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

Regular Meeting: The Highland Water Works Board of Directors met in a Regular Plenary Session on Thursday, March 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 Kim Webb, Recording Secretary.

Roll Call: Present on roll call were Directors George A. Smith, Rick Volbrecht, Ray Borowiec, and Peggy Phillips. Director Zemen was absent with prior notice given. A quorum was present. Also present were Mark Knesek, Public Works Director; Robert Tweedle, Board Attorney; and Kim Webb, Recording Secretary.

Minutes: President Smith asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the Regular Plenary Meeting of February 26, 2026, as prepared and posted. Director Volbrecht moved to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2026, meeting. Director Borowiec 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 a proposal submitted by NIES Engineering for the replacement of the dual 20-inch water supply lines located between the south side of the Little Calumet River and the Bradley Pump Station.

   He also discussed with the Board information obtained from the AWWA conference he attended on Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI).

2. Water Works Attorney – Robert Tweedle reported to the Board that the Town of Dyer approved the Water Transport Fee Agreement, and the executed document has been sent via email.

   He further discussed an amendment to the license agreement with T-Mobile, which extends the terms of the original contract for equipment rental on the Ridge Rd Elevated Water Tank. A Resolution has been prepared and will be considered under Unfinished Business and General Orders.

3. Water Works Engineer – None.

4. Fire Department – None.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

1. An action to approve Pay Request No. 4 for the 4th Place East & West Alley Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of $160,108.91 ($168,535.70 less $8,426.79 retainage) to Grimmer Construction, Inc. Director Borowiec moved to approve the action. Discussion ensued. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (4) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

2. Water Works District of Highland
Board of Directors
Resolution No. 2026-04

A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a First Amendment to a License Agreement Between T-Mobile Central LLC, Successor in Interest to Sprintcom, Inc. and the Water Works District of Highland to Install a Wireless Communications Base Station and Related Antennae Equipment on the Ridge Road Elevated Water Tank. Director Borowiec moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-04. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (4) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

WATER WORKS DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND
Board of Water Works Directors
Resolution No. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN T-MOBILE CENTRAL LLC, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO SPRINTCOM, INC. AND THE WATER WORKS DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND TO INSTALL A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS BASE STATION AND RELATED ANTENNAE EQUIPMENT ON THE RIDGE ROAD ELEVATED WATER TANK

Whereas, the Water Works District of Highland (District) is governed by its Board of Water Works Directors, pursuant to the provisions of IC 8-1.5-4 et seq.; and

Whereas, IC 8-1.5-4-4 specifically provides that the Board of Directors shall manage and control all works of the water works and may purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, operate, repair and maintain all water works; and

Whereas, the District owns and operates an elevated water storage tank on Ridge Road, west of Kleinman Road, known as the Ridge Road Elevated Water Tank; and

Whereas, on or about April 29, 2004, T-Mobile Central LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, successor in interest to Sprintcom, Inc. and the Board of Directors entered into an agreement (License Agreement) to install and operate a personal communication base station and related antenna(s), equipment, and accessories on the Ridge Road Elevated Water Tank; and

Whereas, T-Mobile Central LLC and the Board of Directors wish to amend the License Agreement to make certain amendments thereto, including but not limited to modifying the Term of the License Agreement; and

Whereas, T-Mobile Central LLC and the Board of Directors have negotiated and prepared a first amendment to the License Agreement between the District and T-Mobile Central LLC (First Amendment), attached hereto and made part of this Resolution, that details the terms and conditions of the First Amendment; and

Whereas, the Water Works Board of Directors of Highland believes that the First Amendment is fair and just.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Highland Water Works, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

1. That the First Amendment to the License Agreement between the Water Works District and T-Mobile Central LLC is hereby authorized and approved in each and every respect;

2. That the proper officials, agents and employees of the Town of Highland and the District are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Town in accordance with the provisions of the License Agreement as amended by the First Amendment.

Duly Adopted, Resolved and Ordered by the Water Works Board of Directors of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 26th day of March, 2026. Having been passed by a vote of _4_ in favor and _0_ opposed.

HIGHLAND WATER WORKS
BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

/s/George A Smith, President

Attest:

/s/Richard Volbrecht, Secretary

EXHIBIT

FIRST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE CENTRAL LLC.

3. Water Works District of Highland
Board of Directors
Resolution No. 2026-05

A Resolution Accepting and Approving a Proposal from NIES Engineering, Incorporated for Professional Engineering Design Services for the Dual 20-Inch Water Supply Line Replacement Project, Located Between the South side of the Little Calumet River and the Bradley Pump Station, in the Amount Not-To-Exceed $72,000.00. Director Borowiec moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-05. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (4) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

WATER WORKS DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND
BOARD OF WATER WORKS DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM NIES ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DUAL 20-INCH WATER SUPPLY LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, LOCATED BETWEEN THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER AND THE BRADLEY PUMP STATION, IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $72,000.00

Whereas, The Water Works District of Highland (District) is governed by its Board of Water Works Directors, pursuant to the provisions of IC 8-1.5-4 et seq.; and

Whereas, IC 8-1.5-4-4 specifically provides that the Board of Directors shall manage and control all works of the water works and may purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, operate, repair and maintain all water works; and

Whereas, The District has determined a need to replace the existing dual 20-inch water supply lines between the south side of the Little Calumet River and the Bradley Pump Station. The existing water supply lines have experienced numerous breaks with increasing frequency in recent years. The deteriorated water supply lines would be replaced with new 20-inch diameter water supply lines, and

Whereas, NIES Engineering, Inc. has submitted a proposal that details the terms and conditions for engineering services, as described therein, for the work for a fee not to exceed of Seventy-two Thousand Dollars and no cents ($72,000.00); and

Whereas, The Water Works District of Highland, through its Board of Directors, now desires to accept and approve the proposal and contract agreement for services as herein described.

