

**Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District**  
**3384 Hazlett Road | Springfield, Illinois | 62707-2522 | 217.546.3981**  
**Tuesday, August 12, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting**

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

*Guests:* Todd Folder, Mark Lewis and Jim Mitchell

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. Secretary (Ryg)**

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to approve July 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.

Trustee Mayes made a motion to approve the Special USDA Meeting from July 31, 2025. Trustee Moss second the motion. Trustees voted yes with Trustee DiMarzio voting present. The motion carried.

**IV. Guests/Visitors:**

Chair Irwin acknowledged the evening's guests and thanked them for attending.

**V. Treasurer (Stemsterfer)**

a. Monthly Budget Report for July 2025

The CGTPWD Budget Report lists 3 months or 25% of Y'26 activities. The Income and Expenses for July 2025 are listed on the Profit & Loss Budget Performance.

Income

Month End District Water Income	July: \$190,667.00 June: \$172,891.00 May: \$165,729.00
Fiscal YTD Water Income	July: \$529,287.00 June: \$338,620.00 May: \$165,729.00
Including other Income, Month End District Income	July: \$225,890.00 June: \$195,284.00

	May: \$193,038.00
Fiscal YTD for All Income	July: \$614,149.00 (102%) June: \$388,260.00 (96%) May: \$193,038.00 (95%)
<u>Expenses</u>	
Month End Operating Expenses	July: \$209,179.00 June: \$117,749.00 May: \$174,522.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget	July: \$505,420.00 (91%) June: \$295,875.00 (80%) May: \$174,522.00 (95%)
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$16,711
The YTD FY25 Unaudited Net Operating Income	July: \$108,729.00 June: \$92,385.00 May: \$18,516.00

Budgeted Debt Service & Short-Lived Assets (SLA): \$46,650.00 which transfers each month to Debt & Service accounts

Capital Expenses for the Period:	July: \$2,000 June: 0 (correct) May: 0 (correct)
Net Income for the Period:	July: (\$31,939.00) June: \$30,885.00 May: (\$28,134.00)

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to accept the treasurer's report pending audit. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

(7:11 p.m.)

b. Bill List

Bills List of Vendors	July: \$272,922.00 June: \$93,064.00 May: \$178,013.07
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Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to pay the bills. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Stremsterfer clarified that the check for \$12,385 Dussen North America will be on next month's cap expenditure.

c. Other Items Pertaining to Finance

Treasurer Stremsterfer will have a "ending balance" report each month showing Money Markets, CDs and other accounts.

**VI. Swear-in and Seat Trustee, Completing Term Until April 2029 (Ryg)**

(7:16 p.m.)

Secretary Ryg asked Mark Lewis to step forward to take the Official Oath of Sangamon County. It was administered and Trustee Lewis took his seat among the other CGTPWD Trustees. Chair Irwin welcomed him to the Board.

**VII. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)**

Operation Manager's Water Report for June 20, 2025 through July 18, 2025

Amount of water treated and sent to the distribution system: 13,232,000 (28-day cycle)

Amount of water billed: 11,746,650 gallons

Amount of water loss: 1,458,350 gallons (11.2%)

Amount of water loss per minute: 36.8 gallons

*DISCLAIMER: 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 New Berlin emergency interconnect was turned on due to a watermain break in Chatham. There were 38,00 gallons used.

Oros Environmental finished the lagoon cleanout by removing 393,790 gallons of sludge.

The Pleasant Plains interconnect was turned on for 3-days for chlorine pump issues. During that timeframe, 297,00 gallons were used.

Vice Chair Oschwald worked with homeworkers to complete the easements for Lincoln Trail loop. They have been filed at the Sangamon County Recorder's Office.

The 1-inch service was installed on Mansion Road.

The new lawn mower was picked up.

Two couplers broke on the 8' main on Koke Mill Road due to mine subsidence. The Operations crew was unable to get valves closed, so IMCO installed an insert-a-valve. There were 39 customers who were issued a boil order after the repairs were completed and the area was flushed, sampled and the sample results were good. The boil order was then lifted.

The double doors ordered last month for the lime feed equipment in the water treatment plant were delivered. The goal is to install them this week or the upcoming week. There's an issue with Well #1. Joe Lee was unable to resolve the issue. He found that the motor is working, however the water was not pumped. Brocke was contacted to get the repair scheduled.

It was noted that the pump is pumping silt. They will run a camera down it tomorrow for a stronger visual, so it will be off-line.

The bi-annual lime sludge report was completed and sent to the IL EPA.

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

The operations staff was given a list of problematic cell meters that still require manual reads. These approximately 30 meters that may need replacing are under warranty.

There will be software training for the plant and business office on the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The office needed more assistance, so effective Monday, October 13, 2025, a new employee will start. Jordon Mostaka has customer billing experience and a previous health care background.

Newsletter: The Business Manager will be producing a fall newsletter. Please feel free to share any suggestions or information with her.

#### **IX. District Engineer's Report (Middendorf)**

It was announced that the USDA is receptive to CGTPWD applying for an approximately \$4.5 Million project (lumping).

The District's depositions are complete.

Chair Irwin took time to explain each project to the new Trustee.

