

WRWSD Board of Trustees Saturday Meeting – 1/11/25

President Levermore called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Roll Call: Present: Armstrong, Harper, Kost, Levermore, Moore, Wales, Mgr. Wilkin

Absent: Feil was excused.

Minutes:

- A motion was made by Harper and seconded by Armstrong to approve the 12/14/24 and 12/16/24 minutes as distributed and read. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Wales to approve the 12/30/24 Special Meeting minutes as distributed and read. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report (Levermore): President Levermore read WRWSD key points explaining the sewer expansion and reasoning behind the sewer assessment. He noted that the Board has been transparent, beginning in September 2024, with informing the membership that an assessment would be forthcoming and rates would be raised in 2025. A few key points: The WRWSD is independent of the WPOA and has two major components consisting of the sewer and water. Our water system infrastructure is 50 years old. Our sewer system infrastructure is 30 years old and was originally designed for 770 full-time homes. Currently, the community is just shy of 1,000 homes. The sewer plant exceeds design capacity at least 5 months a year. We don't want the lagoon to fill up prematurely and its drainage to violate our OEPA permit requirements (*see posted Lake Lowering Board statement*). This would not be good for our community. We have begun the engineering process and are looking at options for the sewer side expansion. Engineering costs alone are expected to be \$1,000,000.00 or more with the expansion costs around the \$10,000,000.00 range or higher.

Treasurer's Report (Feil): Several motions were made (*please see below*). *Motion # 2025-04 was discussed and amended to reduce the term of the CD from two years to six months and look for a better rate at that time.*

Manager and Plant Superintendent Report (Mgr. Wilkin/Supt. Wilson):

- The lagoon valve is closed.
- The lake valve is open to lower the lake which has been difficult with the recent snow.
- Mgr. Wilkin visited Jackson to look at their sewer membrane system. The WRWSD is exploring options concerning the sewer expansion.
- The WRWSD will meet with two engineering firms at the monthly workshop on January 27th. We hope to move forward with an Engineer of Record to start the design of the sewer expansion.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motions and Resolutions:

- A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Armstrong to approve the December 31st financial statement as distributed. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Motion #2025-01 was made by Wales and seconded by Kost to adopt the following appropriations for estimated expenditures as of January 1, 2025 totaling \$1,777,001.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Motion #2025-02 was made by Moore and seconded by Wales to certify the following receipts for revenue totaling \$1,969,223.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Motion #2025-03 was made by Wales and seconded by Harper to approve the following beginning balances for 2025 checking/savings in the amount of \$2,716,117.63. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Motion #2025-04 was made by Wales and seconded by Harper to reinvest the CD #700700811 that matures on 1/12/2025 at First State Bank for 6 months at a rate of 4.35% APY. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Concerns: None

Membership Concerns: Nancee Klein – Thanked the Board for explaining water/sewer increases for 2025. She would like the Board to work with Mgr. Wilkin to create monthly Facebook posts to explain the water and sewer increases so more members may be reached. President Levermore explained that the Board has discussed this and find Facebook to be an unreliable source of information except in urgent situations. Official updates and announcements will be posted on the Lake Waynoka website. He encourages all members to regularly check the Lake Waynoka website.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Moore and seconded by Wales. A yea/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WRWSD Assistant Recording Secretary