

Meeting August 10, 2026, 6:00pm

Minutes

Prayer and pledge led by Robert Walling

Approval of July minutes — motion by Virginia and seconded by Robert

In attendance

- Leon Deweese
- Virginia Lewis
- Robert Walling
- Thomas Champagne
- Monica Blankenship
- Julie Neely
- Katie Kortekaas

No Customer Concerns were brought before the board

Treatment plant repairs are ongoing, September 17, 2026, is the scheduled date for final inspection. Katie and Monica finished the utility SAMS account to make the utility eligible to apply for and receive grants directly.

Thomas, Monica and Julie provided an update on the ongoing preparations for the new billing and credit card programs. Monica relayed that there has been a problem with the current bank drafts issue between the utility and invoice cloud. Thomas relayed that Anita needs to take a personal leave from September 1st to September 25th, and that she does have enough TAP time to cover the leave.

Pay for performance, one-time semiannual pay increases, collection guidelines and GM job description were all tabled to the September workshop for discussion.

Thomas suggested Ricky become certified to do backflow testing, this was approved. Robert objected to Ricky doing the official testing for the utility to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest.

The board voted to send the list of candidates for the vacant board seat, listed by preference, motion made by Leon and seconded by Virginia.

1. Jerry Blankenship
2. Michelle Hunt
3. Cindy Hankins

Thomas spoke of the need to have an extra person to work at the plant, the board voted to advertise for a part-time to full-time position for the plant. Motion made by Virginia and seconded by Robert.

Bi-Law's were amended to add a per board meeting workshop that will be open to the public on the Wednesday before the monthly meeting.

The board voted to leave the drug and alcohol as is for now, motion made by Robert and seconded by Virginia.

The Addendum to Article III for officers passed motion made by Leon and seconded by Virginia.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Virginia and seconded by Robert.

Leon Deweese

Virginia Lewis

Robert Walling