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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS P.W.S.D. #1 OF STONE COUNTY September 22, 2025**

The regular Board of Directors meeting took place on Monday, September 22, 2025, at the Kimberling City Community Center on 34 Kimberling City Blvd.

Jesse Deets opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present: President/V. President Jesse Deets; Director Kristie Usher; Director Richard Gardner; Financial Accountant Alan Nippes and District Clerk Jeanette Karl.

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

### **Minutes:**

The minutes for the following meetings July 28, 2025, regular meeting, July 28, 2025, closed meeting, August 18, 2025, special meeting, and August 25, 2025 regular meeting have been read with a motion to approve as written by J. Deets and a second by K. Usher. All were in favor, and no one opposed.

### **Financial:**

The Disbursements and Assets for August 2025 were presented by Alan Nippes, and a motion was made by J. Deets to approve disbursements for August as noted, and a second was made by R. Gardner. All were in favor. No one opposed.

### **Operations:**

Jeanette advised that operations is running better. The number of boring incidents has dropped, which has decreased the number of outages /leaks in our community. Our Bulk water sales are lower, which may mean the White River fiber optic contractors are moving out of our area.

She requested the Republic dumpster be approved on a month-to-month basis. A motion was made by R. Gardner and a second was made by J. Deets. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Jeanette also stated she and Allie have been reviewing every document and updating the website to bring it to ADA compliance with Rural Water Impact's request.

### **Old Business:**

Jesse mentioned we are still looking for 2 directors to fill the Board Vacancies District 1 & 3. We have had no response from the community to date. Marge Gonstead said she would like to be a board member, but she is on the MAW Advisory Aommittee and would not want it to be a conflict of interest. Jesse said it would not be because we have 2 new MAW Advisory Committee members as of tonight. Steve and Cindy Leach.

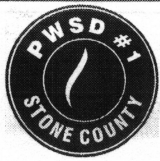
Jesse mentioned we have been gathering bids for IT Support. We have reviewed the current bids from Branson Computers and Digital Wave but are going to table this for now.

We have gathered and reviewed bids for new gutters but will need to put this in the budget for next year. White River is still gathering quotes to fix the damage the boring company did to our roof.

We have gathered and reviewed bids for 2 mini splits but will need to put this in the budget for next year.

### **New Business:**

Jesse stated we have received quotes from Olsson Engineering, Great River Engineering and Cochran Engineering. The board voted and decided on Cochran as they are offering an engineer study review of the 2017 study and also



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adding in fire flow review as well. A motion was made by R. Gardner and a second was made by K. Usher. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Jesse gave an update to the MAW Advisory Committee. They established primary goals and first steps of getting the petition in front of a judge and approved. We need to make sure Healy has an attorney who is very familiar and has experience in PSC dealings, if not we will need to seek out an attorney just for this reason.

Although April 2026 will be the election for Board Members and new Officers, Jesse said he has been acting President for a couple months and felt we need to establish roles in the meantime and so he felt an Officer Voting was in order. R. Gardner made a motion for Jesse Deets to take over as President and a second was made by K. Usher. All were in favor. No one opposed. J. Deets made a motion for Kristie Usher to take over as Vice President and a second was made by R. Gardner. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Richard brought up an old item that needed to be voted on and that was the Emergency Phone. PWSD#1 has all the liability of this phone, and it should be carried by an employee. Jeanette & Allie will switch off weekly and be the carrier of the after-hours emergency phone that was previously carried by John Dowdy, a contractor at a cost of \$350/week. We can save half that total cost by paying the office staff each \$175/week. A motion was made by R. Gardner and a second was made by K. Usher. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Jesse introduced Bart Downing with Alliance Water Resource to speak about an agreement option for PWSD #1 operations as a temporary option between now and the April Election. Bart has 24 years with Alliance. He also operates Kimberling City wastewater plant for the past 10 years and operates PWSD#2. Alliance handles all of the day-to-day operations and will offer the current office staff positions with Alliance with their current time grand fathered in. Bart discussed the costs PWSD#1 currently pays and the fees that Alliance charges. Korina Branson had many questions for Bart and felt that there was too much wiggle room in the proposal and that with his numbers PWSD#1 would not be saving that much money going with Alliance. Jesse asked Bart to get with Alan and get more data to give the board better examples of cost savings.

J. Deets made a motion to adjourn meeting and a second was made by R. Gardner. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting October 27, 2025**

Acting President – Jesse Deets

District Clerk – Jeanette Karl