

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

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

Guests: Todd Folder and John Little

I. Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance was said at the 6:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting

III. Secretary (Ryg)

Trustee Oswald made a motion to accept Tuesday, April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Mayes second the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Chairman Mitchell: Yes
Vice Chair Irwin: Present
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Present
Trustee Oswald: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes

With five yes votes and two present votes, the motion carried.

Vice Chair Irwin made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from Monday, March 24, 2025. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Irwin made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.

The Special Board Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2025, will be on next month's agenda.

IV. Guests/Visitors: Mr. Little lives in Virden and is rehabbing a home in the CGTPWD. He approached the board about his new water meter and billing questions.

V. Treasurer (Stremsterfer)

Vice Chair Irwin made a motion to table April's *profit and loss report*. Trustee Oswald second the motion. The motion carried.

It was noted that \$46,788.00 will still be transferred this month to the budgeted Debt & Service accounts.

Eck, Schafer & Punke (227 South 7Th Street, Springfield, IL, 62701, 217-525-1111) will begin the annual audit on Monday, June 16, 2025.

Chairman Mitchell inquired about the monthly amount contributed toward IMRF. Treasurer Stremsterfer noted the District paid \$5,200 for IMRF expenditures in March.

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

VI. Adjournment

Trustee Oschwald made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Irwin second the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Call to Order for FY 2026

VIII. Special Presentation (Todd Folder)

Todd Folder addressed the CGTPWD Board about the longstanding commitment of service that Chairman Mitchell has provided since the spring of 2013. Chairman Mitchell's leadership and vision was highlighted along with his ability to be a strong policymaker who helped steer the \$4M infrastructure plant expansion/NW Expansion from conception into completion. His strategic goal to deliver water to those in need successfully impacted the District to grow. Because of his commitment to the public along with responsible governance, the District was able to continually grow its water service territory. He successfully impacted public health by delivering safe drinking water to consumers whether it was a business or a residential home. He's provided a long-term vision to ensure reliable water service and his community service of serving on this board reflects a deep commitment to this community.

IX. Swearing-in: Oath for Newly Elected Trustees (Ryg)

- a.) Mark DiMarzio, Trustee
- b.) Mike Irwin, Trustee

X. Seat Newly Elected and Sworn-in Trustees (Ryg)

Secretary Ryg gave the Sangamon County Clerk's Oath to Trustee DiMarzio and Trustee Irwin.

XI. Nominations and Election for CGTPWD Chair

Secretary Ryg opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair. Trustee Oschwald nominated Trustee Michael Irwin for the Chair position. Trustee Oschwald moved to close the nominations. The motion carried for Michael Irwin for the Chair. Secretary Ryg handed the Chair to Mr. Irwin.

XII. Nominations and Election for CGTPWD Vice Chair

Chairman Irwin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Trustee Mayes nominated Trustee Oschwald. Trustee Moss moved to close nominations. Chairman Irwin took a roll call vote.

Chairman Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes

With six yes votes, the motion carried for Trustee Eric Oschwald to be CGTPWD Vice Chair.

XIII. Nominations and Appointment of CGTPWD Secretary

Chairman Irwin opened the floor for nominations of Secretary. Trustee Mayes nominated Jessica Ryg. Vice Chair Oschwald moved to close nominations. Chairman Irwin took a roll call vote.

Chairman Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes

With six yes votes, the motion carried for Jessica Ryg to be CGTPWD Secretary.

XIV. Nominations and Appointment for CGTPWD Treasurer

Chairman Irwin opened the floor for nominations of Treasurer. Vice Chair Oschwald nominated Stacy Stremsterfer. Trustee Moss moved to close nominations. Chairman Irwin took a roll call vote.

Chairman Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes

With six yes votes, the motion carried for Stacy Stremsterfer to be CGTPWD Treasurer.

XV. Set Regular Monthly Meeting Dates and Times

The CGTPWD Meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This year's meetings will occur on: June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th (Veterans Day), December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th and May 12th.

