

Hurricane City Water Board
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2025

Present: Ken Richins, Angie Tripp, Kory Wright, Mac Hall, Dayton Hall, John Slack, Leah Thompson, Bevin Johnson, and Mike Vercimak

Guest: Bruce Zimmerman, Sharon Summers, Rod and Carolyn Mills

Item #1 Call to order, prayer

Mac Hall called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Leah Thompson gave the prayer.

Item #2 Approval of minutes from July 29, 2025

Mac Hall motion to approve the minutes from July 29, 2025. John Slack motion to approve the minutes. Bevin Johnson second the motion. Motion passed.

Item #3 Leak Adjustment request for Sharon Summers

Mac Hall talked about a leak adjustment request for Sharon Summers. Rod Mills gave a brief introduction that he was there representing Sharon Summers. He discussed leaks that Sharon has had a couple of bad leaks in the last few years. Sharon is on a fixed income and would like to know if she could get another leak adjustment. The last leak adjustment was December 2023. Ken Richins asked what they had done to repair the leak? Sharon explained that she has replaced the line from the road into garage which costs around \$11,000. 00 this became a long process. The pipe was replaced with pvc.

Kory Wright asked the residents what their bills were. Sharon explained that she has not gotten yet. Angie Tripp was able to print out from Caselle a copy of the upcoming bill showing all the water usage from the leak. Ken Richins showed the board a copy of residents' bill. Mac Hall asked about the repairs that were made. The resident explained that this is the second break the first one was repaired and now this one happened. In which both have been fixed. Rod Mills explained that this leak needed the pipes to be replaced from the road to the garage area. Angie Tripp explained to the board that leak adjustments can be made every 3 years and if a leak happens in between those 3 years they need to appear at water board to ask for additional one. Her bill includes the water usage and the water surcharge fee. A brief discussion was given how the leak adjustment works.

Bevin Johnson motion to approve the additional leak adjustment as normal. The water line was replaced from the road into the house. The board felt like since this was done, they are ok with approving the additional leak adjustment. Mike Vercimak second the motion. Motion approved.

Item #4 Discussion and possible recommendation to the city council adopting the WCWCD water conservation plan.

Ken Richins explained that this has been talked about several times. The district has given us a copy of their final draft which is attached. If the city council approves then it will update with district updates, which would be every 5 years.

Kory Wright explained that if we accept this then we will go in with the other cities in the county. This will be looked at every five years with the other cities involved in the region. This is more regional than just Hurricane. This has been looked at by several individuals.

John Slack asked does this plan work good for Hurricane City. Dayton Hall explained this is a plan of what we have already done and what we can do in the future to conserve water and put it on paper.

Ken Richins feels like the board should approve this so it can go to city council for approval for adoption instead of doing our own.

John Slack asked if the large irrigators for farmland are in exception to watering time frames. Mac Hall explained that it's not in our plan but is listed in our ordinance.

Mac Hall asked if there was a motion to approve the WCWCD water conservation plan and sent to city council. Mike Vercimak motion to approve and take to city council for approval. Leah Thompson second the motion. Motion passed.

Item #5 Report on the irrigation expansion projects

Mac Hall said the piping is going down 920 W they are making good progress they have moved to 650 S and will back up and do lateral for service connections. Then they will be moving to 400 S.

John Slack asked if they were going to widen the road eventually from 400 S to 650 S. Kory Wright explained as of right now the road will stay the same. Interstate Rock is trying to stay with the footprint that was approved.

Bevin Johnson asked who an individual could ask for help with how to put in his sprinklers for the new irrigation system. It was suggested that Scholzen can help and draw up a plan.

Mac Hall gave a brief explanation that some individuals will have to still flood irrigate for the next year. Mac talked about some funding that is available, but your application needs to be made within the next 4 to 6 weeks. The water is projected to be in the system by March in the first phase.

John Slack asked if the government shut down will affect this.

