

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
3384 Hazlett Road | Springfield, Illinois | 62707-2522 | 217.546.3981
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. | Special Board Meeting

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

Guests: Todd Folder and James Mitchell

I. Call to Order

Chair Irwin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. 2026 – 2027 Operating, Debt Service and Capital Expenditures Budget Discussion (Oschwald)

The Board reviewed the annual operating budget for the fiscal year. Total operating income was reported at \$2,775,000.00.

Discussion was held regarding operating expenditures, including but not limited to the following categories: salaries, unemployment compensation, IMRF pensions, employee health plan, union clothing allowance, office supplies, postage, office equipment, copier support, annual office maintenance (new), CUSI billing system annual fee (new), information technology services, IT software billing (reoccurring), bank fees, credit card fees, propane, electricity, telephone, travel & training expenses, chemicals, laboratory testing, advertising/public relations, legal services (attorney) and auditing services.

Additional line items were reviewed, including bookkeeping, engineering services (including Phase 1 and various project-related modeling/engineering expenses), other contracted services, administrative fees, professional fees (categories A, B and C), professional copies, codification of ordinances, repairs and miscellaneous system costs, plant system non-capital expenses, lagoon cleanout, JULIE services, miscellaneous costs, tools and equipment over \$500, district vehicle fuel and non-capital expenses, equipment repair (non-capital), equipment rental and well field non-capital expenses.

The Board also reviewed debt service obligations, including bonds payable.

The Board agreed to approve Capital Expenditures as they are near their funding date. These approvals would be in the form of Budget Amendments on the monthly agenda. The items that were reviewed for possible Cap Ex in the upcoming budget year are:

Safety Fencing for Hazlet Office:	Est. \$9,000
Village of Curran Loop:	Est. \$109,000
Lincoln Trail Loop:	Est. \$160,000

IV. Recommendation to Proposed 2026 – 2027 Operating Budget

Going forward, it was the consensus of the Board to approve the operating budget.

V. Other Committee Items – none.

VI. Guests

Mr. Mitchell expressed his concerns regarding the increasing costs of supplies and services. He also reminded the Board that the City of Springfield should avoid encroaching on our designed territory and he thanked the Board for their continued efforts.

VII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Moss second the motion. The meeting adjourned at [6:55 p.m.](#)