ENROLLED MINUTES OF THE
HIGHLAND WATER WORKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Regular Meeting: The Highland Water Works Board of Directors met in a Regular Plenary Session on Thursday, February 26, 2026, in the meeting room of the Highland Public Works Building, 8001 Kennedy Ave., Highland, Indiana. President Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., with no study session. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were recorded by Mark Knesek, Acting Recording Secretary.

Roll Call: Present on roll call were Directors George A. Smith, Rick Volbrecht, Ray Borowiec, and Bernie Zemen. Director Phillips was absent with prior notice given. A quorum was present. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director; George Georgeff, Town Council; Derek Snyder, NIES Engineering; and Robert Tweedle, Board Attorney.

Minutes: President Smith asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Plenary Meeting of January 22, 2026, as prepared and posted. Director Volbrecht moved to amend the minutes as follows: on page 2, under "Reports", item #2, strike the word "two" and replace it with "three". Director Borowiec then moved to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2026, meeting as amended. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a voice vote, there were (4) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

Special Orders: None.

Communications:

Comments from the Public or Visitors (Limited to Matters on the Agenda): None.

Reports:

1. Water Works Superintendent – Mark Knesek discussed with the Board the need to replace the water mains running through the Sharp Athletic Complex parking lot to the Bradley Pump Station. He noted that there have been numerous breaks in these lines, as the bottom of the pipe is in poor condition and rests on a clay base.

   He also asked that, if this project is not selected, the Board consider an appropriate timeline for completing the two-phase Lincoln Street Water Main Replacement Project which would need to be coordinated with milling and paving the road, as it is also in poor condition.

2. Water Works Attorney – Robert Tweedle will prepare a resolution for the next meeting to amend the license agreement with T-Mobile, extending the terms of the original contract for equipment rental on the Ridge Rd Elevated Water Tank.

   He also reported that the Town of Dyer has confirmed approval of the Water Transport Fee and will be providing copies of the executed documents.

Additionally, a new law that took effect last year will change the reporting requirements for utilities not regulated by the IURC. An initial report will need to filed by July 1 of this year and will not be required again for another four years.

3. Water Works Engineer – Derek Snyder reported to the Board that all the water mains on the 4th Place E/W Alley Water Main Project have passed testing, and services on the second phase are in process. There are ten services remaining, and pipe work is expected to be completed prior to the next Water Works Board meeting.

4. Fire Department – None.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

1. An action to approve Pay Request No. 3 for the 4th Place East & West Alley Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of $285,346.37 ($300,364.60 less $15,018.23 retainage) to Grimmer Construction, Inc. Director Borowiec moved to approve the action. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (4) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

New Business: None.

Business from the Floor: None.

Comments from the Directors on any Item of Interest to the Directors: Director Borowiec commented that he appreciates the work all Directors are performing and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

Claims:

Per the docket in the amount of:

6101	Water Operating	$588,018.69
6102	Water Works District	$97,695.80
6104	Consumer Deposits	$87.98
6105	Water Improvement	$295,746.67
6108	Water Capital	$0.00
Total		$981,549.14

Director Volbrecht moved to approve the claims per the February 26, 2026, docket in the amount of $981,549.14. Director Zemen seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (4) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

Next Meeting:

The next Regular Plenary Meeting will be held in-person at the on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: With no other business to come before the Board of Water Works Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Webb, Recording Secretary