

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Tuesday, July 14, 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, Business Manager Cherril Graff, Treasurer Stacy Stremsterfer and Secretary Jessica Ryg

Guests: Todd Folder

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.

III. Secretary (Ryg)

Vice Chair Oschwald made motion to approve June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Lewis 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 2nd month, representing 16.6% of Fiscal Year 2027 activity. Income and expenses for *June* of 2026 are detailed in the *Profit and Loss Budget Performance Report*. Note: This report is not compared to budget this month due to a number of amendments that need to be made to the budget.

Income

Month End District Water Income:	\$187,729.00
Fiscal YTD Water Income:	\$347,051.00
Including Other Income, Month End District Income:	\$218,034.00
Fiscal YTD for All Income:	\$403,308.00

Expenses

Month End Operating Expenses:	\$168,474.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget:	\$316,413.00

Net Operating Income (Loss) Unaudited:	\$49,560.00
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:	\$0 (correct)
Net Income for the Period:	\$3,286.00

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

Bill List of Vendors (June 10, 2026 – July 14, 2026):	\$262,938.98
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Treasurer said there were some large expenses this month (and pending next month) including the Lagoon sludge clean out and the material purchase for Lincoln's Trail Loop.

Eck, Shaefer & Punk, the District's auditors, arrived for their initial on-site meeting and collected the requested documents. They will follow up regarding the next steps in the audit process.

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

VI. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)

The Operation Manager's Water Report for May 20, 2026 – June 17, 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:	10,883,000 (29-day cycle)
Gallons of water billed for billing cycle:	12,091,922 gallons
Amount of water loss in %:	15.7%
Amount of water loss in gallons:	2,261,078
Amount of water loss in gallons per minute:	54.1 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.

Evan Jones with Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) met CGTPWD at the bridge on Old Salem Lane to help find a potential leak. Using leak detection equipment, Mr. Jones determined that there was no leak in the area.

The new high service pump was installed. Electrician Joe Lee was notified. He is scheduled to wire and program the pump and Variable Frequency Drive (VFD).

All Lincoln Trail Loop materials are at the District.

Oros Environmental completed the lagoon cleanout. There were 360,237 gallons of lime sludge removed.

A utility permit request was submitted to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a new water service line on Route 97, south of Salisbury.

The easement for the Pajim Lane spike strip was sent to Jason Jacobs, the executive director for the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District (SCWR). It will be added to the July 28th SCWR Board of Trustees agenda.

There were two water services installed in Sloan Crossing and two installed in Centennial Pointe making a total of four water services this month.

The garage roof materials were purchased.

Staff reported an electrical issue at Farmingdale's bulk water station involving a solenoid wire that had shorted, causing the circuit breaker to trip. The affected wiring was rerouted and replaced with new wiring. Following the repair, the system was tested and the issue was resolved.

The Pleasant Plains interconnect was turned on for a few days due to SCADA issues and a possible high service pump failure at the Pleasant Plains Water Treatment Plant. They used 890,000 gallons.

The team is also looking into purchasing or leasing a boring machine.

VII. Business Manager's Report (Cherril Graff)

There were eight customers who needed their deduct meters reconfigured. CUSI (billing system) was contacted, and this was resolved. Also, there is a two-hour Zoom training session scheduled with CUSI for all office staff.

Goodman Fence was contacted.

Staff were emailed to schedule a 30-minute meeting with the HR consultant.

No report on a pending lien discussed last week.

VIII. District Engineer's Report (Max Middendorf)

Project 620-091 | 2026 USDA Capital Projects

Processing USDA preapplication documentation.

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

IEPA and IDNR/SHPO permit applications submitted.

Project 620-012.26 | Miscellaneous Activity and Updates

No new updates.

IX. Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Reports

Chair (Irwin): Chair Irwin stated that CWLP rate increases will be discussed in new business.

Vice Chair (Oschwald): No report.

Finance Committee (Oschwald/DiMarzio/Lewis): Vice Chair Oschwald and the Finance Committee are keeping track of Capital Expenses including Lincoln Trail Loop project and other endeavors. The finance committee will have several amendments related to the 2026 – 2027 budget ready for the next regular meeting.

