

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

June 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 2nd day of June, 2026, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS JONES, WALTERS, CAIRNS AND POWELL

Also Present: SECRETARY SALLIS, CITY MANAGER MARTINEZ, UTILITY MANAGER TORRANCE AND OTHER KEY STAFF

EX ABSNC COMMISSIONER POWELL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to grant an excused absence to COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND McNEIL. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND McNEIL

APPROVAL AGENDA COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTERS, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND McNEIL

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: Utility Manager Torrance requested to pull agenda item 4 (accept and file the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board, City of Needles Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Inspection dated March 30, 2026).

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWELL, to pull agenda item 4 and approve agenda items 1-3.

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held May 5, 2026
2. Approve a Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Citizen Utilities Rural Company DBA Frontier Communications for telecommunications attachment to city poles
3. Ratify the Utility Manager's signature dated May 12, 2026 for the California Energy Commission 2025 Power Source Disclosure Annual Report

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND McNEIL

WWTP
COMPLNC
INSPECTN

Kris Hendricks, chief plant operator/EUSI, provided highlights of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board compliance inspection dated March 30, 2026, and the findings of no action items or items or concerns to be addressed.

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to accept and file the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board, City of Needles Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Inspection dated March 30, 2026. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND McNEIL

REG ITEMS:
2026-2027
BUDGET

City Manager Martinez provided a brief review of the individual budgets for the Needles Public Utility Authority including water, wastewater, electric and All American Canal noting that grant funding continues to be utilized as it becomes available. He spoke on current projects underway and those recently completed. Discussion followed on the electric budget and upcoming cost-of-living (COLA) noting that COLA has been built into water and wastewater for the next few years.

COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWELL, to approve of the Needles Public Utility Authority proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 (water, wastewater, electric and All American Canal). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND McNEIL

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged: 1) Western Area Power Administration FY27 Q1 Term Purchase; 2) EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system February, March and April 2026

MGR'S RPT:

Utility Manager Torrance reported on: 1) L Street booster almost up and running; 2) SCADA on well 15 is on but has control issues; 3) changes made to rounds for water dept personnel which will reduce costs; 4) hope to have both electric and water SCADA up by August; 5) preparing for the heat and heat training for the crews.

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City Manager Martinez reported on upcoming community events.

BRD RQSTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL made reference to the electric CPI cost-of-living that will be coming up August/September. He also explained there's an El Nino alert for the summer which means there is a possibility of microbursts but electric is prepared.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 2nd day of June, 2026, adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Chairman

Secretary