

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
of
JERICO WATER DISTRICT**

held at the office of the District in Syosset, Nassau County, New York, on the 21st day of January 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

Present:	Commissioners	Thomas A. Abbate Patricia Beckerle Gregory S. Morley Gregory W. Carman Jr. Peter F. Logan Kathleen Cannon Amanda Blum William D. Merklin James Van Horn
	Attorney	
	Superintendent	
	Business Manager	
	Asst. Business Manager	
	Engineer(s)	

Commissioner Abbate called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Van Horn announced that as of tomorrow, Mr. William (Bill) Merklin assumes the role of President and CEO of D&B Engineers & Architects D.P.C. Steve Fangmann will remain actively involved as Chairman of the Board, providing strategic guidance and continuity moving forward. Bill will continue in his capacity as the lead engineer for the District with no changes. All in the room wished Mr. Merkin their sincerest congratulations and best wishes as he takes on his exciting new role leading D&B into the next chapter.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s) were read and approved unanimously.

Monthly report of Engineer was read and ordered filed.

1. Budget Report: D&B will prepare a summary of ongoing project budgets for the first meeting in February.
2. Well 20 & 21 AOP Treatment: initial walk through with D&B and JWD happened on January 20th. Security vendor work remains outstanding. Reviewing operational alternatives to address recent POC detections in raw water at both wells.
3. Well 22 Facility Improvements & AOP Treatment: Work is progressing with a scheduled date of March 16th to begin AOP commissioning. Surveyor will start property line work in early February. Pending change order: GC-CO9, credit for property survey and monument installation.
4. Kirby Lane AOP: MC and EC are preparing contract close out documents. D&B has provided follow-up information to the attorney for negotiations with Stalco.

5. Southwoods Road - New Well and Treatment Facility: Contractors are working on punch list. NCDOH has approved the facility for operation. Startup to distribution is scheduled for January 26th and 27th. Change orders for cost proposal from GC to install trees in front of the generator and Layne close out change order.

Mr. Logan then presented to the Commissioners Change Order No. 1 from Layne, A Granite Company for Contract No. C9-21, Construction of Well 33, Southwoods Road for contract close out in the credit amount of \$87,802.00. This change order will be an attachment to the settlement agreement approved at the last Board of Commissioners Meeting. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners approve Change Order No. 1 from Layne, A Granite Company for Contract No. C9-21, Construction of Well 33, Southwoods Road for contract close out in the credit amount of \$87,802.00 to be charged to Capital Project Account No. H-8397-013-2302 New Well No. 33 at Southwoods Rd.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

6. PTAS at the Wheatley Rd. Site (Well 6 & 16): D&B and JWD met with the EC and MC on January 16th to coordinate another generator test with both Cummins and National Grid present. Waiting for MCC as-built submittal.
7. Split Rock Tank Booster Station: D&B is working with the contractors to close out the contracts. Generator startup could not be completed due to control panel failure. D&B is working with the Contractor to troubleshoot the problem.
8. Pump Rehabilitation Projects:
 - Well 30: Well cleaning will be performed following well work at Well 22 facility.
 - Kirby Booster Pumps: Installation planned for late January or early February.
 - Stone Hill Booster Pumps: Contractor has removed the first pump. They will inspect and make recommendations for repairs.
 - Juneau Booster Pumps: Tentative schedule for installation is March 2026.
9. Convent Road Facility Architectural Improvements and Barn Roof Replacement: Waiting for revised O&M Manual submittal.
10. Water Service Gooseneck Replacement: D&B has submitted the conformed contracts to the attorney for contract execution. D&B is working with JWD to develop a scope and proposal for construction phase services.

11. The Hunt Club Road Water Main Connection: Contract execution is scheduled this week.
12. Treatment at Wells 18, 19 & 29: The draft BODR will be submitted in early February.
13. Juneau Pump Station Improvements: D&B is reviewing close out documentation. D&B has submitted a budget reallocation letter.

