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MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
P.W.S.D. #1 OF STONE COUNTY
February 17, 2026

The regular Board of Directors meeting took place on Tuesday, February 17, 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 (late) 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 January 20, 2026, regular meeting have been read with a motion to approve as written by K. Usher and a second by R. Gardner. All were in favor, and no one opposed.

Operations:

- J. Karl brought to the board's attention, that Amax has completed their engineering survey of the 6 lots on Midview to connect to the water main on James River. J. Deets stated that this cannot be done as we do not know if the district wells have the capacity to provide those with water. He suggested that any builder may need to come to a board meeting to present his intentions for the Board to approve their plans for development. All builders pay for the extensions to run lines to the main not PWSD#1.
- We need to call Cochran and get a Capacity Report to see how many more homes PWSD #1 wells can accommodate at this time.
- J. Karl advised that the operators' report is in the packet for their review. We are trying hard to keep the repairs under budget.
- J. Karl stated the office has been busy and that Digital Wave has completed our firewall and security set-up along with the new emails, so the board does not have to use their personal ones.
- 25 accounts were past-due this month totaling \$4834.18. 2 lock offs but one has since paid.

Financial:

- The Disbursements and Assets for January 2026 were reviewed, 10% of our customers are base service only this month. Revenue for January was not good but expenses for January were down as well. No changes in capital assets. Alan asked if there were any questions and there were none. A motion was made by K. Usher to approve disbursements for January as noted, and a second was made by R. Gardner. All were in favor. No one opposed.
- J. Deets commented that DNR State regulations would like to see no more than 10% water loss but truly that is not realistic.
- D. Jones asked what companies that are out there can detect and find leaks in our district. R. Gardner said there are ground penetrating radar and drones with heat sensors. He said that it could be a project for the office to find but at this time we really do not want to spend this kind of money until after the election.
- R. Gardner stated that the problem with finding the leaks is we really do not have an accurate account of where our water lines are due to age, shifting and erosion.



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Old Business:

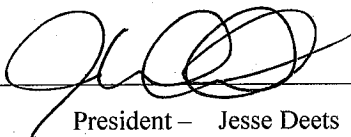
- We are starting to collect the questions from our community members for Missouri American Water. If you have any questions, please share them with our staff at the office. There is a clipboard on the counter, or you can call or email us, and we will get them to MAW and post those answers on our website and share them at the board meetings.
- J. Deets stated the MAW contract is almost completed as we are still in negotiations on our current employees' wages and benefits, we should have it finalized in 1-2 weeks. We will then have a meeting to sign the contract. Next step will be the petition and 50 signatures to put it all in front of the judge for approval to go on the ballot. We will have more public education meetings before the August Ballot.
- The Missouri House has passed bill 2397 to move the dissolution voting from 67% to 57% voting approval. It is now sitting in the hands of the Missouri Senate.

New Business:

- Office Manager expense authorization has been approved to move from \$1000.00 to \$3500.00. A motion to approve by K. Usher and a second by R. Gardner. All were in favor, and no one opposed.
- Studer Insurance 2026 is due for renewal March 10th. A. Nippes mentioned that the 48 James River Rd does not mention Well house and Pump and wondered if it was lumped into the Office Building and contents. J. Karl will call Studer Insurance and find out in the meantime the board has approved this policy, and we will investigate it more for coverage. A. Nippes will finish his Asset List and share with J. Karl so she can ask Sharon Studer if all items are covered under current policy. A motion to approve as written by R. Gardner and a second by K. Usher. All were in favor, and no one opposed.

J. Deets made a motion to adjourn meeting and a second was made by R. Gardner. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Next meeting moved to March 23, 2026, at 6:30 pm



President – Jesse Deets

District Clerk – Jeanette Karl