

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 4, 2025**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT**  
Hybrid

**I.** CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Shocik called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

The following were in attendance:

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| John Shocik                     | 1 attending subscriber |
| Robert Jones- absent            | 0 online subscribers   |
| Michael McCormick               |                        |
| Benjamin Morris, Superintendent |                        |
| Jennifer Wood, Treasurer        |                        |
| Cheryl Balkus, Clerk            |                        |

**II. District Member Forum** – Subscriber Greg Buteau commented about the two awards that have been received for the District and the Superintendent from MWWA (Massachusetts Water Works Association). One for Exemplifying the highest standards of water works practice and the other is an individual award for the Superintendent Benjamin Morris. Per subscriber Buteau, “Congratulations and that they are very well deserved”. Per Chairman Shocik for the record former Commissioner McGinn put in the nominations for these. There were no further questions or comments from the board members or the attendees. Commissioner McCormick motions to close the forum. Seconded by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

**III. APPROVE MINUTES**

October 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Commissioner McCormick motioned to approve the October 7, 2025, minutes. Second, by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

**IV. FINANCE**

**A.** Approve 10/13/2025, 10/20/2025, 10/27/2025 & 11/3/2025 warrants.  
Commissioner McCormick motions to approve all the above warrants. Second, by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

**B.** October bank transfer –Commissioner McCormick motions to approve \$70,177.77 from the water checking account to the sewer checking account. Second by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

**C.** Treasurer Report – Treasurer Wood

FY26 Beginning budget balance \$1,335,617.58 Expenditures to date \$475,112.95 Remaining balance \$964,974.63

October Water Revenue \$138,900.86 Total to date is \$542,217.97. To date CVRWD is in the positive.

**V. Administrative**

**A.** Pleasant St Drain Layer Application – Commissioner McCormick motions to approve the application. Seconded by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

**VI. Operations**

Per Superintendent Morris received two formal awards from MWWA. He is unable to attend award ceremony; a photo will be taken with him and a photo of the commissioners, and they will be sent to MWWA to be placed in the MWWA newsletter.

Service Line leak on Atwood St was repaired.

The One Stop Grant for \$450,000.00 to begin kick off meeting Thursday. Engineering has started with Mass DOT and should have the job go out to bid this winter to begin work in the spring. Dot process takes the longest.

There is a water quality issue on Wells St., and we previously spoke about auto flushing devices and researching several other options. All Fall flushing was completed, all was fine and the resident has filed another complaint. It has been stated that the water is yellow when it sits in the toilet or tub. The Superintendent had other questions for the resident, and the resident has responded that the questioning feels like an attempt to shift focus away from the real issue and they were going to be filing a formal complaint with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and consulting with an attorney to determine what further steps can be taken to address the matter. Per the Superintendent he informed the resident that his questions are with no intention of trying to shift focus that we are working on this matter and are still doing so. The resident claims that others in neighborhood have issues, however, there have been no other calls from any other customers. We are going to be doing more water quality testing in the next week. If it comes back to meeting the standards we may need to try another option of reaming out Corp which involves digging up the service. She was informed in the email that the service line is owned by the homeowner, and the homeowner would be responsible for the fees to do the work. Sampling to be taken from a hydrant to be sent out for testing next week and wait for the results. Did not forward her emails to our attorney as information remains pending. The commissioners want us to continue with the sampling and testing before going further with this.

Working with Lowry systems regarding the well that is currently not running. Some of the media was taken out, backwashed and thought it may be a flow issue and it will not run. The Superintendent has a very experienced well person coming to investigate. Hopefully it is not a media issue as we were told it was to last for 24 months, had issues at 18 months and was able to stretch it to 22 months. This last Media is only 9 months old and to replace it then was \$20,000.00. Concerned that if this is an issue with the Media it will be required to think about if the district is going to want to spend this. Will need to await what is found tomorrow.

1172 Stafford St – Currently there is a 2-inch water main. A developer purchased the property and wants to commercially develop it. He came to us regarding updating the water main, has his engineer preparing information and he would be responsible for paying for the 1,200 ft. upgrade. There will be 5 meters per building and there will be about 10 buildings. Will have a plan for the next meeting with a breakdown of fees and more to come with this.

Subscriber Buteau wanted to clarify the location of the lot on Stafford St, the location of the water quality issue, if a contract has been signed for the Kettle Brook project and asked if we received all the grants we can for the year. Per the Superintendent as for construction wise yes.

**VII.** Date of Next Meeting: Commissioner McCormick motions to hold the next meeting Tuesday, hybrid, December 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm at 148 Henshaw St. Leicester MA. Seconded by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

**VIII.** Adjournment: Commissioner McCormick motioned to adjourn. Second, by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved. The meeting was adjourned for 8:05 pm.