

Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District
3384 Hazlett Road | Springfield, Illinois | 62707-2522 | 217.546.3981
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting

Members: Chair Mike Irwin, Vice Chair Eric Oschwald, Trustee Mark Lewis, Trustee Bill Moss, Trustee Mark DiMarzio, Trustee Jim Mayes, Trustee Wayne Benanti, Operations Manager Aaron Smith (excused), Engineer Max Middendorf, Business Manager Cherril Graff, Treasurer Stacy Stremsterfer (excused) 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 the March 10, 2026, Committee of the Whole Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Oschwald made motion to approve the March 31, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Oschwald made motion to approve the April 14, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Oschwald made motion to approve the April 14, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Mayes second the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Visitors/Guests: none

V. Treasurer (Stremsterfer)

The Unaudited Income and Expense Statement was presented by Vice Chair Oschwald. The budget is currently in its 12th month, representing 100% of Fiscal Year 2026 activity. Income and expenses for *April* of 2026 are detailed in the Profit and Loss Budget Performance report.

Income

Month End District Water Income:	\$169,338.00
Fiscal YTD Water Income:	\$2,127,126.00
Including Other Income, Month End District Income:	\$200,624.00
Fiscal YTD for All Income:	\$2,679,742.00 (111%)

Expenses

Month End Operating Expenses:	\$129,899.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses of Operating Budget:	\$2,121,622.00 (96%)
YTD Net Operating Income (Loss) Unaudited:	\$558,120.00*
	*includes account transfers
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:	\$24,075.00

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to approve the Treasurer Stremsterfer’s monthly report pending audit. Trustee Lewis second the motion. The motion passed.

Trustee Lewis commended the CGTPWD Board for the accuracy of its FY26 budget projections.

Bill List of Vendors (April 15, 2026 – May 12, 2026): \$96,035.92

Trustee DiMarzio made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Operations Manager’s Report (Aaron Smith)

The Operation Manager’s Water Report for *March 19, 2026 – April 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:	10,684,000 (30-day cycle)
Gallons of water billed for billing cycle:	8,893,800 gallons
Amount of water loss in %:	18%
Amount of water loss in gallons:	1,984,200
Amount of water loss in gallons per minute:	45.9

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.

Cedarhurst water main has been completed. A pressure test of the new water main showed extraordinary results. CGTPWD will be flushing and collecting bacteria samples and installing water meter pits.

A valve box in Bluffs subdivision was lowered to correct a trip hazard.

A meter pit was replaced on Hazlett Road.

Two services were installed in the Sloan Crossing subdivision.

One service was installed on Pec Road.

Payment for the Bomke Road extension was received. JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) was contacted and construction began. There have been 1,920 ft. installed with a project completion date of approximately three to four days.

Permit applications were submitted to the Sangamon County Highway Department for the Lincoln Trail Loop.

Vice Chair Oschwald asked if each Cedarhurst unit would have their own pit. It was clarified that each customer would pay for their own water bill.

VII. Business Manager's Report (Cherril Graff)

The District was able to collect two liens in the amount of \$7,848.07.

CGTPWD was notified by the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District of a sewer rate increase. New rates are on the CGTPWD website.

A rate increase by the City of Springfield will take effect for certain customers during this billing cycle. It was also noted that Sangamon County Water Reclamation District (SCWRD) increased their sanitary charges for some customers by 32% in March 2024 and again in March 2025.

Source. The Springfield City Council approved Annual Inflation (CPI) adjustments, which took effect in spring 2026. Their annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment will be applied to certain customers' water and sewer charges, resulting in an average increase of approximately 4%. Please direct any feedback to the City of Springfield regarding this matter.

Chair Irwin asked Business Manager Graff to research how neighboring communities are handling their CWLP increase to best serve our CGTPWD customers.

Business Manager Graff asked to meet with a couple of CGTPWD Trustees to review rates and discuss a possible proposal.

It was suggested that the District run a usage report during this time frame and apply the additional cost to costumers based on their usage over a 3 – 6 month time frame.

VIII. District Engineer's Report (Max Middendorf)

Project 620-091 | 2026 USDA Capital Projects

MECO is waiting to hear from Rachel. SRF 1 is approved for bypass funding eligibility. USDA applications will proceed in April.

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

No new updates.

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

There were two bids. Bids were opened on April 30, 2016. The lowest bidder was Twin Lake Civil Construction (3804 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, Illinois, 61802, 217-531-166) for \$231,310. The bid was twice what was estimated for the project. Engineer Middendorf explained that this is due to an increase in material cost and the contractor is required to pay the prevailing wage for a railroad representative to be on-site during the entire project. The bid acceptance will take place in New Business.

