

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Monday, February 26, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. - Special Board Meeting

Members: Chairman James Mitchell, Vice Chairman Mike Irwin, Trustee Eric Oswald, Trustee Bill Moss (excused), Trustee Diana Valois, Trustee Mark DiMarzio, Trustee Jim Mayes (excused), Operations Manager Aaron Smith, Engineer Max Middendorf, Business Manager Cherril Graff, Treasurer Stacy Stremsterfer, and Secretary Jessica Ryg (absent)

Guests:

I. Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. New Business

a. 2023 Audit Approval

The annual audit was discussed.

Trustee Eric Oswald made a motion to change the FY 24 capital assets line item to \$20,000.00. It was seconded by Vice Chair Mike Irwin. The motion carried.

Trustee Eric Oswald made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.

b. Teamsters/Professional & Technical Employees Local Union 916 Union Contract

The union contract was discussed. A draft was distributed to Trustees. This agreement will be effective for 3 years: January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026.

CGTPWD will follow the state of Illinois recognition - along with the federal government's recognition - of a paid holiday on Juneteenth. This day commemorates when the news of emancipation reached Galveston, Texas, in 1865. This year our office and plant will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

The weekly on-call operator will receive a stipend.

Sick leave time will be allocated as 1 day/month to match other water district contracts.

All health benefits will remain the same.

The Responsible Operator in Charge (ROC) will increase an additional \$50.00.

Upon submission of receipt, union employees will be reimbursed for safety work boots/shoes per agreement since they are required to wear steel-toe shoes.

The Illinois minimum wage law was discussed. It's part of the state statute found here: [820&ILCS&105/Minimum Wage Law](#). As of January 1, 2024, the minimum wage in Illinois is \$14/per hour for non-tipped workers (and \$8.40 per hour for tipped workers). By Illinois law, the minimum wage for overtime with non-tipped workers increases to \$21/per hour.

A motion was made by Chairman Mitchell to accept the Teamsters/Professional & Technical Employees Local Union 916 Union Contract. It was seconded by Mark DiMarzio. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman Mitchell: Yes
 Vice Chair Irwin: Yes
 Trustee Oschwald: Yes
 Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
 Trustee Valois: Yes

With five yes votes, the motion was carried.

2024 Capital Projects

Operations Manager Aaron Smith presented capital improvement suggestions plus the top five proposed project discussion points.

A list of short-term loops was offered regarding material cost.

A long-term list was presented that featured the heart of the system with regard to material cost and engineering fees.

Possible annexation was discussed.

The State Revolving Funds (SRF) options under the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) were examined.

Potential various software costs – along with equipment expenses - were considered.

Cap X Projects: Proposed improvements on the NE side of plant plus eastside lean of storage tanks.

NonCap Projects: High service pumps and water meter replacements

Other items: storage and pickup truck

IV. Adjournment Trustee Oschwald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Irwin second the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.