Mr. Merkin then requested authorization to reallocate the remaining engineering budget in Contract No. C8-22, Juneau Pump Station Electrical Improvements in the amount of \$1,750.43 from the Generator Alternative Analysis and Detail Design phase to the Bidding and Construction Services Phase. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners authorize the reallocation of the remaining engineering budgets for Contract No. C8-22, Juneau Pump Station Electrical Improvements from the Generator Alternative Analysis and Detail Design phase to the Bidding and Construction Services Phase in the total amount of \$1,750.43.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

14. Jericho Tank Rehabilitation: Waiting for concrete vault delivery to complete the buried piping work. Tentative schedule is to begin disinfection and sampling in early February. Pending Change Order for cost proposal from Contractor for additional piping work requested by the District.
15. GIS Improvements: D&B is preparing a "How To" manual for JWD staff.
16. Sugar Toms Lane Water Main replacement: Construction work will commence in mid-February, weather permitting.
17. Wells 23 AOP: D&B will submit a draft BODR at the end of February. This will identify the proposed scope of work and include the updated construction cost estimate. D&B will prepare a proposal amendment based on the scope included in the final BODR. D&B will contact EFC when the scope and budget estimate have been established.
18. PFAS Treatment at Wells 27 & 28: D&B submitted a draft scoping memorandum for JWD review. A follow up meeting was held on January 20th.

19. LIU Post Distribution Mapping: D&B sent a draft proposal or review for assisting the District with mapping of JWD and LIU Post water mains.

20. Grant Funding Opportunities: Discussion regarding grant applications for May 29th. The District will pursue the following:

- Well No. 3: Application will be resubmitted for WIIA & IIJA
- Well No. 4: WIIA & IIJA Applications and Engineering Report
- Well 13 & Well 17 – Relist on IUP
- Well 18, 19 & 29: CDS Application for 2026
- Well 23: CDS Application for 2026
- Well 27 & 28: Consider CDS Application for 2027

21. Valentine Lane Water Main: D&B is addressing JWD comments on the draft drawings. The soil boring contractor has been retained and will be scheduled in the next week. Waiting for NYSDEC response to permit application.

22. Merry Lane Piping Modifications: Well 9 mark-out and survey will commence following tank piping work completion (mid-late January). Draft drawings will be submitted to JWD this month.

23. Muttontown Pressure Zone: Mr. Logan completed his review of the draft memo, and after a discussion with D&B, agree that it can now be distributed to the Board of Commissioners for their comments.

24. Requirements Contracts: Discussing list of pending projects to include in the Pump Maintenance Contract with JWD. GAC Pre-Purchase contracts will be submitted this week.

25. Emerging Contaminant Tracking for Capital Planning: D&B is preparing a proposal to assist the District with tracking data to improve Capital Project Planning.

26. Perchlorate Regulations: EPA is proposing an MCL of 20, 40 or 80 ppb. Comments are due by February 5th, 2026. Public hearing will be held on February 19th, 2026. Public hearing will be held on February 19th, 2026.

27. Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR): D&B submitted a proposal to assist the District with the preparation of the water quality data spreadsheets.

Mr. Merklin then presented to the Commissioners a proposal for analyzing laboratory sampling results for inclusion in the 2025 Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR) for the District for the not to exceed fee of \$10,800.00 (2026 Expense). After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners approve D&B's proposal for engineering services for analyzing laboratory sampling results for inclusion in the 2025 Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR) for the not to exceed fee of \$10,800.00 to be charged to Operating Account No. A-8340-000-4430 Engineering Services.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

28. Annual On-Call Engineering Contracts: D&B submitted proposals for GIS Maintenance and Road Maintenance assistance.

Mr. Merklin then presented to the Commissioners a proposal for Annual GIS Maintenance in the not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 for 2026. After discussion ,and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners approve D&B's proposal for Annual GIS Maintenance for 2026 in the total not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 to be charged to Account No. A-8340-000-4430 Engineering Services.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Mr. Merklin then presented to the Commissioners a proposal for engineering services for the construction and administration of the road restoration requirements contract for 2026. The fee for these services will be billed hourly at the rates identified in the retainer agreement with JWD, estimated at \$10,000 for 2026. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners approve the proposal for engineering services for the construction administration of the road restoration requirements contract from D&B Engineers and Architects D.P.C. in the estimated amount of \$10,000.00 (based on number of road patches) to be charged to Operating Account No. A-8340-000-4430 Engineering Services.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

29. Propel New York Project Assistance: D&B submitted a proposal to assist the District with interfacing with Propel New York.

