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October 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairperson, Bernie Cullen, Commissioner John Manning, Commissioner Mark Emery, Superintendent, Rob Swiniarski

Chairman Cullen opened the meeting at 5:30.

1. **Discuss and sign the Fenno Dr. Water Main project Change Order #2:**
   Chair Cullen motioned to accept the change order. Commissioner Manning seconded. **All in favor at 5:35.**

2. **Notice announcement for upcoming November 2025 Fee Schedule change, including Rate Tier 3 adjustment:**
   Superintendent Swiniarski explained the change will be in effect beginning November 1st. The significant change will be the structure of the rate tier system. This will mainly affect the large commercial users and apartment complexes.

3. **Discuss PFAS Source Investigation timeline:**
   Rob presented a timeline from the engineering firm doing the investigation. They will be looking into the ground water well inventory and the location of the access points. That will be completed at the end of the month. Chair Cullen suggested we are given a monthly update from the firm. The well redevelopment stage will be started in November. The project is expected to be completed by the end of January.

4. **Discuss current status of the ED-SDC grant:**
   Rob said the State contacted us and we have been awarded the 1.5 million dollar grant**.**

5. **Superintendent's Report:**
   - **WTP HVAC:** Rob explained that the HVAC at the treatment plant has not been workng for a several years. He has requested quotes for a new system from several companies. He will keep the Board updated.

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Approve minutes:
September 16, 2025
Commissioner Manning motioned to accept. Chair Cullen seconded. **All in favor at 6:30.**

Next Meeting:
November 18, 2025

Adjourn:
Commissioner Manning motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Emery seconded. **All in favor at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes approved at the December 9, 2025 meeting.

Documents provided/discussed at the meeting are available at the Water Department office:
Meeting Agenda
Budget reports

Minutes respectfully prepared by Kathy Bento

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