

**Franklin Water Commission
January 28, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
Town office & Zoom virtual meeting**

Present: Mike Lawyer, Marshall Ploof, Brooks Sturtevant, Lisa Larivee, board clerk.

Guests: none

Call to order

At 6:05 p.m. Mike Lawyer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: Add to minutes, Jan 7

Public comment: None

Approval of minutes: Brooks S/Marshall P made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2025 & January 7, 2026. All members voted in favor, motion passed, 3-0.

Treasurer Report: checking balance \$185,929.25; accts receivable \$14,827.05; capital reserve \$30,000. No warrants signed at this time.

Operator discussion: Water tests for January have not been completed yet. There is a quarterly test due soon. Water usage is up a bit, Marshall thought perhaps due to the extreme cold folks were leaving water running slowly.

Project update: Robert advised the state review is approved and final. Due to the additional review of the State the EPA also needs to do a final review of project. Robert has reached out to Camilla with EPA with no response yet. Board is in approval of going out to bid now while awaiting the EPA final review. There should not be any significant changes to change the bid docs.

Cynthia Parks with the State advised the loan application for DWSRF is not final; there is a piece to complete. Lisa will reach out to Amy Guilford to complete.

New Business: Rate discussion- the united church had attended the last board meeting to discuss the rates there are charged; suggest a break in price for their three buildings as they are a church and have very low usage. The board discussed options based on other properties; parsonage is a residence and should be charged the full rate of \$650; the two church buildings have very low usage and would consider billing each at a 1/2 unit. Brooks S/Marshall P made a motion to cut the rate in half (1/2 unit) for all the churches as long as used for church purpose only effective January 1, 2026. All members voted in favor, 3/0 motion passed. If the buildings are ever used for any other purpose the rates will be reviewed accordingly.

Adjournment

Brooks S/Marshall P made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor 3/0; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, board clerk
January 28, 2026

These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular Water Commission meeting.

These minutes were approved at the August 12, 2026 meeting of the Water Board.