Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Tuesday, September 8, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting

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

Guests: Todd Folder, Jim Mitchell and Jordan Sestak

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

A moment of silence was observed for the victims and families of 9/11.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Irwin called the roll call:
Chair Irwin: Present
Vice Chair Oschwald: Present
Trustee DiMarzio: Present
Trustee Moss: Excused
Trustee Benanti: Present
Trustee Mayes: Excused

III. Secretary (Ryg)
Trustee DiMarzio made motion to approve Tuesday, August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The motion carried.

V. Treasurer (Stremsterfer)

The *Unaudited Income and Expense Statement* was presented. The budget is currently in its *4th* month, representing *33%* of Fiscal Year 2027 activity. Income and expenses for *August* of 2026 are detailed in the *Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report*.

Income

Month End District Water Income:	$192,310.00
Fiscal YTD Water Income:	$726,512.00
Including Other Income, Month End District Income:	$228,354.00
Fiscal YTD for All Income:	$898,965.00 (97% of budget)

Expenses

Month End Operating Expenses:	$164,277.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget:	$638,073.00 (89% of budget)
Net Operating Income (Loss) Unaudited:	$260,892.00
Budgeted Debt Service & Short-Lived Assets (SLA): accounts/USDA Bonds each month:	$46,274.00 transfers to debt service
Capital Expenses for the Period:	$4,040.00
Net Income for the Period:	$13,763.00

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

Bill List of Vendors (June 10, 2026 – July 14, 2026): $146,333.98

Treasurer DiMarzio made a motion to pay the bills. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer noted that the CEFCU Certificate of Deposit will mature later this month. Also, there are new signature cards from INB that will need to be signed. Comp time was discussed along with need for an authorized agent for IMRF.

VI. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)

The Operation Manager's Water Report for July 20, 2026 to August 18, 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:	13,224,800 (29-day cycle)
Gallons of water billed for billing cycle:	11,853,000 gallons
Amount of water loss in %:	10.37%
Amount of water loss in gallons:	1,371,800
Amount of water loss in gallons per minute:	32.8 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.

A one-inch water service line was installed in the Village of Berlin and two water services were installed in the Sloan Crossing Subdivision.

The Bomke Road extension is officially complete and all recent water quality samples have successfully passed testing following a thorough flushing of the system. While the main line is ready, the District is currently wrapping up minor site clean-up and completing the installation of a water service.

Crews repaired a fire hydrant on Old Jacksonville Road at the intersection of McQueen Road after it was struck by a vehicle. The repair costs will be billed to the driver's insurance company.

A directional boring crew hit a section of an 8 inch water main on State Route 97 between Hazlett Road and Koke Mill Road. The section was isolated. The repair was made, the section was flushed, sampled, passed and the boil order was lifted.

The District received the Pajim Lane construction permit.

The carpeting in the administration building was steam cleaned and one hallway has been painted.

Operations Manager Smith completed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training. For those interested in completing the no-cost training, please visit: www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Open-and-Honest-Government/PAC/FOIA-Officers

The flow meter at the Farmingdale booster station was causing an issue, so a new meter was ordered.

Following an issue with the lime batch tank, representatives from Mississippi Lime Co. visited the District to collect samples for laboratory testing. Additionally, a Merrick Industries representative (Lime Feed System Manufacturer) is scheduled to visit on September 21st to troubleshoot the system.

VII. Business Manager's Report (Interim, Mark Lewis)

Administrative and organizational updates include the carpets being cleaned and the billing cycle went smoothly and on time.

Bulk meter documentation is in a spreadsheet which verifies dual control of counted cash.

Mr. Lewis was set up on the Continental Utility Solutions, Inc. (CUSI) software program, Beacon software system and INB account. The contact person for CUSI is Charlie Jo Ledgerwood and there will be additional training set-forth in the future.

The end-of-month reports were completed along with the SSWC report. Other reports will need to be completed.

The board is reviewing possible policies regarding customer payments and commercial entities failure to pay.

Illinois Rural Water District's Clark Cameron will be contacted about a rate study.

VIII. District Engineer's Report (Max Middendorf)

Engineer Middendorf invited board members to view the drafted blueprints/schematics regarding the water tower improvement plan.

The Twin Lakes Fire Service application and certification for payment is in New Business.

Project 620-091 | 2026 USDA Capital Projects

PER complete; ER and application are pending. District may proceed with full loan application without Docket Conference per Pat Whalen (USDA).

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

No new updates.

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

Twin Lakes Fire Services Pay Application 01; $40,468.50

Project 620-090 | Lincoln Trail Loop

No new updates.

Project 620-092 | Pajim Lane Loop

Pajim has a final permit from IEPA.

Project 620-012.26 | Miscellaneous Activity and Updates

No new updates.

IX. Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Reports

Chair (Irwin): Chair Irwin reached out to the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the Route 97 expansion into a four-lane expressway to the Illinois 125 intersection. Apparently all IDOT correspondence pertaining to CGTPWD was being sent to Curran Township. The Chair believes the issue has been resolved.

For those CGTPWD customers unfamiliar with the project, the utility lines for electric, fiber-optic and other services have been marked. IDOT's aim of this plan is to reduce congestion and improve safety along this corridor. Their goal of the finished project is to move high traffic volumes north of Bradfordton Road and add a grass median in rural sections to improve vehicle protection. The Route 97 project is part of Illinois's broader Rebuild Illinois program, which plans to improve 7,107 lane miles of highway and 8.4 million sq. ft. of *bridge deck* over six (6) years. It was noted that crews will:

- Remove medians on Jefferson Street west of Veterans Parkway which will require lane closures, with signs, barrels and flaggers directing traffic.
- Relocate utilities, improving drainage and moving dirt and aggregate.
- Replace the Sangamon Valley Trail bridge over Illinois 97, which will require closing the trail.
- Realign Moore Road to connect with a relocated, signalized Bradfordton Road intersection.

For more information, please visit IDOT: www.idot.illinois.gov/programs-and-projects/featured-projects/sangamon-county---il-97-expressway.html.

Vice Chair (Oschwald): No report.

Finance Committee (Oschwald/DiMarzio): Eck, Schafer and Punke, LLP, are in the process of the annual audit. Interim Operation Manager Lewis' suggested accounting policies were sent to the auditor for feedback.

Planning Committee (Moss/Mayes): Excused.

Personnel Committee (Moss): Excused.

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

Policy and Procedures Committee (Benanti): No report.

Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald): No report.

X. Old Business: None.

XI. New Business

a. **Systems Enhancements – Loops, Mains, etc. (Smith/MECO)**

Operations Manager Smith reports that the lime settling lagoons are filling fast and there could be a need for additional funding for supplemental property to create more lagoon(s), or perhaps adding extra clean-outs throughout the year, or conceivably another plan to be discussed. The board considered long-term and short-term goals with best possible financial options of each in mind. The system enhancements discussion will be researched and continued.

b. Budget Amendment #6 (Oschwald/DiMarzio)

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to approve funds to complete Pajim Lane for $10,000. Trustee Mark DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

With four yes votes, the motion carried.

c. Budget Amendment #7

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to approve funds for the Lincoln's Trail Loop for $109,000. Trustee Mark DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

With four yes votes, the motion carried.

d. Expansion of Plant Footprint

There could be a property in question and the District will research the best options.

e. Pay Application #1 – Curran Loop Project

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to pay the Twin Lakes Fire Servies invoice of $40.468.50, as pay application #1. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

With four yes votes, the motion carried.

XII. Executive Session: None.

XIII. Public Comments: None.

XIV. Other Business: None.

XV. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

XVI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Oschwald. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried. The CGTPWD Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.