##### **SRF 1 | Project #620-081**

The IEPA construction permit was received and PEID approved. Funding nomination forms were submitted to IEPA SRF.

##### **SRF 2 | Project #620-082**

The Water Tank Rehabilitations project is on the 2024 funding list. The IEPA construction permit renewed for SRF 2 tank rehabs. Funding nominations were resubmitted to IERPA for SRF.

##### **SRF 3 | Project #620-083**

The Curran Pressure Zone Improvements: Preliminary plans progressing. The funding nomination form was submitted to IEPA SRF. Environmental clearance proceeding.

Project 620-084; .001; .002

GIS Mapping; Boundary; Hydraulic Analysis: The depositions are complete.

Project 620-086; -001; 002

Curran Watermain Loop Project. The IEPA, IDOT and Railroad permit applications are being processed.

Project 620-087; -001; 002

Winch Lane Watermain Loop: The IEPA permit application was drafted. MECO is working with Sangamon County to permit crossing under the trail. Working with Springfield Township for road crossing permits. Pending easements to proceed.

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

- A. Chair (Irwin): Chair Irwin explained to the CGTPWD Board that there are some new attorney updates so he surmises the Trustees will head into Executive Session later.
- B. Vice Chair (Oswald): Vice Chair Oswald said most of his items are in New Business.
- C. Finance Committee (Oswald/DiMarzio): Vice Chair Oswald asked Treasurer Stremsterfer how the audit was going. According to Eck, Shafer & Punke a draft may be ready by the end of October.
- D. Vice Chair Oswald asked Treasurer Stremsterfer how the audit was going.
- E. Planning Committee (Moss/Mayes): no report.
- F. Personnel Committee (Irwin/Moss): no report.
- G. Systems Oversight Committee (Irwin/Benanti): no report.
- H. Policy and Procedures Committee (Irwin/Benanti): no report.
- I. Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oswald): no report.

## **XI. New Business**

### **a. Budget Amendment**

Vice Chair Oswald moved to table this Budget Amendment #1. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried

b. Pleasant Plains Intergovernmental Agreement:

If its maintenance or non-emergency related, CGTPWD will invoice the Village of Pleasant Plains. It was suggested that the published rates used by the Illinois Department of Transportation in its Schedule of Average Annual Equipment Ownership Expense (SOAAEOE) be used as the “Accepted Rate”. Vice Chair Oswald Trustee also informed the board that he spoke with David Rush, secretary & treasurer of Teamsters local 916 regarding District staff working in other municipalities. Mr. Rush said the union has no issues with this endeavor if their wages and benefits remain the same. Vice Chair Oswald will contact Attorney Yaw and direct him to proceed to a final draft.

c. System Enhancements: Loops, Main, etc. Chair Irwin explained to the newly appointed Trustee Lewis about the positive effects of closing loops.

d. Water System Improvement Project 2025 is in the USDA pre-application was discussed.

It was noted that the USDA urged the District to put together a strategic, 10-year growth management plan on spending. ‘

f. Vice Chair Oswald made a motion to have the Chair execute the USDA Pre-Application documents. Trustee Moss second the motion. The Chair called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oswald: Yes

Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

Trustee Lewis: Yes

With 7 yes votes, the motion carried.

Compensation for Trustees Ordinance Update (Mayes)

Evan Jones with Illinois Rural Water Association (phone: 217-820-5508) was contacted. Trustee Mayes reported that the IRWA was helpful with possible Trustee compensation options. Trustee Mayes said the Havana Township Water District pays their Trustees \$150 per month.

**XII. Vistors/Guests**

Mr. Mitchell inquired about the EPA’s income threshold about funding mechanisms.

It was noted that the Illinois EPA has recently invested significant funds in various water projects across the state, but CGTPWD didn’t qualify (census data was used):

- In the first half of FY25, the Illinois EPA invested \$112.7 million in drinking water and wastewater projects, with over \$9.9 million in loan forgiveness being awarded.

- Examples of projects funded include increasing flow at the Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District's southwest treatment plant (\$43,084,944), constructing a new water treatment plant in Assumption (\$4,005,518 with principal forgiveness of \$2,843,918), and rehabilitating the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (\$55,358,345).

### **XIII. Executive Session**

- a. Chair Irwin made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The Chair called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes

Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

Trustee Lewis: Yes

With 7 yes votes, the motion carried.

(Board exits at 7:46 p.m.)

(Board returns at 9:25 pm)

### **XIV. Return to Open Meeting**

A motion was made by Vice Chair to go back into Regular Session. Trustee Mayes second motion. The motion carried. The Chair called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes

Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

Trustee Lewis: Yes

With 7 yes votes, the motion carried.

Chair Irwin stated that personnel matters were discussed in Executive Session along with litigation matters.

### **XV. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

It will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7 p.m. although there may be an additional meeting needed before the regularly scheduled meeting.

Trustees later Chair Irwin clarified that they would need to meet prior to the on Tuesday, September 9th regular meeting

**XVI. Adjournment** A motion was made by Trustee DiMarzio to adjourn. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried. The CGTPWD Board adjourned at 9:27 p.m.