Project 620-090 | Lincoln Trail Loop

This project is shovel ready.

Pajim Lane Loop

There is a 3 ft. strip separating Pajim Lane from Sloan Crossing subdivision. There's a water main on both sides, but not connected. Connecting these will improve the water flow.

MECO is assembling plans, EIPA permit application and easement data.

Project 620-012.26 | Miscellaneous Activity and Updates

No new updates.

CGTPWD/MECO received a letter about the 'as built' pump in the chemical feed room. IEPA denied it because the pump is oversized. MECO and the District feel the issue can be remedied and communicated with the supplier today.

Trustee Benanti inquired about the purchaser of the property discussed at the previous meeting. It was reported that Otto Baum Company of Morton, IL, purchased it.

IX. Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Reports

Chair (Irwin): He will check with Attorney Steve Harris on the ruling and present any new information at the next meeting. It was clarified that judge still needs to make a final ruling.

Vice Chair (Oswald): No report.

Finance Committee (Oswald/DiMarzio/Lewis): There are some line items in the new budget that will need clarification, so there could be a possible budget amendment once the finance team and treasurer have a chance to regroup.

Planning Committee (Moss/Mayes): no report.

Personnel Committee (Lewis/Moss): Trustee Lewis has a personnel topic to discuss at the next Executive Session.

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

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

Ordinance Committee (DiMarzio/Oschwald): no report.

X. New Business

a. System Enhancement:

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to award the Curran Loop Project to Twin Lakes Civil Construction for \$231,310 and to empower Chair Irwin to sign-off on the necessary documents for this project. The funding will come out of the “unrestricted” account. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. A roll call vote was called:

Chair Irwin: Yes

Vice Chair Oschwald: No

Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee Lewis: Yes

Trustee Moss: Yes

Trustee DiMarzio: Yes

Trustee Benanti: Yes

With seven “yes” votes, the motion carried.

b. Budget Amendment #1 (Oschwald/DiMarzio):

Vice Chair Oschwald moved to amend the FY 2026-2027 Budget to include a Capital Expenditure of \$231,310 earmarked for the Curran Loop Project, using the unrestricted account. Trustee Moss second the motion. The motion carried.

c. Human Resources (HR) Consulting Firm: Three requests for proposals (RFPs) were received. Trustee Lewis requested that the options be discussed in Executive Session.

d. Trustee Compensation: Attorney Yow provided a resolution. It was read to Trustees, and a copy can be found in the addendum of the 5-12-2026 minutes.

RESOLUTION OF THE CURRAN-GARDNER TOWNSHIPS PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Be it resolved, by the Board of Trustees of the Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District, as follows:

Pursuant to 70 ILCS 3705/4, it is hereby determined that for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027, each Trustee shall be paid a maximum sum of \$1,200.00 in compensation for their duties, subject to withholding. Specifically, each Trustee shall be paid \$100.00 for each Regular Meeting the trustee attends during the fiscal year 2027. Payments shall be made semiannually in October 2026 and April 2027, respectively.

Trustee Benanti made a motion to approve this resolution. Trustee Lewis second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: No
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee Lewis: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
With six “yes” votes and one “no” vote, the motion carried.

This resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District, on the 12th day of May, 2026.

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

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee Lewis: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
With seven “yes” votes, the motion carried.

(The Board left the room at [7:47 p.m.](#))

(The Board returned at [8:25 p.m.](#))

Vice Chair Oschwald made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The chair called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes
Trustee Lewis: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
With seven “yes” votes, the motion carried.

Trustee Mark Lewis made a motion to authorize Chair Irwin to execute a 6-month contract with JD Haley People Associates to perform HR service for the District based on their RFP. The cost is \$22,500. Trustee Moss second the motion. Chair Irwin called for a roll call vote:

Chair Irwin: Yes
Vice Chair Oschwald: Yes
Trustee Mayes: Yes

Trustee Lewis: Yes
Trustee Moss: Yes
Trustee DiMarzio: Yes
Trustee Benanti: Yes
With seven “yes” votes, the motion carried.

Chair Irwin reminded all employees and Trustees to cooperate fully with JD Haley People Associates.

XI. Visitors and Guests: no comments.

XII. Executive Session: none.

XIII. Return to Open Meeting: none.

XIV. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

XV. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Oschwald. Trustee DiMarzio second the motion. The motion carried. The CGTPWD Board adjourned at [8:30 p.m.](#)