

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2026
7:00 P.M.
CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT
Hybrid

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Shocik called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The following were in attendance:

John Shocik	1 attending subscriber.
Robert Jones	1 online
Michael McCormick	
Benjamin Morris, Superintendent	
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer	
Cheryl Balkus, Clerk	

II. District Member Forum – There were no questions or comments. Commissioner Jones has motioned to close the forum. Second, Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes – Commissioner McCormick motioned to approve the March 10, 2026, minutes. Second, by Chairman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

IV. FINANCE

A. Approve 3/16/2026, 3/23/2026, 3/30/2026 & 4/6/2026 warrants.

Commissioner McCormick motions to approve all the above warrants. Second, by Commissioner Jones. All in favor. Approved.

B. March bank transfer – Commissioner McCormick motions to approve \$73,802.66 from the water checking account to the sewer checking account. Second by Chaiman Shocik. All in favor. Approved.

C. FY27 Budget – No major changes from the previous budget just changing in sewer. Need to review the service agreement at next meeting that was handed over to the broad members for their review for the next meeting. The sewer district will have one line item to pay to the water district. Per the auditor we cannot reimburse line items and the new process will be a revenue payment to the district. It makes the budget appear the revenue has gone up but it does not affect the budget. This is more of housekeeping issue. At the end of the day the sewer district will have one line item to pay the district.

Subscriber Buteau suggested putting up an asterisk to explain the changes to anyone who attends the annual meeting. This is a draft and will need approval at the next scheduled meeting.

D. FY27 draft warrant articles – 13 articles If the board has any changes or corrections will need to have prior to next schedule meeting for April 29th.

1-3 are housekeeping articles.

4. Budget

5. Revolving funds for construction, revolving for terminations is for construction is something that needs termination or if something needs repairs. \$10,000.00 put in free cash instead of taking it from the budget.

6. Revolving account for meters

7. Revolving account for termination and repair expenditures

8. Funding stabilization account

9. Use of stabilization account

10. Close out of prior projects

11. Meter change out transfer of \$115,000.00 free cash to allow the district to purchase the remaining meters needed to complete changing the remaining meters.
12. OPEB Funding
13. Denny Place water main upgrade.

V. Administrative

- A.** 91 Brown St application – Application approved.
- B.** 187 Main St renew/repair – Application approved.

VI. Superintendent Report

1172 Stafford St – Per the board's request contacted legal and has received the letter from the attorney. A suggestion is to a slight change to the Rules & Regs A3 Sec 2, which will be labeled D and that this will be on the next meeting agenda for the board.

Still waiting on MassDOT regarding the Kettle brook project. Has reached out to Representative David LeBoeuf will see about doing a push on the status of this.

Completion of the lead service line project. There were two services that were unknown and confirmed to be lead-free services. We have none in our district. The project cost was \$240,000.00, which did not cost the district any money as it as grant funded.

Researching well media

Hydrant flushing subject to begin later in the month.

Terminations to begin after April 15th.

Needed to attend a conservation meeting to cover future work of the swamp leak. Will be doing six borings for the future transmission line replacement.

To work on the maintenance of the other transmissions lines within the district that staff will mark out, post, and it will require to be protected. The system is over one hundred years old, that needs to be done.

Sanitary survey returned one deficiency in Table B – MassDEP wanted an update blueprint with gates valves.

- VII.** Date of Next Meeting: Next meeting approved at the previous meeting will be April 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm at 148 Henshaw St. Leicester MA.

- VIII.** Adjournment: Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn. Second, by Commissioner Mc Cormick. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.