

WRWSD Board of Trustees Saturday Meeting – 11/8/25

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

President Levermore asked for a moment of silence for former WRWSD Trustee Prescilla Redick. She supported and served the community in many modalities.

Roll Call: Present: Armstrong, Dombroskie, Engle, Gruber, Harper, Levermore

Absent: Feil and Mgr. Wilkin were excused.

Minutes:

- A motion was made by Armstrong and seconded by Dombroskie to approve the 10/27/25 meeting minutes as distributed and read. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Dombroskie and seconded by Harper to approve the 11/4/25 Special Meeting minutes as distributed and read. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report (Levermore):

- The Special meeting held on 11/4/25 was to address the hold on water/sewer tap permits and grinder pump permits for members in the middle of the process. We also swore in two new Trustees, Gary Dombroskie and Jim Engle.
- The WRWSD recognizes the need for an appeal process pertaining to the issuing of water/sewer tap and grinder pump permits prior to the 10 per year limit effective January 1, 2026. We are working to complete this by the end of the year.

Treasurer's Report (Feil): Treasurer Feil and Mgr. Wilkin are working on the WRWSD 2026 budget.

Manager and Plant Superintendent Report (Mgr. Wilkin/Supt. Wilson): None

Old Business: None

New Business: Assistant Secretary Maybriar presented the third reading of Resolution #2025-02 below.

Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District

Resolution No. 2025-02

A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District Approving a Rate Increase for District Fees

WHEREAS, the Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District (the "District") is a District organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, with its principal office located at 1 Waynoka Drive, Lake Waynoka, OH 45171; and

WHEREAS, the District is responsible for maintaining and improving the common areas, facilities, and infrastructure within the Lake Waynoka community, as well as ensuring the financial stability and sustainability of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has reviewed the current financial status of the District, including operating expenses, reserve funds, and projected future costs, and has determined that an increase in District fees is necessary to meet the District's financial obligations, maintain the quality of services provided to its members, and address the current growth limitations, including the maximum of 144 new homes and the annual limit of 10 grinder pump permits, plus water and sewer taps per year; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the increase in fees is essential to expand the District's water production and sewer processing capabilities and capacity, thereby enabling the potential for additional community growth in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority under the District's governing documents, including its bylaws and covenants, to establish and adjust District fees as necessary to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has provided notice to the District's members regarding the proposed rate increase and has allowed for member input in accordance with the District's governing documents and applicable laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District, as follows:

1. Approval of Rate Increase; Water

The Board hereby approves an increase in the District fees for all members of the Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District for water. The new rate shall be as follows:

- 2026 and 2027 – \$8.00 Assessment Per Month on All Water Users
- 2026 and Thereafter - \$8.00 Assessment Per Month for Water Availability (Currently Water Availability is \$60 Per Year and Would Increase to \$156.00 Per Year)
- 2028 – 3.00% Increase to Rates on Water Users Thereafter

2. Approval of Rate Increase; Sewer

The Board hereby approves an increase in the District fees for all members of the Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District for sewer. The rate shall be as follows:

- **2026 – No Increase**
- **2027 – 5.00% Increase**
- **2028 – 5.00% Increase**
- **2029 – 5.00% Increase**
- **2030 – 10.00% Increase**
- **2031 – 10.00% Increase**
- **A 5.00% Increase from 2032 and thereafter**

3. Effective Date

The approved rate increase shall take effect on January 1st, 2026, and members shall be notified of the change in accordance with the District's governing documents.

4. Member Notification

The Board directs the District's management to provide written notice of the rate increase to all members no later than September 30, 2025, including details of the new rates, the effective date, and the reasons for the increase.

5. Allocation of Funds

The additional funds generated by the rate increase shall be allocated to the following purposes:

- Maintenance and improvement of common areas and facilities;
- Contributions to the District's reserve fund;
- Payment of operating expenses; and
- Any other purposes deemed necessary by the Board to ensure the financial stability and sustainability of the District.

6. Recordkeeping

The Board directs the District's management to maintain accurate records of the rate increase, including member notifications, financial projections, and meeting minutes, in compliance with the District's governing documents and applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be entered into the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 8th, 2025 and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by the Board.

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2025, by the Board of Trustees of the Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District.

President Levermore stated that the resolution had been adjusted to address member concerns about price increases. The Board can revisit this resolution once bids are received for the water and sewer plant updates and expansion. At that time, they can reassess and adjust the resolution as needed.

Motions and Resolutions:

- A motion to approve Resolution #2025-02 was made by Harper and seconded by Gruber. A roll call vote was taken and the resolution passed unanimously.
- Motion #2025-31 was made by Harper and seconded by Engle to amend the 2025 budget as follows: Expenses: Account # 111-48 Purchase water from BCRW: budgeted amount \$75,000.00, amended amount \$105,000.00 for a difference of \$30,000. Total expenses: budgeted amount \$2,129,542.25, amended amount \$2,159,542.25 for a difference of \$30,000. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Concerns: None

Membership Concerns:

- Nan Wales thanked the Board for passing Resolution #2025-02 and wished them good luck moving forward.
- Ed Von Lehmden expressed his disappointment with the higher permit fees and limitations. He disliked the pop-up special meeting which gave members no time to plan to attend. He has sent emails to Mgr. Wilkin and President Levermore to ask why the water availability fee has nearly tripled for property owners and received no response. He would like to see community members form a committee to address BCRW and county commissioners to demand service. President Levermore said that the water availability fees were increased

because current homeowners expressed that lot owners need to be included in bearing some of the cost of the plant updates and expansion as homeowners shouldn't have to bear the entire cost.

- Nancee Klein, long time member, was part of a class action lawsuit against the start-up of the water and sewer plant as it was forecasted to reach capacity at some point. She asked whether WRWSD has ever asked BCRW whether they would guarantee water service if WRWSD would put the estimated expense for the water plant expansion to BCRW instead. President Levermore reminded that we have approached them several times and their response is they are not able to take on our community at this time. There is no estimation of when and if BCRW will be able to provide service. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the community and we must move forward with updates and expansion. President Levermore also questioned the logic of the suggested approach.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Engle and seconded by Harper. A yea/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WRWSD Assistant Recording Secretary