Dayton Hall said money in the account with the city's name on it so it's available we shouldn't be affected with shutdown.

Item #6 Report on the culinary water tank and pipeline project

Kory Wright said the tank site is all dug out working on bringing the pipe in and getting ready for concrete. The contractors did have some failing pipes that was ripping gaskets. Ken Richins said that he talked to Mason city inspector that it's been passed off and should be good to start. Things are moving along.

Item #7 Report on the progress of the new wells

Ken Richins said he has talked to the drillers they haven't been progressing as they should for the Goulds Wash well. He gave a brief discussion on what's been happening. The Sky Ranch well is moving along good should be drilling soon.

Item #8 Sand Hollow aquifer study

Leah Thompson talked about a new technology about a water study she heard about that's been used in various areas. It's called InSAR (Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar). She asked if the board was ok with her to proceed and work with USGS and State and see if she can get more information on INSAR that can track groundwater.

Item #9 Dixie Spring failing infrastructure update and water rate discussion

Ken Richins said there was a work meeting with the city council thanked all those that were able to attend. There was some assignments that were given out to prioritize projects for the city to get repaired. The following attachment shows which parts of the city is important projects that need to be replaced mainly in the Dixie Springs area. The following attachments shows the repairs broken down into years.

Kory Wright explained Glen Carnahan with Alpha Engineering has taken all the water department's work orders and mapped it out on where we have had the most leaks and repairs. Ken Richins presented the map to show water board. This shows all the leaks that happened and how many in each area.

Ken Richins and Kory Wrights talked about Dixie Springs Phase 1 having the most failing pipes. Dixie Springs phase 2 is about 12 years old which has a spotty section for leaks.

Ken Richins explained that Glen Carnahan with Alpha Engineering is still working on the money issue part and Clark Fawcett councilman is working on the tier rates for the city and if we can change the tier rates to help cover the costs.

Ken Richins wanted to bring the water board up to date and let the board know what's going on and where the city is. Angie Tripp will send the attached PDF file showing where the leaks are to the board members.

Mike Vercimak feels like we need to get the city council comfortable with what we are spending and how we can pay it back. He feels like it's important that we spend time with Kaden Demille city manager and Alpha Engineering showing that we have explored all the possibilities. Mike Vercimak had a question on the spreadsheet it shows the total repair is less than 1 year of payments. Kory Wright explained that all we have done is put a band aid on the problem and not fix it completely. So that problem hasn't been fixed, the pipe is still there. Mike Vercimak feels this is a good approach and shows visual where the leaks are.

Kory Wright said that he would like to figure out a solution to get this done and set up a system so if this comes up again, we are prepared. John Slack asked Dayton Hall if you have governmental documents and its an ongoing problem what do we do if the leaks flood a home? Kory Wright explained that we have had some leaks that have affected residents' homes and property. Dayton Hall explained that government immunity is a good defense for the city but not iron clad depending on the circumstances. The city needs a path forward Glen Carnahan with Alpha Engineering needs better concrete numbers to show the city council and decide which projects are the most important and the costs and how we are going to get the money and changing rate increase to help offset cost to make the annual payment. The council feels this is something that needs to be spread across the city.

Ken Richins explained that Glen Carnahan with Alpha Engineering and councilman Clark Fawcett is working on the numbers.

The board had a brief discussion on the subject.

Item #10 New Business

Ken Richins discussed it's that time of year for our annual Water Board cookout Angie Tripp sent an email out about scheduling it on Wednesday October 15 at 6 pm. Ken asked if everyone was ok with that date. The water board was all in favor of the date and time.

Ken Richins also mentioned that if all the numbers come in for the failing infrastructure and water rate, we will need to hold a meeting on the 28th of October. If the numbers don't come in, we will cancel our October meeting. The months of November and December are harder months to schedule a meeting so if we need to, we might have to set up a meeting on a different date.

Item #11 Adjourn

Mac adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm