

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Thursday, July 31, 2025 | 2:30 p.m. | Special USDA Meeting

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

Guests: Patricia Whalen, Area Specialist, USDA; Allison Ward, Rural Development Specialist, USDA, Brad Unmisig, Engineer MECO, and James Mitchell.

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Irwin called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited**
- III. Introductions were made**
- IV. Chairman handed the meeting over to Engineer Max Middendorf**
 - a.) Projects**

Engineer Middendorf provided an overview of the 3 projects the District has agreed to undertake. Each project is in the design phase. Each project was presented and discussed:

- i. River Crossing and Well Field Improvements:** The 10-inch raw water line under the Sangamon River is original to the inception of the District (early 1960's). The new design calls for a 12-inch raw water main to be bored. The design also calls for an additional 10-inch conduit to be bored to accommodate back-up power to the well field. The Generator will be staged at the water plant. The additional 10-inch conduit will be available for future transmissions to the well field. The original 10-inch raw main will remain in place for backup. Project cost is estimated at \$2,300,000 with a completion timeframe of 6-month to 1-year construction period.
- ii. Water Tank Rehabilitation:** The district has identified 3 storage tanks that need paint, safety updates, rehabilitation et cet.
 - 1. The elevated tank on Farmingdale Road (200,00 gallons) will be taken out of commission to be sandblasted (inside & outside), primed, painted and safety upgrades to stairs, steps and rails. Estimated cost of \$590,000 with a completion of less than a year.
 - 2. Water treatment tanks at the District water plant (150,000 gallons and 250,000 gallons) will be taken out of commission to be sandblasted (inside & outside), primed,

painted and safety upgrades to stairs, steps and rails:
estimated cost of \$690,000 with a completion of less than a
year site.

3. The Water Tank Rehabilitation will be bid as 1 contract.

- iii. **Curran Tank Recirculation Pump Station:** The goal is to improve the chlorine levels by constantly recirculating. The project includes a duplex recirculation pump and skid piping, a hypochlorite feed system, and a room enclosure for electrical, HVAC, and controls. The estimated cost is \$500,000, and the completion timeframe is less than 1 year.
- V. Patricia Whalen, Area Specialist, USDA; Allison Ward, Rural Development Specialist, explained that the three projects appeared to fit into a Rural Development lending under its Water and/or Waste Projects program. They suggested a single loan for approximately \$4,500,000. The District would have to find a lending partner for the construction phase. USDA/Rural Development would provide a maximum 40-year fixed rate upon completion of construction. They explained that their application processes are like the process of when the District built the new water plant: 1) a Pre-Application, which provides project eligibility, and 2) a Full Application, which includes underwriting. The District was provided the Pre-Application packet. The USDA strongly encouraged the District to provide them with plans for improvements, expansion and capital expenditures in addition to the three projects presented.
- VI. It was agreed to call the project: **Water System Improvement Project 2025**
- VII. Visitors/guest: Past chair James Mithell thanked the USDA for taking an interest in the District's projects.
- VIII. Vice Chair Oschwald moved to adjourn. Trustee Benanti second. Passed at 3:45 p.m.