

WRWSD Board of Trustees Saturday Meeting – 7/11/26

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

Roll Call: Present: Dombroskie, Engle, Feil, Gruber, Harper, Levermore, Mgr. Wilkin

Absent: Brumley was excused.

Minutes: A motion was made by Engle and seconded by Gruber to approve the 6/29/26 minutes as read and distributed.

A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report (Levermore): We met with Brown County Rural Water (BCRW) last year to see if they would provide water to us on a full-time basis. We were told no. We have another meeting scheduled with them this week to see if they have changed their mind. More information to come.

Treasurer's Report (Feil): None

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

- ACH payment option is up and running. Announcements were posted on Facebook and in an email blast. You can still pay with a credit/debit card (with a 3% service fee) or in cash at the WPOA Office. Of note, you must pay all of your WRWSD invoice. You can no longer select which portion to pay.
- Thank you to Greg Wilson and Dan Pike for hosting the WRWSD plant tour. It was well received by members. Attendees got to see firsthand the knowledge of our staff and the lack of upgrades over the past 50 years that require us to renovate and expand the plant.
- We are currently on BCRW supply. Last weekend, during the 4th of July, BCRW contacted us and asked us to cut the water supply to Lake Waynoka residents in half. We continue to face obstacles coming to an agreement with BCRW to provide water on a full-time basis. Another obstacle we are facing is that we were told by the EPA we are one-year out from a DAF tank or second clarifier approval to help us treat manganese which is contributing to water discoloration and water odor. We told the EPA that this is an emergency issue. They said it is not an emergency and clean drinking water can be discolored and have odors without being a health hazard. On June 18th we met with the EPA and they asked that we try to come to an agreement with BCRW for guaranteed water service. We explained that we have tried many times to regionalize with them. Trustee Gruber also spoke with BCRW and they said they do not have enough water supply to accommodate us. The EPA asked us to try again. We have a meeting scheduled with BCRW on July 13th. In the interim, we have reached out to Highland County water to ask if they could provide our water on a permanent basis since there is a main supply line off 32. Unfortunately, the main is 2" and there would need to be an 8" main to service our community. Highland County said they would provide us an estimate. BCRW daily capacity is about 3.7 million gallons per day. We hope to know better after this follow-up meeting with BCRW on July 13 whether they can reliably accommodate our community's needs. Our present plant can only treat an average of 125,000 gallons/day, due to its age. It was originally designed for more than that. We are looking for a design plant capacity of 500,000 gallons/day to cover future growth, unless we can get this from another source. A second water tower will be needed regardless of where our water comes from. To be clear, if any agreement is reached by BCRW or Highland County, water would only be provided to the water main just inside the lake. WRWSD would be responsible for all water related infrastructure within Lake Waynoka such as water pipes. We will need to come up with a long-range plan for replacing the 50-year-old pipes. There are many moving parts. Be assured that we are looking at all options and are transparent with the hurdles we are facing. We will provide more information as we receive it.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motions and Resolutions: A motion was made by Engle and seconded by Gruber to approve the June 30th financial statement as distributed. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Concerns: None

Membership Concerns: None

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Harper and seconded by Feil. A yea/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:54am.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WRWSD Assistant Recording Secretary