

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Tuesday, August 11, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting

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

Guests: Todd Folder, Jordan Sestak, Clint Sestak, Jim Mitchell, Diana Valois and Mark Lewis

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Irwin carried out a roll call:

Chair Irwin: Present
Vice Chair Oschwald: Present
Trustee DiMarzio: Present
Trustee Moss: Present
Trustee Lewis: Present
Trustee Moss: Present
Trustee Mayes: Present

III. Secretary (Ryg)

Vice Chair Oschwald made motion to approve July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Oschwald made motion to approve July 30, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes, pending one revision. Trustee Benanti second the motion. The motion carried.

Trustee Moss made motion to approve August 5, 20206, Special Meeting Minutes. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Public Comments:

None

V. Executive Session

- a. Personnel
- b. Litigation Matters
- c. Review of Executive Session Minutes (if needed)

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

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Lewis: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes

With seven yes votes, the motion carried.

(Board exited the room at 7:05 p.m.)

(Board retired to the room at 7:33 p.m.)

VI. Return to Open Session

Trustee Moss made a motion to return to the meeting. Trustee Mayes second the motion. Chair asked for a vote for a roll call:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Lewis: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes

With seven yes votes, the motion carried.

Chairman stated that during Executive Session personnel matters were discussed.

VII. Accept Trustee Resignation

Chairman stated he accepted Trustee Mark Lewis' resignation and thanked him for his service to the board. Mr. Lewis joined the guests in the room.

VIII. Treasurer (Stacy Stremsterfer)

The *Unaudited Income and Expense Statement* was presented. The budget is currently in its 3rd month, representing 25% of Fiscal Year 2027 activity. Income and expenses for *July* of 2026 are detailed in the *Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report*.

Income

Month End District Water Income:	\$187,151.00
Fiscal YTD Water Income:	\$534,202.00

Including Other Income, Month End District Income: \$267,302.00
Fiscal YTD for All Income: \$ 670,611.00

Expenses

Month End Operating Expenses: \$152,881.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget: \$472,955.00
Net Operating Income (Loss) Unaudited: \$114,421.00
Budgeted Debt Service & Short-Lived Assets (SLA): \$46,650.00 transfers to debt service
accounts/USDA Bonds each month: \$46,274.00
Capital Expenses for the Period: \$61,584.00
Net Income for the Period: \$52,838.00

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to accept the Treasurer's monthly report pending audit. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The motion carried.

Bill List of Vendors (*July 15, 2026 – August 11, 2026*): \$113,410.59

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

IX. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)

The Operation Manager's Water Report for June 17, 2026 – July 20, 2026 determined the following amount of water that was treated and sent to the distribution system (including bulk water sales):

Gallons of water treated & sent to the distribution system: 15,018,000 (34-day cycle)
Gallons of water billed for billing cycle: 10,868,980 gallons
Amount of water loss in %: 27.6%
Amount of water loss in gallons: 4,149,020
Amount of water loss in gallons per minute: 84.7 gallons/min.

Please note that no water from CWLP, South Sangamon Water Commission or customer billings served by them had any bearing on the determinations made in this report.

Operations Manager Smith spoke to Engineer Middendorf about the 27% water loss.

The field staff installed a water main service on Iles Avenue.

The hydraulic boom cylinder on the CAT excavator was removed and sent to Altorfer for a rebuild due to a hydraulic leak.

The easement for the spike strip on Pajim Lane was received and sent to the recorder's office.

The flow meter at the Farmingdale booster station was malfunctioning causing the chlorine pump to overfeed. Mike McCarthy was able to figure it out and fix the issue.

The Sangamon County dispatch requested a map of the District's fire hydrant locations. Operations Manager Smith sent a KMZ file from our Diamond Maps.

The biannual sludge report was completed and submitted.

Vice Chair Oschwald asked about the Bomke Road Water Main Extension project. Operations Manager Smith stated that the project is almost complete. A coupler needs to be "cut-in" to the end point of the existing water main to connect it to the new main.

Trustee DiMarzio asked what Operations Manager Smith thought about the leak possibility. Operations Manager Smith said he asked Illinois Rural Water Association to search for a possible leak, but there was not one.

X. Business Manager/Office Report (Irwin)

Chair Irwin thanked the office team of Jordan, Chelsea and Diana for the monthly business report that was distributed. He recognized their collaborative work creating a monthly task checklist. He also recognized Jordan for her new spreadsheet to track bulk meter reads.

XI. District Engineer's Report (Max Middendorf)

Project 620-091 | 2026 USDA Capital Projects

Processing USDA preapplication documentation. There are signature pages for the Chair.

Project 620-084; 001; .002 | GIS Mapping; Boundary; Hydraulics Analysis

No new updates.

Project 620-086; -001; 002 | Curran Watermain Loop

Twin Lakes Civil Construction is working on the final permit from NS-Rail Pros.

Project 620-090 | Lincoln Trail Loop

No new updates.

Project 620-092 | Pajim Lane Loop

SHPO clearance obtained; resubmitted permit revisions to IEPA.

Project 620-012.26 | Miscellaneous Activity and Updates

No new updates.

Vice Chair Oschwald asked about the easement and the Sanitary District owns it.

XII. Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Reports

Chair (Irwin): No report.

Vice Chair (Oschwald): Vice Chair Oschwald commented that the Illinois Valley Paving DBA UCM was awarded the construction contract on the Route 97 project. Chair Irwin will call Attorney Yow to craft a letter reminding the Illinois Department of Transportation about water mains and easements.

Finance Committee (Oschwald/DiMarzio/Lewis): Vice Chair Oschwald contacted Eck, Shaefer and Punk, about adding additional research to the annual audit. He also contacted USDA and Illinois National Bank (INB) about updates.

Planning Committee (Moss/Mayes): No report.

Personnel Committee (Lewis/Moss): No report.

Systems Oversight Committee (Irwin/Benanti): No report.

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

Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald): No report.

XIII. Old Business

None.

XIV. New Business

a. System Enhancements (MECO/Smith): Operations Manager Smith went over this in his report.

b. Budget Amendments (Oschwald/DiMarzio): This initiative is part of the goal of cleaning up unused ledger items in the budget by elimination, reassignment or merging of ledger items. The goal is to match QuickBooks which will assist the Treasurer to run reports.

The Finance Committee and Treasurer discussed the three budget amendments prior to action on each.

Budget Amendment #2

Delete the following ledger items for non-use and not budgeted for 2026-2027

OPERATING INCOME

- a. 4011: Water Revenue Other Municipals
- b. 4100: Water Revenue Other Municipals
- c. 4510: Pleasant Plains intergovernmental

2. Add 4745 to transfer for SLA (matching correct acct number in QB)

3. **OPERATING EXPENSES**

- a. Add ledger 5014: Trustee Compensation - Aligning with Salaries and Benefits on ledger.
 - i. Budget remain at \$8,400.
- b. Delete Office Maintenance- Annual - No amount budgeted
 - i. Moved to Ledger 5132: Office Maintenance
 - ii. Ledger 5132 budget increases to \$6,000
 - 1. Figure includes monthly contract cleaning and annual items
- c. Delete Ledger 5230 & 5230: Other Services & Other Services Office Maintenance
 - i. Budget item of \$6,000 moved to 5132: Office Maintenance
- d. Delete CUSI Billing system Annual Fee: No amount budgeted
 - i. Moved to Ledger 5106: IT annual Software Billing
- e. Delete Ledger 5215 – Bookkeeping.
 - i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27
- f. Delete Ledger 5225 – Engineering – Phase 1 plant
 - i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27
- g. Delete Ledger 5225 – Engineering – Mod proj B & M
 - i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27
- h. Delete Ledger 5226 – Engineering – B & M and Lane H deposition
 - i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27
- i. Delete Ledger 5225 – Engineering – Mod proj B & M 8-10-2024
 - i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27
- j. Assign ledger number 5240HR Consultant
 - i. No change to \$25,000 budgeted
- k. Delete Ledger 5240 a – Other professional fees Lane Hudgins via Harris
 - i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27
- l. Delete Ledger 5240 b–Other professional fees B & M to litigate
 - i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27

