

Rural Water District No. 6, Franklin County
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Minutes from the February 23, 2026 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Sutton at 4:59 pm

Board Members present: Joe & Karen Sutton, Ed Schulz, Brian Balman, & Robert Wilson

Staff present: Rick, Sean, & Jeanette

Visitors: Jim Pickett, Ray Samuel, & Jacob Eads

Robert Wilson read the minutes from the **January 26, 2026 Meeting**. On a motion by Robert Wilson and second by Ed Schulz, the minutes were approved as read.

Jim Pickett voiced his concerns regarding the proposed data center in the Ottawa area, he suggested the District sends written correspondence pertaining to the negative effects it could have on the District's water supply.

Jeanette reviewed the financial report.

Rick reviewed the list of bills to be paid. Karen Sutton made a motion to pay the bills, Brian Balman seconded the motion, motion carried.

Jeanette reviewed the delinquent list that included #227, 462, 683, 824, 885, 998 & 1023

#462 came to the meeting to request another extension until March 13, 2026 to make his payment, Board approved.

On a motion by Karen Sutton and 2nd by Robert Wilson, Water Drought/Emergency Resolution 1-2026 was approved.

After a review, the Board approved the Emergency Water Supply Plan

Jeanette then shared with the Board the 2026 BlueCross BlueShield Health Insurance renewal, Karen Sutton made a motion to accept the renewal, Brian Balman second the motion, motion carried.

Board acknowledged the submittal of the EMMA filing for the 2025 Financial Statement.

Jacob Eads with Excellent Wireless was present to visit with the Board about leasing our towers for 6 months (possibly longer) for the supply of internet service.

Chairman Joe Sutton called for 10-minute executive session to discuss Jacob's proposal, into executive session at 5:35 pm.

Resumed regular session 5:45 pm

Board proposed \$400 per tower per month (\$800 total) for 6 months. Excellent Wireless will need to supply the district proof of Insurance, will need to notify RWD #6 staff when access is needed and if at any time of their service interferes with the Water District service the contract will become void. Jacob will get a contract to Jeanette so that she can share with the Board – his plans are to start installation some time the 2nd -3rd week of March.

Rick reported on the following:

- Raw Water Intake – has not heard anything further from anyone.
- Cummins service – generators has been serviced, Cummins reported that the fuel was bad, Rick spoke with Ottawa Coop, a representative will be out on the 24th to preform their own test on the fuel.
- Miami #2 Cross connection – Rick shared with the Board pricing from Miami #2 for the river bore for the potential emergency interconnect. Board feels there need to be further discussion on cost associated with the connection. Board will gather their questions and discuss next month and then have Miami #2 attend a future meeting to discuss with them.
- Rick then mentioned that he had been contacted by the City of Richmond to see if RWD 6 would be interested in serving the city water, they are just in the planning stages at this time. Board agrees that it would be worth pursuing, Rick will let the Board know if there is any further discussion with them.

Karen Sutton shared her concerns on the Board conduct.

Jeanette reminded the Board about the KRWA Annual Conference in March.

Karen Sutton made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ed Schulz, meeting adjourn 7:22 pm

Next regular meeting Monday March 30, 2026 5 pm



Secretary/Date