

City of Willard
WATER ADVISORY BOARD

May 20, 2026

MINUTES

Members Present: Kelly Davis, Kem Reed, Angie Wilson

Members Absent: Bryan Chapman, Scott Long

Also Present:

City of Willard: Mike Ruesch, Sam _____, Trevor Hoffman, Tammy Swisher

Public: Richard McMillian (Allgeier Martin), Marilyn Ulrey, Ray Lynch, Courtney Hunter, Lisa McCormack, Ann Eimer, Kathy Hunter, Sandra Wallace, Mayor Troy Smith

Upon motion by Kelly Davis, seconded by Angie Wilson, the committee voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.

Upon motion by Davis, seconded by Wilson, the committee voted unanimously to approve minutes from the March 25, 2026, meeting.

Citizen Input: None.

Financial Statements: The committee acknowledged receipt of financial statements.

Director's Report

A. Proposed AB/EE Utilities Connection

Richard McMillian with Allgeier Martin introduced himself as the City of Willard's contracted engineering firm for sewer projects. Kem Reed explained to audience participants that the role of the Water Advisory Board is advisory only.

McMillian explained Allgeier Martin prepared the wastewater long range plan for the City of Willard in 2021 to 2022 long range plan.

McMillian explained a project is underway called the Meadows Regionalization Trunk Sewer, which will eliminate the lagoon and land application system in the Meadows. This 15-inch trunk sewer will tie into the existing trunk sewer that was installed when the new airport terminal was built. That trunk sewer has an average daily design flow capacity of 620,500 gallons per day and peak flow capacity of 1,959,000 gallons per day, which he stated is substantial capacity for existing developments.

McMillian explained the issues of inflow and infiltration in the Meadows area, as indicated by higher peak wet weather flows (stormwater infiltrating the sewer lines). He said Willard is addressing I&I issues in Willard and in the Meadows area.

Ray Lynch, Public Works, confirmed they are identifying and addressing I&I issues. To address planned development and density, McMillian stated Allgeier Martin looks at projected use and has determined the requested zoning for AB & EE development could be supported. Allgeier Martin recommends that development be limited to 113,400 gallons per day wastewater design flow.

Reed asked if I&I reduction could change that recommendation. McMillian stated I&I is separate from this recommendation. Reed stated based on what McMillian is reporting, there is adequate wastewater capacity for future proposed development.

An audience participant asked a clarifying question about zoning designations because “urban residential” was not mentioned by McMillian. Mike Ruesch stated Greene County’s “urban residential” zoning and Willard’s “mixed use” zoning classifications are similar. McMillian stated Planned Development “PD” would be a recommended limit of 1,350 gallons per acre per day.

Residents in attendance asked clarifying questions about the Meadows trunk sewer regionalization project.

Mayor Troy Smith (audience) addressed questions regarding the proposed Greene County AB/EE development. He explained that Missouri Representative Bill Owen’s comment at the 6/1/2026 Greene County Planning Committee hearing was incorrect, and that the City of Willard has plenty of remaining capacity in its contract with the City of Springfield for sewer. The City of Springfield will accept 1.32 million gallons of wastewater per day, and Willard is only sending 600,000. He offered to remain after the meeting to address additional questions.

Trevor Hoffman stated the City of Willard will use Allgeier Martin’s recommendation regarding sewer and Cochran Engineering’s recommendation regarding water, and they will not allow the proposed AB & EE development to use all of Willard’s water or sewer capacity.

Reed explained his understanding that the City of Willard will respect their contracted engineers’ recommendations, and Greene County addresses the zoning separately. He invited residents to attend the Water Advisory Board meetings and also call the city to address questions.

In response to Angie Wilson’s question about water capacity, Trevor Hoffman stated Cochran Engineering is working on a water system study, and that the developer would be required to make necessary upgrades. He further stated the City of Willard has tentatively approved the AB/EE development for Phase 1 and 2 (approx 77 lots), which the city has determined is within Willard’s water and sewer capacity. Ruesch stated the developer for AB/EE property will be

required to show future buildout, and the developer will be responsible for additional infrastructure costs.

An audience participant asked about the developer's future plans. Ruesch stated the developer has been in contact with the City of Willard, and the City of Willard has a future use plan that shows Mixed Use in the AB & EE area.

Reed explained another well has been in Willard's long range plan for a number of years and is unrelated to this or other proposed developments.

Inflow and Infiltration (I & I)

Ray Lynch explained what I & I is and how it impacts the overall cost of sewer treatment.

Director's Report:

Trevor Hoffman reported Public Works has focused on repairing and upgrading fire hydrants and has one more to repair in Meadows. He reported they repaired a manhole on Ridgeview Drive.

Ray Lynch reported they repaired a leak at Barwick and King and installed a valve on Ridgeview Drive.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

Upon motion to adjourn by Wilson, seconded by Davis, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

**Minutes Submitted by Angie Wilson, Secretary
Water Advisory Board**