



Wallula Water District Monthly Water Meeting Minutes

Date:	August 11, 2025
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Wallula School House

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mike Pringle.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance:

Mike Pringle

Barbara Johnson

Dee Glessner

Guests in attendance:

Soni Bryant (via audio)

Dennis Anderson (via audio)

Chuck Glessner

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

July minutes were read and approved, with a motion by Barb and second by Mike.

Unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Board Member and Staff Reports

Chairman:

- AllStar is booked out for about a month but will be coming to replace a resident valve box and the seal on Well #3.
- AllStar would charge around \$400.00 to replace a meter, so Mike will add this to the potential costs for deciding unused connection charges.
- Mike picked up more Oxarc chemicals, and Oxarc will invoice the water district.
- Mike is still investigating flow meter fixes, and AllStar suggested looking into a UPS.

Commissioner Dee:

- Dee went over August bills



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Secretary/Treasurer:

- Barb reported on customers on watchlist.

Water Operator:

- Board members are considering batch-chlorinating rather than upgrading the pump. At this point, chlorination is voluntary and for nuisances (sulfur remediation) only and not due to bacteria in the water.
 - The district could choose to simply shock the system once a month.
 - The board discussed the options for batch chlorinating.
 - Extra testing and other factors come into play with “continuous chlorination.”
 - State chlorine level allowance is .2 ppm
- Regarding the charging of fire departments for water usage from Wallula hydrants:
 - Despite Mr. Briscoe’s claims (see July 2025 minutes), fire departments have no price precedence if there is no agreement in place for using water from a water district’s hydrants; the district can choose a reasonable price.
 - If a fire is inside a district service area, then there is typically no charge because the water is for the service area itself.
 - The water district has the legal right to reclaim the cost of water in the best interests of the customers in the district.
 - Dennis suggested that the district draft an agreement for local fire departments to sign regarding water usage and costs for using Wallula water.

Old Business

1. Agenda Item 4A: Unused billing connections

- a. Barb read and distributed a letter draft to board members regarding customers who have unused billing connections. This letter explains unused water connection charges and related policies.
 - i. There are six connections that will be affected by this change, two of which have a residence on the property. Barb reviewed the list of unused connections and property owners.
 - ii. Dennis suggested disconnecting unused connections and giving those connections to other customers. There is also a locking valve option.
- b. Mike went over costs for connections (hard costs, inflation, service costs) to recompense for connections not currently in use.
 - i. Commissioners are considering charging a \$20.00 monthly fee for unused connections.
 - ii. Customers who do not want to pay the fee will be subject to having their connection repurposed.



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- c. The draft will be approved at the September meeting, and the policy will be decided at that meeting.

New Business

1. Sales of residences or properties should be charged a water service transfer fee.
2. A resident asked about painting the fire hydrants.
 - a. The district oversees the painting of hydrants.
 - b. The color of the hydrant depends on the amount of water output the hydrant can support. Dennis will find out what color Wallula hydrants should be.

Monthly Bills

August bills were reviewed. Barb motioned to approve the payment of those bills, seconded by Mike. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Further Discussion

1. Dennis was contacted by a contractor, Blair Builders, who is requesting water supply for a new home being built in Wallula at Parcel #310714510430 at the NW corner of 3rd and Douglas.
 - a. Dennis will forward the email with the information to the board members; the property owners live in Burbank.
 - b. If we need more connections than our current allotment, an engineering firm will need to be hired.
 - c. Dennis will update the state with current active connections and allowed connections.
2. The Tak Technology bill for customer service was due to a billing program error that needed to be remedied.
3. It was suggested that the water district draft a letter to all local fire departments to give them contact information for the board members in the event the fire departments need water from Wallula hydrants. Dennis reiterated his suggestion to make an agreement for local fire departments to sign regarding water usage and costs.

Adjournment

Dee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12, seconded by Barb. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.



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#	Bills Paid Summary:	Amount:
1a	Pacific Power	1765.78
2a	Barbara Johnson	161.00
2b	Barbara Johnson	78.00
3a	Soni Bryant	161.00
3b	Soni Bryant	0.00
4a	Dee Glessner	161.00
4b	Dee Glessner	0.00
5a	Mike Pringle	161.00
5b	Mike Pringle	0.00
6a	HydroTek	373.95
6b	HydroTek	30.29
7a	Matrix Sciences (Kuo)	1200.00
8a	Walla Walla Public Works Department	300.00
9a	Tak Technology	125.00
	Total:	4517.02

July Treasurer Report (beginning balance)	117939.95
July Water Sales (funds in)	5335.33
Expenses for July (funds out)	-5187.10
CD investment earnings	
Bank balance end of July	118088.18

The following voucher/warrants are approved for payment:

Funds	
Voucher Warrant	Total:
Voucher numbers: 1a through 9a	\$4408.73
Payroll Warrant	Total:
Voucher numbers: 2b, 6b	\$108.29

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Soni Bryant