Planning Committee (Moss/Mayes): No report.

Personnel Committee (Lewis/Moss): Trustee Lewis said he received the preliminary compliance gap (Phase 1) from JD Haley People Consultants. The HR consultant reviewed the employee handbook, labor contract, MOUs and compared documents with Federal laws and Illinois laws. There were findings in the drafted report that will be addressed in the deliverables such as an updated employee handbook. The consultant is still gathering information and performing a review, but she will be finishing up with Phase 1 soon.

Chair Irwin asked if there was a signature line in the future handbook for compliance purposes. This will be discussed with the consultant.

Chairman Irwin thanked everyone who have already responded and reminded everyone to please keep assisting the HR consultant with this undertaking.

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

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

Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald): As a reminder, the American Legal Publishing does codification. They format the compiled ordinances into structured system of titles, chapters and sections, while editing for consistency. The goal is to standardize CGTPWD ordinances chronologically. The goal is to create a single accessible structure and make ordinances easier for residents to understand.

The Trustees are still reviewing the draft. Chair Irwin asked Todd Folder about ordinances that had not been sent to American Legal Publishing for codification yet. It was stated that this will be the next step.

Trustee Moss asked about specifics including if minutes would be included as proof showing how the ordinance passed during the meeting.

X. New Business

a. System Enhancements (MECO/Smith):

The Bomke Road project will begin tomorrow, July 15, with proposed completion by the end of the week.

b. Budget Amendment #2 (Oschwald/DiMarzio):

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to table the Budget Amendment. Trustee DiMarzio on second the motion. The motion carried.

c. Discussion of Standardizing CWLP Rates (Graff):

City Water, Light, and Power (CWLP) implemented a two-year phased water rate increase, which included a 32% hike in 2024 and a second 32% hike in 2025. Additionally, the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment began on March 1, 2026. CWLP stated that adjustments would fund state-mandated lead service line replacements and infrastructure upgrades. For more information, please visit cwlp.com/departments/waterdepthome/WaterInformation/WaterRates.aspx.

Since CGTPWD is the distributor of CWLP water, there will be 104 CGTPWD customers impacted by their cost increase including the westside YMCA and Cedarhurst Senior Living.

d. Review and Approval of CWLP rates (Graff):

Trustee Bill Moss made the motion to table it. Trustee Mark Lewis second the motion.

e. Discussion of Engaging a Summer Intern (Oschwald):

f. Internship and Graduate Project Opportunities

Vice Chair Oschwald initiated discussion regarding the potential to engage a Water District intern during either the 2027 academic year or the summer of 2027. The proposed internship would provide a student with meaningful professional experience while supporting the District through the completion of special projects that highlight its services, operations and community value.

Chair Irwin noted that a cooperative education, or co-op, arrangement may also represent a viable option. Such a program could allow the District to establish a more structured partnership with a school and potentially provide a longer-term student placement.

Board members also suggested contacting the University of Illinois Springfield Public Affairs Department to explore whether a graduate student completing a master's thesis might be interested in undertaking a project relevant to the District's needs.

No formal action was taken on the matter. The District will continue to investigate potential internship, co-op and graduate research opportunities for future consideration.

g. Expansion of Plant Footprint

Our current water plant footprint is not large enough to construct an additional lime sludge lagoon.

The current two lagoons hold approximately 180,000 gallons each (a total of 360,000 gallons).

Trustees asked about the cost of adding another lagoon.

The Board discussed the possibility of adding extra space to accommodate another lagoon. Regular maintenance was discussed. The District's lime sludge lagoons are settling basins for our hardness removal treatment process. Over time, lime sludge fills the settling basins and must be cleaned out. The lime sludge is hauled away and deposited at an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) approved site.

A five-acre parcel was discussed about potential growth.

XI. Visitors and Guests: None.

XII. Executive Session: None.

XIII. Return to Open Meeting: None.

XIV. Other Business: None.

XV. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 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 **8:11 p.m.**