XVI. Appointment of Committees

Chairman Irwin assigned the following Trustees to these eight committees:

- Chair (Irwin)
- Vice Chair (Oschwald)
- Finance (Oschwald/DiMarzio)
- Planning (Mayes/Moss)
- Personnel (Irwin/Moss)
- Systems Oversight (Irwin/Benanti)
- Policy and Procedures (Irwin/Benanti)
- Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald)

XVII. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)

Operation Manager's Water Report for March 19, 2025 – April 18, 2025

Amount of water treated and sent to the distribution system: 10,918,000 (30-day billing cycle)

Amount of water billed: 9,443,295 gallons

Amount of water loss: 1,474,705 gallons (13.5%)

Amount of water loss per minute: 34.1 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.

There was a structure fire on Prairie Creed Road on April 26th. Multiple fire districts responded.

The emergency interconnect with Pleasant Plains was turned on for one day. It used 145,000 gallons.

The District experienced SCADA communications issues with the Curran tower. After investigation, the antenna on top had moved. It was readjusted and back in operation.

There's been swift resolution with a Village of Berlin customer who unsuccessfully attempted water access.

The Farmingdale pump station's chlorine pump was replaced.

A fire hydrant on Oakbrook Court was hit, broke off and repaired.

The plant's septic line has been clogging even when jetted, so it was dug up and the original cast iron piping was replaced with PVC Schedule 40 plastic pipe.

Vice Chair Oschwald asked Operations Manager Smith to keep track of hours while advising Pleasant Plains.

XVIII. Business Manager's Report (Graff)

The CGTPWD newsletter is in its final stages. The new chair and vice chair's name will be included in it. Also, the board vacancy will be advertised in the newsletter.

Sewer Rate Increase:

The Sangamon County Water Reclamation District increased its rate effective May 1, 2025, per their rate ordinance approved on January 28, 2025. The new rate increase will be effective as:

Village of Curran:

Residential minimum flat rate \$65.24. Every 1,000 gallons after the first 2,000 gallons would be \$10.32

Business minimum flat rate: \$92.47. Every 1,000 gallons after the first 2,000 gallons would be \$10.32

Consumer Confidence Report and Other Reports:

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) and other reports are available in the office, on the website at currangardner.com/cgccr2024 and posted on the outside of the building.

Open Position:

The full-time billing clerk position has been posted. In five days, it will go external. The Personnel Committee of Chair Irwin and Trustee Moss will assist the Business Manager in the process.

Business Manager Graff thanked Chairman Mitchell for his many years of a wonderful working relationship. She said she appreciated his guidance, leadership and teamwork that have been immeasurable.

XIX. District Engineer's Report (Middendorf)

SRF 1 | Project #620-081

The IEPA construction permit was received and PEID approved. Funding nomination forms submitted to IEPA SRF (FY 2025 funding ranking).

SRF 2 | Project #620-082

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

SRF 3 | Project #620-083

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

Project 620-084; .001; .002

GIS Mapping; Boundary; Hydraulic Analysis: Monitoring depositions.

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.

XX. Chairman, Vice Chair and Committee Reports

- a) Chair (Irwin): Chairman Irwin said he noticed two states have rescinded their fluoride requirements. He also said he looks forward to serving the Board and our customers.
- b) Vice Chair (Oschwald): Vice Chairman Oschwald said the second draft of tonight's budget meeting was successful. He will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Developer's meeting this week.
- c) Finance (Oschwald/DiMarzio): The FY26 Budget will be added to the Tuesday, June 10th Regular Meeting Agenda for approval.
- d) Planning (Mitchell/Moss): no report.
- e) Personnel (Mitchell/Moss): no report.
- f) Systems Oversight (Irwin/Benanti): no report.
- g) Policy and Procedures (Irwin/Benanti): no report.
- h) Ordinance Committee (Mayes/Oschwald): no report.

XXI. New Business

- a. Budget Amendment #4
Trustee Oschwald made a motion to table Budget Amendment #4. Bill Moss second the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Pleasant Plains Intergovernmental Agreement
The CGTPWD Board and Todd Folder discussed possibilities and options, but no resolution at this time.

XXII. Guests – none.

XXIII. Executive Session

XXIV. Return to Open Meeting

XXV. Adjournment Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The board adjourned at [8:18 p.m.](#)