

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
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Tuesday, February 11, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Board Meeting

Members: Chair Mike Irwin, Vice Chair Eric Oschwald, Trustee Mark Lewis (excused), Trustee Bill Moss, Trustee Mark DiMarzio, Trustee Jim Mayes (excused), 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 Jim Mitchell

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 motion to approve the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Trustee Benanti second the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Visitors/Guests: none

V. Treasurer (Stremsterfer)

Treasurer Stremsterfer presented the Unaudited Income and Expense Statement, noting that the budget is currently in its ninth month, representing 75% of Fiscal Year 2026 activity. Income and expenses for January 2026 are detailed in the Profit and Loss Budget Performance report.

Income

Month End District Water Income:	\$241,732.00
Fiscal YTD Water Income:	\$1,671,659.00
Including Other Income, Month End District Income:	\$275,708.00
Fiscal YTD for All Income:	\$2,125,127.00 (117%)

Expenses

Month End Operating Expenses:	\$205,172.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget:	\$1,699,071.00 (103%)
YTD Net Operating Income (Loss) Unaudited:	\$70,535.00

Budgeted Debt Service & Short-Lived Assets (SLA): \$46,650.00 transfers to debt service accounts/USDA Bonds each month

Capital Expenses for the Period: \$0 (correct)

Net Income for the Period: \$23,885.00

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

Bill List of Vendors (January 14, 2026 – February 11, 2026): \$152,420.53

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to pay the bills. Vice Chair Oschwald second the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Operations Manager's Report (Aaron Smith)

The Operation Manager's Water Report for *December 17, 2025 – January 15, 2026* determined the following amount of water that was treated and sent to the distribution system (includes bulk water sales):

Gallons of water treated and sent to the distribution system: 10,340,000 (29-day cycle)

Gallons of water billed for billing cycle: 8,389,490

Amount of water loss in %: 18.8%

Amount of water loss in gallons: 1,950,510

Amount of water loss in gallons per minute: 46.7

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.

The updated Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is complete. A copy was sent to Dave McMillan with Illinois Rural Water Association, who said he will add it to the Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA) plus the Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinator.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Tier 2 annual report was completed and submitted.

At the treatment plant, the issue with the lime silo scale turned out to be with the scale readout. The readout was replaced and relocated by Walz Scales.

The lagoon sludge report was completed and sent to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

The replacement motor and pump for high service #1 was delivered.

The field operations crew attended the annual JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) pipeline safety seminar. For more information, please visit www.illinois1call.com.

The Pleasant Plains interconnect was activated to facilitate repairs to the altitude valve at their water tower. It will be scheduled to be in-service throughout next week to support installation of their new SCADA system.

The Bradfordton bulk hose was repaired twice in the past couple of weeks due to cold weather. A swivel fitting and special hose was ordered to correct any future issues.

VII. Business Manager's Report (Cherril Graff)

Spring Newsletter: Business Manager Graff requests the Trustees' input on the upcoming newsletter. If any of the proposed topics are of interest, please let her know. In addition, the newsletter will address that customers with deduct meters must contact the office when their systems are activated so staff can verify account details.

Business Office Job Responsibilities: A list of the office staff members' duties and who is the assigned, appropriate lead worker was distributed as a draft to the Board. It included lead responsibilities listed for Billing Clerk A, Billing Clerk B and a Part-Time Billing Clerk position. This will help to clarify expectations, duties and priorities. Also, it will improve identifying cross-training opportunities and development needs by highlighting the skills required to perform each task. Business Manager Graff said that one of the goals is to strengthen cross-training of each staff member as well.

Annual Office Staff Performance Evaluations: The annual office staff performance evaluations will take place next week.

Pleasant Plains Billing: After the review from Todd Folder and Aaron Smith, Pleasant Plains has been billed for work per the Intergovernmental Agreement.

VIII. District Engineer's Report (Max Middendorf)

There has been feedback indicating that we are eligible for rollover funding from EPA. If that happens, it was clarified that the District coordinates with two groups within the IEPA regarding rollover funding: the permitting section and the SRF funding group responsible for loan approval.