Mr. Merklin then presented to the Commissioners a proposal for engineering services for review of the Propel NY Project for 2026 for the not to exceed fee of \$10,000.00. This project seeks to install large electrical transmission mains through portions of the District where JWD water infrastructure already exists. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners approve the proposal for on-call engineering services related to the review of the Propel NY Project for 2026 from D&B Engineers and Architect D.P.C. for the not to exceed fee of \$10,000.00 to be charged to Operating Account No. A-8340-000-4430 Engineering Services.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Status of Proposed Development Projects – Engineers Report

1. Woodbury Hills: Contract documents have been approved by NCDOH. A Developers Agreement has been sent to the developer. A bid date will be established after payment is received.
2. Silver Path Estates Subdivision: This will be discussed further after the completion of the Muttontown Pressure Zone Evaluation.
3. Farnam Subdivision: Application and initial deposit from developer have been received. Mr. Logan requested CCI to submit a proposal for full easement title search, securing title insurance policy, drafting of easement(s) and fees to record the easement(s).
4. Grandville Gardens Subdivision: No action required unless developer makes a request for further evaluation of water availability.
5. TOB Miller Place Water Main Extension: The Town has indicated that this project is on hold.
6. Bhooma Subdivision: Waiting for application and initial deposit from developer prior to preparing a proposal.

7. Country Club Developers: D&B prepared draft language for JWD to address developer's request for easement modifications.
8. Whitney Estates: CCI to submit a proposal for full easement title search, securing title insurance policy, drafting of easement(s) and fees to record the easement(s). CCI to draft Deposit for Design Agreement. Waiting for developer to submit payment prior to starting design work.
9. 2340 Cedar Swamp: Waiting for initial application fee from developer.
10. Village of Matinecock Drainage Thorne Lane: D&B met with JWD on January 6th to discuss the scope of this project.

The Board of Commissioners went into executive session at 9:12 AM to discuss legal matters and re-entered at 9:18 AM with no action taken.

Mr. Logan reported that all analysis of wells and bacteriological sampling for the period of January 7th, 2026, to January 20, 2026, had been completed and all were within state and federal standards.

Mr. Logan informed the Commissioners that he has arranged for LuHi students to visit the Merry Lane Treatment Plant next week.

Mr. Logan presented to the Commissioners a letter from Mr. Frank V. Sammartano, Chairman of the Jericho Fire Department requesting the District install side reflectors on fire hydrants under the Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) executed between the Jericho Fire District and the Jericho Water District on February 20th, 2019. The JFD will supply the reflectors and JWD staff will install them. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners authorized JWD employees to install hydrant marker reflectors supplies by the JFD in accordance with the IMA.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Mr. Logan informed the Commissioners that backflow fines were assessed to commercial properties who failed to test their backflow devices in 2025 in the total amount of \$71,250.00, to be added to their first quarter bills in 2026.

Mr. Logan informed the Commissioners that on January 16th, the District was scheduled to receive a salt delivery at the Merry Lane Site. Unfortunately, while trying to

deliver the salt, it was discovered that the vent was clogged, preventing the salt from being blown into the tank. Since the tank would not vent, it became pressurized and shifted/expanded, breaking a water line to the tank, and pulling out the hold down bolts that anchored it to the floor. The charge for not being able to receive the delivery from Morton Salt was \$2,820.88. The District is working on formulating a plan to get the Merry Lane site back up and running. Mr. Logan will keep the Commissioners apprised of the situation.

Miss Cannon then presented and reviewed with the Commissioners a Cash Balance/Cash Deposit report as of January 19, 2026. After discussion, the report was ordered filed.

Miss Cannon then presented and reviewed with the Commissioners a Purchase Order by Expense Account Report listing all purchase orders issued between January 6, 2026, and January 19, 2026. After discussion, the report was ordered filed.