m. Delete Ledger 5225 c – Other professional fees Meco to litigate

i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27

n. Delete Ledger 5225 d – Professional copies

i. \$0 budgeted for 2026-27

The above corrections/deletions **do not** affect the budgeted figures.

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to approve Amendment #2. Trustee Mayes second the motion.
Chair asked for a vote for a roll call:

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

With six yes votes, the motion carried.

Amendment #3

Ledger 5250 – Repairs Other. Amend to decrease from \$15,000 to \$7,000

Reasoning: input error

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to approve Amendment #3. Trustee Moss second the motion.
Chair asked for a vote for a roll call:

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

With six yes votes, the motion carried.

Amendment #4

Ledger 5255 – Plant Systems – con cap. Amend to increase from \$20,000 to \$70,000

Reasoning: \$70,000 tracks closer to actual expense.

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to approve Amendment #4. Trustee Benanti second the motion.
Chair asked for a vote for a roll call:

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

With six yes votes, the motion carried.

Amendment #5

Ledger 5310 – Miscellaneous Cost. Amend to increase from \$7,500 to \$10,000
Reasoning: Tracks closer to actual expenses from past fiscal years.

Trustee Moss made a motion to approve Amendment #5. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion.
Chair asked for a vote for a roll call:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Lewis: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes

With seven yes votes, the motion carried.

In closing, these amendments will increase the Operating Expense budget by \$44,500.

c. Appoint Freedom of Information Act Officer

Trustee DiMarzio made a Motion to appoint Operations Manager Aaron Smith to be the FOIA Officer after approved training. Trustee Benanti second the motion. Chair asked for a vote for a roll call:

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

With six yes votes, the motion carried.

d. Expansion of Plant Footprint

Chair asked the Board and Operations Manager Smith about the possibility of acquiring more physical space as the District grows. Chair Irwin will research more about this topic and update the Board at the next meeting.

e. Ordinance Updates

No report.

f. Discussion and Possible Action to Create an Intermediate Office Manager Position

Vice Chair Oschwald moved to have the Chair sign a Personal Services Contract with Mark Lewis for the position of Intermediate Office Manager beginning today, August 11, 2026. Trustee Moss second the motion. Chair asked for a vote for a roll call:

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

With six yes votes, the motion carried.

g. Discussion and possible action to appoint an Intermediate Office Manager
This item was skipped due to redundancy on agenda.

h. Discussion and possible action to approve resolutions/documents updating the authorized signatories on District bank and other financial accounts.

Chair stated our banking institutions will need a resolution to update the authorized signatories.

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to pass a resolution to add an Interim Office Manager to the list of approved signatories. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion passed.

Trustee Oschwald said that most CGTPWD Trustees can use the e-sign feature with Illinois National Bank (INB). If anyone has any questions, please see Treasurer Stremsterfer.

XV. Public Comments:

Mr. Jim Mitchell said there are FBI-reported cyberattacks targeting internet-facing programmable logic controllers in several states. Hackers exploited weak or default passwords to manipulate water pumps and valves, causing localized pressure loss and occasional flooding. Federal agencies reported that drinking water has not been contaminated or compromised. Affected states include Minnesota, Michigan, Georgia, South Dakota, New Jersey and Wisconsin, with no Illinois incidents reported. Chairman thanked Mr. Mitchell and reaffirmed that the District remains secure.

XVI. Other Business

No report.

XVII. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at **7:00 p.m.** on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

XVIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Moss. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The motion carried. The CGTPWD Board adjourned at **8:08 p.m.**