

# BRANDON-IRENE WSC

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Brandon-Irene Water Supply Corporation was called into session on **August 18, 2025**, in the Brandon Community Center.

1. **Jimmy called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M.** Members present were Jimmy Lehmann, President; Kelly Cordell; Vice-President, Janet Walters and Aaron Symank.
2. **Presentation and Approval of Minutes:** Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2025 meeting. Aaron seconded the motion.
3. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
4. **Review of Aquilla's annual requirements:** We will have an increase of \$50,000 to Aquilla in 2026. Janet said it would increase \$120,000 in 2027 and we were going to have to figure out where the money was going to come from because the money from our last rate increase was already spent. Josh said our water loss was much smaller than we thought and possibly that will help.
5. **Review of Annual Audit:** The annual audit was reviewed. There were no findings or exceptions that were noted. No action necessary.
6. **Review of Personnel Policy:** Aaron made a motion to add employees may not open carry firearms at work and it was seconded by Janet.
7. **Discussion regarding purchase of a new vehicle:** Josh had looked into finding a vehicle to replace the one in the shop. He also made an inventory of all equipment we have but are not using. His suggestion was to sell what we are not using and purchasing a new pickup truck. In his opinion doing so would save us money. We could finance it rather than having to shell out a large amount at once. He also said this would save with repair cost since a new vehicle would have a warranty. He added we could sell the equipment to either help with a down payment or to purchase a mini x. He said we have two back hoes, one which is not working, and we really needed a Mini X that it would be much easier to use than a backhoe. It was decided to table this item until there were more members present.
8. **Discussion regarding health insurance:** Insurance for employees was discussed but it was decided to table this item until more information could be gathered.
9. **Executive session:** The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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- 10. Reconvene into open session and act on items discussed.** Janet made a motion to raise both Chris and Jacob 50 cents an hour and when they pass the test and get their D license they will get a \$2.00 an hour raise. Kelly seconded the motion.
- 11. General Manager's report:** Josh discussed the Aquilla meters and ask why we needed two. Jimmy told him he was not sure, but Ben Shanklin would probably know. Josh will be meeting with Ben next week to discuss water loss and meet some of the new engineers. Janet said Ben was working on a plan in regard to our blending Aquilla's water and well water and for him to talk to Ben about that issue as well. Josh said the estimate of water loss was not correct we were not factoring in our known water loss, and he thinks we are counting Aquilla twice. It shows something like 67% and it should be more like 23%. Kelly made a motion to accept the General Manager's report, and it was seconded by Janet.
- 12. Review of financial report and pay bills:** Janet asked when Bowman would be done with his contract. Shelley told her the contract terms were month to month, and we had given notice last month. Terry said we had received his final invoice, and she had already put a check in the mail. Kelly made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills; it was seconded by Janet.
- 13. Future board meetings: dates, agenda items, and other arrangements:** Next meeting was scheduled for September 11, 2025, at 6:30pm.
- 14. Adjournment:** Kelly made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Aaron.