

# Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference

## Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

MWWC's December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, board of directors meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

In attendance were Chairman Curtis Hedrick, Archie Hendren Jr., Kent Spainhour, Quentin Overbeck, Verlon Persinger, John Waitman, Keith Morrow, John Brown, Tony Lamb, Derek Leffert, Sandi Miller, and Leslie Miller.

Chairman Hedrick then asked if everyone had received and read the September 23, 2025, board meeting minutes. He asked if changes or additions were needed. No changes were needed. Quentin Overbeck made the motion to accept the minutes. Archie Hendren Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Hedrick then asked if everyone had received and read the October 21, 2025 board meeting minutes. He asked if changes or additions were needed. No changes were needed. Tony Lamb made the motion to accept the minutes. John Waitman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sandi Miller reported the following:

### Daily Operations

Leslie and I began working with Derek and Mike, from the 109 Group, in October.

### Training

Three training classes are scheduled for this month. For 2026 one instructor is scheduled to teach 5 classes from January - June and another instructor is scheduled to teach two classes -- one in January and one on July. The safety instructors are working together to put together full day programs.

### Financial Reviews

John Waitman and Erica Little conducted a financial review of MWWC's 2024 books. A committee of two or three members will be needed to review the 2025 books.

### 2025 Annual Meeting

Attendance at the annual meeting was approximately 105. This number included individuals, company reps, presenters, staff, and guests. This was about 45 fewer than in 2024. Much of this shortfall was due to the city of Columbia sending approx. 20 fewer operators than in the past. A report of annual meeting attendance since 2009 that is included in your board meeting packet shows a steady decline in annual meeting attendance since 2017.

Breaking out the vendors from the total shows, there were:

49 vendor reps at 26 booths (pipe and drape) in 2019

40 vendor reps including 24 traditional exhibitors (pipe and drape) & 4 Walking and Talking Exhibitors in 2023

34 reps at 24 tabletop displays in 2024

41 reps including 23 traditional exhibitors (tabletop displays) & 4 Walking and Talking Exhibitors in 2025

Derek Leffert made a report/update on the process of transitioning the operations of the Conference.

Leslie reported that the current membership total is 1,723 (1,254 Individual, 17 Associate, 452, Life, 0 Honorary).

Leslie then gave the following financial reports: Hawthorne Bank - Checking Acct. amount (as of 12/4/25) totaled \$27,360.67. The River Region Credit Union - Reserve Account (as of 12/4/25) totaled \$111,931.85.

**Sections (as of 12/31/23) \$ 103,903.80**

Southwest	\$11,489.60	Northeast	\$ 5,871.70
Midwest	\$13,159.05	East Central	\$ 5,215.36
Northwest	\$21,121.77		
Southeast	\$48,791.19		
Northeast	\$ 5,871.70		

Leslie gave an updated 2025 budget report. Verlon Persinger made a motion to accept the financial reports. John Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Section updates were made by various board members/section board representatives

Old Business – Derek Leffert discussed RFP’s for the 2026 Annual Meeting. Chairman Hedrick then asked for a motion to proceed with the Lodge of the Four Seasons for the 2026 Conference. Archie Hendren Jr made the motion to proceed. John Waitman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business – The board voted to keep the state training fee at \$10.00.

Derek Leffert discussed Rebranding the organization including changing the name to Missouri Water and Wastewater Association.

Chairman Hedrick then asked if the changing of the name of MWWC needed to be voted or discussed with the members. The board agreed and Verlon Persinger made the motion to agree to ask the members about the name change. John Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next MWWC board meeting will be held virtually on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Verlon Persinger made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Quentin Overbeck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35a.m.