

## Special Board Meeting Minutes, 10/8/25

A Special Called Board Meeting was brought to session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at the Mitchellville Water District Office, 125 Triple S Rd, Harrisburg, Illinois.

Roll call was taken with Jeremy Palmer, Alex Humm, Mickey Woolard, Betsy O'Brien, and Jim Grimes present. Brad McCormick and Julie Dunn were absent. Doug Pyle, customer was present as well as Steve Lambert, Supervisor of Maintenance.

At 6:01 p.m. Jim Grimes made a motion to enter Closed Session for the purpose of conducting interviews. Alex seconded the motion. Voice vote was taken with all in favor. Jeremy invited Steve Lambert, Supervisor of Maintenance, to be present for interviews.

Rodney Valleroy was interviewed first.

Jeremy then excused himself from the room prior to the second interview explaining that he would not be involved in the second interview given that Deacon Palmer is his relative. Further, he stated that he would not be involved in any discussions of decisions made surrounding Deacon .

Deacon Palmer was then interviewed by the remaining board members.

Jeremy re-entered the meeting upon completion of the interview. Jeremy notified the board that there were 3 other applications available to consider and a previous employee, Hunter Womack, has expressed potential interest.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of each of the interviewees. Betsy expressed interest in hiring both and Alex concurred. The members discussed hiring both as either full or part-time with it being felt that two part-time initially would be the best option for the district. Pay rates were discussed as well. Rodney would like to be paid \$20/hr and it was felt that with both candidates having no prior experience with this type of work that the same rate would be fair to both. Upon completion of discussion, Betsy made a motion to re-enter open session at 7:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim. Voice vote was taken with all in favor.

Open session was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. with Doug Pyle re-entering attendance.

Jim made a motion to approve the agenda. Betsy seconded. Voice vote with all in favor.

Mr. Pyle was invited to speak in public comment but declined.

Betsy made a motion to hire Rodney Valleroy and Deacon Palmer as part-time employees with an alternating weekly work schedule between two and three day work weeks at \$20/hr. Alex

seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Alex voted in favor. Mickey voted in favor. Betsy voted in favor. Jim voted no. Jeremy abstained. Motion passes 3-1.

Jeremy discussed that there is an emergency water main relocation that must be made on IL145 required by IDOT with a deadline of November. IDOT has approved a contractor and they plan to start work in November. Farley engineering has prepared a plan for the relocation. Given the emergency nature of the work he has only received notice from one company with the intention to bid, JLB Construction, which has turned in a bid for the work. Jeremy has discussed the nature of the work to be done with the board attorney, Robert Wilson, who indicates the emergency work may proceed forward without additional bids in order to be able to complete the work in the given timeframe. The total bid package from JLB construction for materials and labor is \$46,598.10. JLB indicates they will complete the work in the designated timeframe. Alex made a motion to approve the bid for the Water Main Relocation on IL145 to JLB construction. Betsy seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Alex voted yes. Mickey voted yes. Betsy voted yes. Jim voted yes. Jeremy voted yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Mickey made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Jim seconded. Voice vote with all in favor.