Whereas, There are sufficient and available appropriations balances on hand to support the payments under the agreement, pursuant to IC 5-22-17-3(e); and

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Highland Water Works, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. That the Professional Engineering Design Services Agreement (incorporated by reference and made a part of this resolution) between NIES Engineering, Incorporated, and the Water Works District of Highland for the Dual 20-Inch Water Supply Line Replacement Project is hereby approved, adopted and ratified in each and every respect;

Section 2. That the terms and charges under the agreement for Professional Design Engineering services in the not to exceed amount of Seventy-two Thousand Dollars and no cents ($72,000.00) is found to be reasonable and fair;

Section 3. That the Water Works District of Highland, through its Board of Directors, believes that NIES Engineering, Incorporated has demonstrated professional competence and qualifications to perform the particular professional engineering services called for in the Agreement and associated project, pursuant to I.C. 5-16-11.1-5;

Section 4. That the President of the Water Works District of Highland be authorized to execute the Agreement with his signature as attested thereto by the Secretary of the Water Works District of Highland.

Duly Adopted, Resolved and Ordered by the Water Works Board of Directors of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 26th day of March, 2026. Having been passed by a vote of _4_ in favor and _0_ opposed.

HIGHLAND WATER WORKS
BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

/s/George A. Smith, President

Attest:

/s/Richard E. Volbrecht, Jr., Secretary

4. Water Works District of Highland
Board of Directors
Resolution No. 2026-06

A Resolution Amending the 2026 Capital Project Budget of the Water Works to be Paid from its Water Improvement Fund. Director Borowiec moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-06. Director Volbrecht seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were (4) affirmations and no negatives. The motion passed.

WATER WORKS DISTRICT OF HIGHLAND
BOARD OF WATER WORKS DIRECTORS
CAPITAL BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET OF THE WATER WORKS TO BE PAID FROM ITS WATER IMPROVEMENT FUND

Whereas, The Highland Water Works is governed by its Board of Directors, pursuant to the provisions of IC 8-1.5-4 et seq.; and

Whereas, IC 8-1.5-4-4 specifically provides that the Board of Directors shall manage and control all works of the Water Works and may purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, operate, repair and maintain all water works; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors in performing its duties, may adopt resolutions, rules and by-laws that are necessary to carry out the provisions of IC 8-1.5-4 et seq. including repealing or amending them consistent with the Water Works Law; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors in performing its duties, now determines that passage and adoption of a Capital Budget Resolution amending the Capital Budget to be paid from funds of the Water Works to be necessary for the sound management and control of the Water Works and performing its duty to construct, reconstruct, repair, and maintain all water works.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Highland Water Works, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

1. That for the Capital expenses as hereinafter identified of said Water Works, the following allowances for the identified sums of money are hereby fixed and ordered set apart for the purposes herein specified to be paid from Water Improvement Fund:

6105-0000-XXXXX	Dual 20-Inch Water Supply Line Repl. Project (PE)	$72,000.00

2. That the Municipal Fiscal Officer is instructed and authorized to assign such accounts and establish such financial reporting methodology as to permit the regular review of the Capital expenses herein identified as compared to the budgeted amounts and to otherwise carry out the objects and purposes of this resolution;

3. That the Superintendent of the Water Works is instructed and authorized to prepare accounts payable for projects identified herein in such a manner as to support and permit the regular review of the Capital expenses herein identified as compared to the budgeted amounts and to otherwise carry out the objects and purposes of this resolution;

4. That there shall be no capital expenditure for the identified projects in excess of the amounts fixed by this resolution without express action by the Board of Directors, revising the amount fixed and authorizing the additional allowance amount;

5. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the Board of Directors and may be amended or repealed by subsequent resolution duly passed and adopted.

Duly Adopted, Resolved and Ordered by the Water Works Board of Directors of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 26th day of March, 2026. Having been passed by a vote of _4_ in favor and _0_ opposed.

HIGHLAND WATER WORKS DISTRICT
BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

/s/George A. Smith, President

Attest:

/s/Richard E. Volbrecht, Jr., Secretary

New Business: None.

Business from the Floor: None.

Comments from the Directors on any Item of Interest to the Directors: Director Borowiec asked for clarification that the transfer of the discussed funds between the Clerk Treasurer and the Water Works Board President will, in fact, occur.

Claims:

Per the docket in the amount of:

6101	Water Operating	$361,874.34
6102	Water Works District	$0.00
6104	Consumer Deposits	$0.00
6105	Water Improvement	$174,206.41
6108	Water Capital	$0.00
Total		$536,080.75

Director Borowiec moved to approve the claims per the March 26, 2026, docket in the amount of $536,080.75. Director Volbrecht 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, April 23, 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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Webb, Recording Secretary