

WRWSD Board of Trustees Monday Meeting – 7/27/26

President Levermore called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Harper and seconded by Feil to approve the 7/11/26 minutes as distributed. A yea/nay vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

President Comments:

- President Levermore learned that someone from the community met with Brown County Rural Water (BCRW). While members can certainly speak with other entities, he drafted a letter to BCRW letting them know the names of designated WRWSD Trustees and that anyone else they may meet with are not representing the WRWSD Board of Trustees. The Board discussed the letter and made a few adjustments. This letter will be sent to BCRW this week.
- Secretary Dombroskie asked if there was any value in pursuing Highland County water as discussed in the last meeting. Mgr. Wilkin did a quick estimate. To run an 8" water main 16-17 miles at \$300/ft., the cost would be roughly \$26 million. He does not see the need for us to do that since things are going well with BCRW.

Treasurer's Report (Feil): None

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

- We began taking BCRW metered water readings every morning so we can track water loss. We are at 5.5% water loss which is well below standards.
- Supt. Wilson presented the monthly grinder pump call log. There were 15 service call in the month of June. The QR code records the date, service technician, address, pump type and work done. This has been very beneficial to staff should they receive another call to that address.
- Supt. Wilson provided the Board with a detailed water plant report for the past 60 days. It noted that the water plant has been largely inactive since June 8th when we switched to BCRW.
- Supt. Wilson provided the Board with a detailed wastewater plant report for the past 60 days. The plant has focused on significant solid handling with rental of a dewatering belt press, extensive service to grinder pumps, preventative maintenance, hosing down the clarifier weirs, quarterly motor control center inspections, annual flowmeter calibrations, lubricating bearings on various equipment and changing gearbox oil.
- Mgr. Wilkin and Supt. Wilson provided an extensive report about their meetings with BCRW and OEPA. We are moving in the right direction with multiple moving components. We are filling our water tower during the overnight hours when BCRW usage is at its lowest demand and using the stored water during the day. Supt. Wilson is using an AI program, Hydrintel IQ, to determine the amount of water needed to fill the tower without overflow. He is uploading weekend usage information to determine the amount of water needed when LW demand is higher. We are still in the process of working with the OEPA to regionalize our wastewater plant with Russellville. We are hoping to get a direct discharge permit in the process. BCRW is working with the OEPA to secure funding for their plant expansion. If that occurs, they will be able to permanently service Lake Waynoka with water on a full-time basis in a few years after the expansion is completed. Mgr. Wilkin encouraged the Board to utilize this regionalization as our primary water source. He is encouraged by the recent meetings. The WRWSD will still need to purchase and install a second water tower to accommodate our needs as the community grows. DLZ Engineering will be doing an updated water and sewer rate study based on these conversations. The WRWSD Board will use this study in planning the 2027 WRWSD budget. Mgr. Wilkin reported that he is meeting with the WPOA Treasurer to create true profit and loss statements for each WPOA amenity, such as, the Campground, Rec Center, Lounge, Beach House, etc. The WRWSD should be collecting payments for water and sewer usage of these areas. Mgr. Wilkin did note that the Campground has 3 water meters supplying water to campers and that payment of water usage comes from the campers nightly fees that are collected.

Old Business: Vice President Engle reminded everyone to complete their training and submit certifications to Mgr. Wilkin.

New Business: Lot #497 on Spearhead asked for WRWSD grinder and water/sewer tap permits. President Levermore reminded everyone that the WRWSD only approves WRWSD utility permits and from there it goes to the building committee before a new home permit is issued. *See motion #2026-17 below.*

Motions and Resolutions:

- Motion # 2026-16 was made by Feil and seconded by Harper to authorize Mgr. Todd Wilkin to continue to negotiate regionalization of water service to Lake Waynoka and establish Brown County Rural Water as the

primary source of water and the Waynoka WRWSD water plant as the back-up water supply. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

- Motion #2026-17 was made by Feil and seconded by Engle to approve WRWSD permits for lot #497. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Concerns:

- Vice President Engle reported that the “My Water Advisor” app was updated in February or March. It is working better now and he encourages everyone to give it a try so you can keep track of your water usage.
- Trustee Gruber passed out a handout detailing his conversations with Brown County Rural Water and the Ohio EPA. He agrees that our best option is to regionalize with BCRW in the future.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Engle and seconded by Harper. A ye/nay vote was taken. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Rhonda J. Maybriar, WRWSD Assistant Recording Secretary