Chair Irwin asked Engineer Middendorf to please follow-up on the IDOT permit for boring the highway.

Project 620-091 | 2026 USDA Capital Projects

MECO is completing SRF 1 document resubmission. Engineer Middendorf discussed USDA application timing with USDA Rural Development Loan Area Specialist Pat Whalen.

Project 620-084; 001; .002 | GIS Mapping; Boundary Hydraulics Analysis

No activity this month.

Project 620-086; -001;0 002 | Curran Watermain Loop

IEPA construction permit received. RailPro permit is pending.

Project 620-090 | Lincoln Trail Loop

IEPA and SHPO permitted received. Checking on the easement status (TBA)

Project 620-012.26 | IEPA As-Built Permit Application for Chemical Feed Rooms

All documentation has been submitted to the IEPA. Everything is pending receipt of permit.

Project 620-012.26 | Miscellaneous Activity and Updates

Bomke Road IEPA permit received. Koke Mill as-builts submitted to CMT by Operations Manager Smith. Project Gateway routing and construction cost estimates submitted (\$96M to provide 3 MGD to development site)

IX. Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Reports

Chair (Irwin): no report.

Vice Chair (Oschwald): Vice Chair Oschwald researched the open county parcel records and noticed approximately 75% of the land has been acquired for the Route 97 expansion. This was viewed as land on Bradfordton Road. There is one questionable piece of the parcel that seems to be in a trust, so it possible hasn't sold yet.

Vice Chair Oschwald attended the quarterly Sangamon County Developers meeting in January of 2026. He noted that CGTPWD is still on their agenda but will be removed going forward.

Finance Committee (Oschwald/DiMarzio/Lewis): The District seeks a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6pm on March 10th. As part of the annual budgeting process, please identify any critical needs, strategic initiatives, and/or Cap Expenditures/operational priorities that could be considered for next year's budget, including any new enhancements or opportunities.

Planning Committee (Moss/Mayes): no report.

Personnel Committee (Lewis/Moss): There's no report this meeting, but possible personnel needs will be addressed at the next meeting upon Trustee Lewis' return.

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

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

Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald): The District continues to work with ordinances that were not part of American Publishing first round of collection.

X. New Business

a. Budget Amendment #3 (Oschwald/DiMarzio)

Trustee Oschwald moved to table the Budget Amendment #3. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin took a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

With five yes votes, the motion carried.

b. System Enhancements | Loops, Mains, etc.

Please bring a list of possible system enhancements and loop closing opportunities to the next Committee of the Whole Budget meeting.

c. HR Consulting Firm:

There will be a request for proposal (RFP) advertised for a human resource consulting firm to possibly create an employee handbook, provide benefits counseling, consult on union contract negotiations, perform HR policy review and take-on other HR endeavors. The RFP will ensure a fair, transparent and competitive process for selecting the most qualified provider at the best value. Trustee Lewis will address this topic at next month's meeting.

The RFP will be published in the Illinois Times.

d. Trustee Compensation – No report, but this topic will continue on the agenda until the new budget negotiations begin.

XI. Visitors and Guests: Mr. Mitchell inquired about the Route 97 construction project.

XII. Executive Session:

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to go into Executive Session. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Vice Chair Oswald: Yes
Chair Irwin: Yes

With 5 “yes” votes, the motion carried.

XIII. Return to Open Meeting:

Trustee Moss made a motion to return to open meeting. Vice Chair Oswald second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Vice Chair Oswald: Yes
Chair Irwin: Yes

With 5 “yes” votes, the motion carried.

Chair Irwin said that Executive Meeting Minutes were read and discussed in Executive Session.

Vice Chair Oswald made a motion to hold the following Executive Meeting Minutes:

1. Tuesday, July 8, 2025
2. Tuesday, August 19, 2025
3. Tuesday, September 23, 2025
4. Monday, November 10, 2025

Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Vice Chair Oswald: Yes
Chair Irwin: Yes

With 5 “yes” votes, the motion carried.

XVI. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2025.

It was noted that there will be a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2025, to discuss the annual budget.

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee DiMarzio to adjourn. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried. The CGTPWD Board adjourned at **8:15 p.m.**