Miss Cannon then requested the Commissioners authorize the following budget transfer(s):

To fund additional electrical repair invoices thru 12-31-2025 (nunc pro tunc)

A-8340-000-4651	Electronic Repairs	\$6,152.68
A-8340-000-4480	Other Professional Services	(\$6,152.68)

To fund accrual payroll entry for PP#1 and PP#2 Accrued Back to 12-31-2025

A-8340-000-1100	Plant Salaries	\$4,597.12
A-8340-000-1300	Plant Overtime	\$8,150.86
A-8340-000-1310	Plant Night Call	\$ 171.43
A-8340-000-1210	Plant Summer Salaries	(\$12,919.41)

To fund SCADA Server Warranty

A-8340-000-2010	Computer, Software & Printers	\$8,000.00
A-8340-000-4420	IT & Computer Services	(\$8,000.00)

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the budget transfer(s):

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

A discussion was held regarding the upgrade to the Office server. Ms. Blum reminded the Commissioners that last year the District had planned to migrate our onsite server to the cloud. This project was delayed due to other projects taking priority. Miss

Cannon, Ms. Blum and Anatoliy Kats of Maureen Data Systems met last week to review the District's options. There are several license agreements which come due in March and the District's server support will end this year, which escalates the timeline of the project. After analyzing the cost for cloud hosting vs on premise hardware, Miss Cannon and Ms. Blum determined that the best option forward was to upgrade the District's Office server and keep the on premise set up. Miss Cannon requested authorization to purchase the Dell Server from Maureen Data Systems under NYS Contract No. PM20820 in the amount of \$16,089.67. Miss Cannon then presented to the Commissioners a proposal from Maureen Data Systems for the server migration and post migration support in the total amount of \$7,600.00. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners authorize the purchase of the new server and approve the proposal from Maureen Data Systems in the total amount of \$23,689.67 to be charged to Operating Account No. A-8310-000-2010 Computers, Software & Printers.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she had received a request from Chris Allen requesting information for Contract No. G5-26 Requirements Contract for Misc. Electrical Work. Miss Cannon sent Mr. Allen a letter acknowledging receipt of his FOIL request within five (5) days of receipt of his request as required under Section 89 (3) of the Freedom of Information Law, stating that his request will be granted or denied, (in whole or part), within approximately thirty (30) days. The Commissioners instructed Miss Cannon to compile the requested information to comply with the FOIL request.

Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she received the following three (3) requests to waive penalties:

1. Account No. 30113101-2 in the amount of \$137.35.
2. Account No. 70068010-0 in the amount of \$146.13.
3. Account No. 45556580-0 in the amount of \$92.66.

Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that no penalty on the above accounts had been waived in the last five (5) years. After discussion, the Commissioners authorized Miss Cannon to waive penalties on the accounts listed above and instructed her to send revised bills to the consumers.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE

Commissioner Morley AYE

A discussion was held regarding the new NYS-DOL Certified Payroll Requirements which commenced January 1, 2026. All contractors and subcontracts working on project subject to Article 8 of the Labor Law must submit their certified payroll through NYSDOL's Certified Payroll System. Payrolls must be submitted at least every 30 days for the length of the covered project. Failure to submit the required certified payroll records may result in penalties of \$100/day, following a 14-day grace period. Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she was working on internal procedural changes with JWD staff and D&B in consideration of the new requirements. The District's attorney along with the engineers are reviewing additional requirements regarding a new law (S2536A) signed on December 20th. This act amends the labor law in relation to inclusion of certain off-site custom fabrication as public work for purposes of payment of prevailing wage.

Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she discovered National Grid had been incorrectly assessing NYS taxes on several of the District's new accounts. Miss Cannon sent in a request to NYS to reimburse sales tax from September 2022 through July 2025. Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she received the refund from New York State in the amount of \$4,717.88.

The pending agenda items list was read, discussed, and filed.

There being no further business, the meeting was, upon motion, duly made, seconded, and adjourned.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat O'Brien", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary