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June 19, 2025

1. Bring Meeting to Order: Meeting brought to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Board Members and Alternates Present:

Phil Bloomstein (Freedom)	Paige Zeigler (Montville)
Diana Hauser (Unity)	Jenny Tibbetts (Jackson)
Michael Berry (Thorndike)	Kip Penney (Knox)
Ross Nason (Dixmont)	Rose Zoller (Troy)
Leigh Juskevice (Manager)	

Board Members & Alternates Absent:

Beth Soucie (Unity)	Jeri Roberts (Jackson-ALT)
Penny Stevens (Knox-ALT)	

[Currently, there are no Alternates representing the Towns of Unity, Thorndike, Freedom, Montville, Troy, Dixmont]

4. Agenda Adjustments:

Executive Session scheduled by Chair  
Budget vs. Actual Information plus Audit Information included in Manager's Report
5. Approve May 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (as amended):

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved
6. Manager's Report:

Manager's Report June 19, 2025 by Manager Leigh Juskevice  
ZOOM Account has been canceled.  
We had freon collected from 50 refrigerators/ACs. AIM recycling from Oakland collected almost all the freon units and all but 9 bales of tin/aluminum/etc.  
We shipped a load of plastics to NY, and a separate load of UHW (universal hazardous waste) to North Coast. Next week we have a load of OCC and mixed paper scheduled for pickup.  
Paige (Chair) has been added to the account at the bank.  
Gisele and Anna from Felch Co., our auditors, were here for the annual audit and will be back next week for some minor adjustments.  
We've had a lot of traffic this month - 385 customers.  
FYI: Hiro Diapers - there's a company which makes diapers that can be digested by plastic-eating fungi. When you change the diaper, you put a package of fungi in the diaper and throw it away. In less than 2 weeks the fungi start to grow and 'eat' diaper. This works in a typical landfill setting. Other companies are also working on this concept for other types of plastics. Mycelium is a type of fungi used to break down and degrade plastics.

Budget vs. Actual is available to examine (Budget Year 2025-2026)

7. Old Business:  
Kip reported on the Town of Knox. A future Town Meeting is announced in order to revisit, reconsider and revote on the previous decision to pull out of the UARRC. Kip will notify the Board when this meeting is scheduled.  
Some discussion followed.
8. Executive Session:  
A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to go into Executive Session.  
Began: 7:30 p.m. Ended 8:22 p.m.  
We did vote on advertising for a part-time, which could segue into a full-time, position to begin August 19.  
A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved.
9. New Business:  
The Board would like to 'skip' July's Board Meeting.  
A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved.
10. Announcements:  
Kip announced a Peony Tour taking place in the St. Albans area  
Kip announced a Bazaar to be held in Thorndike in July
11. Adjournment:  
A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.
12. Minutes Submitted:  
Diana Hauser (Unity) UARRC Secretary