



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

The regular Board of Directors meeting took place on Tuesday, January 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 6:31 pm and there were no public comments or requests.

Minutes:

- The minutes for the December 8, 2025, regular meeting have been read with a motion to approve as written by R. Gardner and a second by K. Usher. All were in favor, and no one opposed.

Financial:

- A. Nippes added a line item on the monthly report for the board's review. He asked the board if it is more meaningful to see the Depreciation Expense on the equipment moving forward in 2026. The board unanimously said no they would like to keep it as we have been on the financials. R. Gardner stated we have been very transparent with the community and now that we have a competent staff he feels we do not need to add or change anything at this time. The other board members agreed.
- Alan did mention he was pulling depreciation information from the last audit done by KPM back in 2022. J. Deets stated that we can look at a newer audit in the future if needed. A community member asked why can't MAW pay for it if they need it. J. Deets said this can be added in the contract if MAW requests an audit.
- A. Nippes said that our 2025 expenses were only about 9% over budget and R. Gardner said it was not bad considering we hired 2 full time staff members and our recent attorney expenses that were not factored into the 2025 budget.
- The Disbursements and Assets for December 2025 and Year end 2025 were reviewed, and a motion was made by R. Gardner to approve disbursements for December as noted, and a second was made by K. Usher. All were in favor. No one opposed.

Operations:

- J. Karl mentioned that the operator will be out in February but will be conducting some of her duties remotely. She stated a list of these duties and those that John will be doing in her absence.
- The By-laws and website were updated with new meeting date of 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm.
- The Employee Handbook has been updated with new paid medical leave section per approval at last meeting
- J. Karl has contacted Digital Wave we are in the process of updating our system with firewall protection. After meeting with Robert at Digital Wave, he said that additional one-time purchase components were needed to ensure proper safety of customer data. This has been ordered and will be installed soon.
- J. Karl updated the Rate codes in RVS to reflect the 3% increase in base fee and usage.



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- The excavator tire was put back on after several months and new battery purchased as the old one was dead. Richard asked why we don't sell it as it is not being used. We can always rent on in the future if needed.
- J. Karl had the parking lot potholes filled and leveled for safety of staff when opening and closing the gate.
- We let go of the previous lawn mower company and hired Sharp Edge to take care of our property.

Old Business:

- J. Deets gave an MAW update. Due to the delays with the attorney review of the MAW contract we have moved the vote to the August Ballot. The contract has been approved by the board and our attorney. It is now in the MAW hands for their approval. Once they approve and we have it back, we will approve and get 50 signatures on the petition to take in front of the judge. Once the Judge agrees we can move to put it on the August ballot.
- J. Deets went on to say that not one PWS D has been successful in doing a dissolution. Several have gotten on the ballot but it fails to pass at the ballot. Our attorney is the Senate Majority Leader in the house and the Missouri House has a bill that we are hoping passes moving from a 67% vote to a simple majority which will hopefully help us in the ballot in August.
- R. Gardner stated we cannot keep operating as we are as we just do not have the funds to make all the necessary repairs to our entire infrastructure.
- It was asked how we are going to get the information out to the community and J. Deets said we will be having public open house with Q&A sessions. We are asking MAW for exhibits to show the community where the \$5 million will actually go in the repairs.
- J. Deets said we do not want this to be a board decision we want to put it to the people and have them vote where PWS D future will go.

New Business:

- none

J. Deets made a motion to adjourn meeting and a second was made by R. Gardner. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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Acting President – Jesse Deets

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jeanette Karl", written over a horizontal line.

District Clerk – Jeanette Karl