under the trail. Working with Springfield Township for road crossing permits. Pending easements to proceed.

### **IX. Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Reports**

- a.) Chair (Irwin): Chair Irwin spoke to Attorney Allen Yow about the Intergovernmental Agreement. Also, Chair Irwin contacted IDOT about the Route 97 project which includes moving water main lines.
- b.) Vice Chair (Oschwald): He said most of his items are in New Business.

- c.) Finance (Oschwald/DiMarzio): no report.
- d.) Planning (Moss/Mayes): no report.
- e.) Personnel (Irwin/Moss):
- f.) Systems Oversight (Irwin/Benanti): There might be a water leak on Koke Mill due to standing water, so Trustee Benanti would like it examined.
- g.) Policy and Procedures (Irwin/Benanti): no report.
- h.) Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald): Business Manager Graff would like to meet with this committee.

## **X. New Business**

**(7:30 p.m.)**

### **a. 2025-2025 Budget Approval**

Vice Chair Oschwald presented the 2026 Budget. He spoke about the complexities for budgeting for Capital Expenditures. He noted that there are capital requests such as a new lawn mower and two defibrillators in the 2026 Budget. Any additional Capital Expenditures throughout the fiscal year will be presented as Budget Amendments when the need arises and cash flow allows.

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to approve the FY 26 Budget. Trustee Moss second the motion. Chairman Irwin called for a roll call:

Chair Irwin: Yes  
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes  
Trustee Mayes: Yes  
Trustee Moss: Yes  
Trustee Benanti: Yes

With five yes votes, the motion passed.

### **b. Budget Amendment**

Vice Chair Oschwald made the motion to table Budget Amendment #1. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

### **c. Pleasant Plains Intergovernmental Agreement**

Vice Chair Oschwald asked Operations Manager Smith to continue to keep track of the hours worked at the Pleasant Plains Water Plant.

### **d. System Enhancements: Loops, Main, etc.**

Vice Chair Oschwald said CGTPWD has an opportunity to finish a customer's loop on Lincoln's Trail. Operations Manager Smith has the necessary paperwork to prepare easements. It was suggested to start the design, permits and budgeting process.

Engineer Middendorf said that Business Manager Graff inquired about renewed interest in future customers on behalf of the Menard Rural Water Cooperative (Water District). He explained the history of this project and possible future phases.

**(7:45 p.m.)**

**e. CGTPWD Board Vacancy (Irwin)**

The Board has an open Trustee position.

**f. Compensation for Trustee (Mayes)**

Trustee Mayes refreshed the Board and visitors about serving as a trustee on the water board. He also said it could be a tiered system based on leadership positions.

Here are two benefits of board pay that were mentioned:

- Attracting Qualified Individuals: Board compensation could be a strong incentive for highly qualified individuals with valuable expertise, who might otherwise not have the time to dedicate to board service, to join the board.
- Promoting Equitable Access: Offering board compensation can help diversify the board by enabling individuals from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, who might not be able to volunteer their time, to participate.

Chairman Irwin said it would need an ordinance drafted. He will contact Attorney Yow about this matter.

**XI. Guests - none**

**XII. Executive Session**

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Mayes second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes

Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

With five yes votes, the motion passed.

(Board exits at 7:56 p.m.)

(Board returns at 8:41 pm)

Trustee Oswald made a motion to return to Regular Session, Trustee Mayes second the motion to return to session

Chairman Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oswald: Yes

Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

With five yes votes, the motion passed.

### **XIII. Return to Open Meeting – none**

Chairman said personnel matters and litigation were discussed during executive session.

**XIV. Adjournment** A motion was made by Trustee Moss to adjourn. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The CGTPWD Board adjourned at 8:41 p.m.