

**Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District**  
**3384 Hazlett Road | Springfield, Illinois | 62707-2522 | 217.546.3981**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting**

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

*Guests: Todd Folder, Jordan Sestak and Clint Sestak*

**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 at the previous meeting.

**III. Secretary (Ryg)**

Vice Chair Oschwald motion to approve the February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. Visitors/Guests: none**

**V. Treasurer (Stremsterfer)**

The Unaudited Income and Expense Statement was presented. The budget is currently in its 10th month, representing 83% of Fiscal Year 2026 activity. Income and expenses for February 2026 are detailed in the Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report.

*Income*

Month End District Water Income:	\$169,402.00
Fiscal YTD Water Income:	\$1,776,915.00
Including Other Income, Month End District Income:	\$191,163.00
Fiscal YTD for All Income:	\$2,252,630.00 (112%)

*Expenses*

Month End Operating Expenses:	\$125,447.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget:	\$1,818,969.00
YTD Net Operating Income (Loss) Unaudited:	\$65,716.00

Budgeted Debt Service & Short-Lived Assets (SLA): \$46,650.00 transfers to debt service accounts/USDA Bonds each month

Capital Expenses for the Period: \$0 (correct)

Net Income for the Period: \$57,876.00

It was noted that \$38,809.60 was transferred from Short Lived Assets to cover pump expenses.

The tapping expense (Line 6600) comprises a cost of \$35,670.96 associated with the Bomke Road project, which remains unbilled to the customer at this time.

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to approve the Treasurer Stremsterfer's monthly report pending audit. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion passed.

Bill List of Vendors (February 12, 2026 – March 10, 2026): \$115,140.78

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Benanti second the motion. The motion passed.

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

The Operation Manager's Water Report for *January 15, 2026 to February 19, 2026* determined the following amount of water that was treated and sent to the distribution system (including bulk water sales):

Gallons of water treated and sent to the distribution system: 13,246,000 (35-day cycle)

Gallons of water billed for billing cycle: 10,118,000 gallons

Amount of water loss in %: 23.6%

Amount of water loss in gallons: 3,128,000

Amount of water loss in gallons per minute: 62.0

*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.*

The hydraulic hose on the skid steer was replaced. During this maintenance activity, the crew discovered two cooling fans clogged with dirt and are currently in the process of cleaning and correcting the issue.

Two water service lines were installed in Sloan Crossing subdivision.

The Operations Manager was contacted by New Berlin about possibly opening the interconnect to help with their water tower level due to the large fire at Shepherd's Auto Salvage. The interconnect was not used.

The operations crew repaired a leaking mechanical joint tee at the intersection of Reseda Road and Jade Lane in the Centennial Point subdivision.

Matt Hermes, Lewis Wallbaum and Operations Manager Smith attended the annual IRWA Conference in Effingham, IL.

Representatives from IEMA and the Department of Homeland Security conducted a scheduled inspection to test for radium residuals resulting from groundwater treatment. No detections were found during their assessment. They also informed CGTPWD of a potential upcoming regulatory change that may require sampling every three to five years, as well as updated procedures for the disposal of filter media following replacement.

The Pleasant Plains emergency interconnect usage for the month was 2,047,000 gallons.

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

Spring Newsletter: Business Manager Graff reminded everyone that she is currently collecting articles and seeking information for the upcoming newsletter. She encouraged attendees to share suggestions or submit potential content topics that highlight accomplishments, plant activities, projects and more. In addition, Operations Manager is assembling a comprehensive list of completed projects, as well as those scheduled or planned for the near future, to provide an overview of progress and upcoming priorities.

Performance Evaluations: Business Manager Graff completed office staff performance evaluations. She will be working with each staff member on their goals and objectives, both in procedures and vendor product information.

Sexual Harassment Policy: She has requested a 2026 sexual harassment compliance packet from the Illinois Human Rights Commission. Once received, she will distribute to staff for completion.

Notary: Jordan Sestak and Business Manager Graff will be taking the three-hour course to obtain their notary registrar.

Special Billing: The Village of Pleasant Plains has been billed for emergency interconnect usage.

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

Engineer Middendorf explained that there's feedback indicating that CGTPWD is eligible for rollover funding from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). If that is an option, it was clarified that the District will coordinate with two groups within the IEPA regarding rollover funding: the permitting section and the SRF funding group who is responsible for loan approval.

Project 620-091 | 2026 USDA Capital Projects

SRF 1 is approved for bypass funding eligibility. USDA applications will proceed in April.

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

No activity this month.

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

IEPA construction permit was received and the RailPro permit is complete. An amendment is needed for insurance coverage which CGTPWD will provide.

Project 620-090 | Lincoln Trail Loop

This project is shovel-ready.

Project 620-012.26 | Miscellaneous Activity and Updates

The Bomke Road IEPA permit received. Also, the Koke Mill as-builts was submitted to CMT by Operations Manager Smith. The Project Gateway routing and construction cost estimates were submitted (\$96M to provide 3 MGD to development site).

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

Chair (Irwin): The Chair gave an update on RailPros,

Vice Chair (Oschwald): Vice Chair Oschwald said everyone's economic statement will need to be completed. He would like the CGTPWD Board to meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for a special budget meeting.

Finance Committee (Oschwald/DiMarzio/Lewis): no report.

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): Business Manager Graff presented a printout outlining all ordinances and their current stages in the review process.

## **X. New Business**

a. Budget Amendment #3 (Oschwald/DiMarzio): Trustee Oschwald moved to table the Budget Amendment #3. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin said the motion passed. No roll call vote was taken.

b. System Enhancements | Loops, Mains, etc.: Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to put the Curran Loop out to bid. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The chair took a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes  
Trustee Mayes: Yes  
Trustee Benanti: Yes  
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes  
With 5 “yes” votes, the motion carried.

c. HR Consulting Firm: There will be a request for proposal (RFP) advertised for a human resource consulting firm to possibly create an employee handbook, provide benefits counseling, consult on union contract negotiations, perform HR policy review and complete other HR endeavors. Trustee Lewis will report on this endeavor during the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

d. Acquisition of Improved Real Estate: A industrial piece of property within the District will be up for auction soon. The property can be personally viewed from 9 a.m. until 11am on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. Chair Irwin updated the Board on the parcel’s past sale amount, etc. The Board discussed the possibility of acquiring the parcel.

e. Trustee Compensation: Attorney H. Allen Yow of Rammelkamp Bradney provided guidance to Trustee Mayes regarding trustee compensation. A proposed ordinance addressing this matter will be reviewed by Trustee Lewis and Trustee Mayes. They will present an update to the board during the new fiscal year, with potential consideration and voting anticipated at next month’s meeting.

**XI. Visitors and Guests:** no comments.

**XII. Executive Session:** none.

**XIII. Return to Open Meeting:** none.

**XIV. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

It was noted that there will be a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, to discuss the annual budget.

**XV. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Moss. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The motion carried. The CGTPWD Board adjourned at [7:21 p.m.](#)