



**Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2025 – 12:00 PM**

The August meeting of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees was held at the office of the District at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. In attendance were Trustees Dennis J. Collins, Tim Struthers, Ann E. Ray, Attorney Keith Foster, Treasurer Steve Parker, Executive Director, Mark Eddington, P.E., Senior Advisor, Brian Perkovich, Operations Manager, Jason Robbins, Administrative Assistant, Tracy Zenkner, Staff Engineer, Onassis Rivera, P.E., Management Analyst, Nick Newman and Derek Wold, P.E. of Baxter & Woodman.

1. Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

2. Approval of the August Agenda

President Collins moved approval of the August agenda. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

3. Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Trustee Ray moved approval of the July Meeting Minutes. Trustee Struthers seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

4. Approval to pay bills as presented

Trustee Struthers moved approval of payment of bills as presented. President Collins seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

5. Public Input and Communications

Bill Nicklas, City Manager, City of DeKalb, attended the meeting to provide an update regarding ongoing projects.

Several residents from the Village of Lee and Shabbona attended the meeting to ask questions regarding item #17b.

6. Treasurer's Report

Steve Parker gave the Treasurer's Report and discussed investments.

7. District Dashboards

Mark Eddington reviewed the District's Dashboard. Mark reported annual sewer units billed and fees collected are as expected. Mark stated environmental compliance has been maintained. OT and Call Ins were elevated due to weather-related events.

Mark Eddington reviewed the Hauled Waste Dashboard reporting numbers are down due to dry weather and a reduction of leachate.

Mark Eddington reviewed the Electrical Dashboard stating both generators are now running.

8. Operator's Report

Building 14 A/C Replacement

Jason reported the A/C unit in Building 14 will be replaced due to unit failure. Total replacement cost \$23,000.

UV System

Jason stated Xylem/Wedeco technicians performed a complete assessment of the UV system which has not been done since installation in 2017. Total cost for assessment is \$7,672.

Sprague Lift Station Improvements

Jason stated staff will be on-site with Dahme and Tri-R Systems to assist with bypass pumping operations while the lift station is being constructed. District Staff will be required to come in after hours to monitor the lift station's wet well levels and run the trash pump throughout the night to ensure no homeowner backup occurs.

9. Catastrophic Water Loss Relief Requests

President Collins moved to approve the following Catastrophic Loss requests:

William Meisner, 139 Elm, \$1,499.10, pipe burst
Emily Shimizu, 621 N Annie Glidden, \$133.95, toilet running
Hunter Properties, 1009 Aspen Ct, #4, \$71.25, toilet leak
Jodi Moede, 1009 Springdale Lane, \$28.50, broken pipe
Hunter Properties, 1019 Spiros Ct, #3, \$123.98, Toilet leak/clogging issues
Skyhold LLC, 1111 Spiros Ct, #6, \$166.73, toilet running
Laura Boma, 526 N 5th St, \$121.13, toilet running

Trustee Ray seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray.
Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

10. Insurance Claim Update (Front Gate)

Tracy Zenkner reported the claim there is no update at this time.

11. Renewable Energy Certificates (RECS)

Brian Perkovich stated the contract with Blue Delta (REC broker) has been signed.

12. South Slope Solar Development

Brian Perkovich reported he is in the process of soliciting proposals for a solar development that is most advantageous for the District.

13. Lateral Assistance Program

Nick Newman reported the program remains popular with residents.

14. Backup Reimbursement Program (BRP)

Nick Newman stated he recently completed the first applicant's paperwork for this program.

15. Plan Review

None.

16. Annexations/Pre-Annexations/Development

a. Previously Annexed and Recorded Subdivisions (1970-2017)

Staff is in contact with the County Recorder's office and this is an ongoing project. Staff will continue to provide updates on this matter.

b. Previously Annexed and Unrecorded Subdivisions (1970-1989)

Staff has presented these annexations to the County to be properly recorded, and steps are being taken to confirm these annexations have been added to the tax rolls for tax year 2025 and moving forward.

c. Project Midwest – NE Corner (147 acres) of Peace Road and Fairview Drive

Bill Nicklas, City Manager, reported the 147 acres were sold and to expect an upcoming annexation.

d. Donato Solar – 1199 N. Peace Road (31 acres)

Bill Nicklas, City Manager, stated Donato Solar is interested in placing a data center/server farm at this location. The property is currently not annexed.

17. Engineer's Report

a) 2025 WWTP Improvements

Onassis Rivera reported the project was live on the bidding website as of July 16, 2025, a mandatory pre-bid meeting at the District's office was held August 5, 2025 and bids are due September 3, 2025.

b) Waterman/Shabbona/Prairie Band Potawatomi Sewer Extension

Mark Eddington introduced the group of residents from the Village of Lee and Shabbona who attended the meeting for information regarding the sewer extension. President Collins brought the residents up to date regarding the cost and how the project will come together. Mark Eddington outlined the cost for the engineering report and how it would be split between the partners. Mark requested authorization to offer the option for the Village of Shabbona to participate in the engineering design for \$75,000 with repayment over a period of 3 years.

President Collins moved approval of authorizing Mark Eddington to offer the option for the Village of Shabbona to participate in the engineering design for \$75,000 with repayment over 3 years. Trustee Struthers seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

c) Waste Management Direct Connection

Mark Eddington and Mike Wiersma (WM) continue to work with the four landowners from whom WM would need to acquire easements to serve this project. It seems the only matter left for WM will be the amount of compensation offered to procure the easements. WM anticipates completing its engineering drawings in August and will submit to KWRD for review.

Mark Eddington reported KWRD has drafted a connection/service agreement for the KWRD Board to consider.

WM has allocated the capital to fund construction that would begin later this year.

d) Greenwood Acres Drive Sewer Extension

No update.

18. Projects

a) Prairie Springs Lift Station Improvements

Onassis Rivera stated Staff is finalizing improvements at the Prairie Springs Lift Station in Malta. The station did not have an emergency standby generator and was not aesthetically pleasing.

Tri-R Systems has completed approximately 90% of the electrical and control work.

Remaining generator start-up and fencing improvements are scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks, with final project completion anticipated by the end of summer.

b) Sprague Lift Station – Malta

Staff has prioritized this lift station for improvement to pumps, piping, electrical and controls. Work including bypass pumping is tentatively scheduled to begin and end the week of August 18th.

c) 2025 – Basin 16 I/I Removal Program

Onassis Rivera stated National Power Rodding Corp. has been issued the Notice to Proceed and has indicated that work will begin within the next few weeks. The majority of the Basin 16 project is anticipated to be completed within this calendar year.

While NPR is mobilized for Basin 16 work, staff secured quotes from the contractor for additional sewer lining tasks. These will address miscellaneous spot repairs within the collection system to improve efficiency and minimize future disruptions.

Staff will continue to work and refine the Basin 16 – I/I dashboard based on feedback received.

d) Annual Televising/Inspection

Onassis Rivera reported Staff has commenced initial planning for an Annual Basin Televising Project which will ensure that one basin is televised each fiscal year. This program will assist in updating information on the condition of the sewer system, support proactive maintenance and improve long-term asset management. This effort will be structured as a public bid project and scheduled to run in parallel with other basin I/I projects.

19. New Business

Mark Eddington stated he answered questions from the DeKalb Park District regarding the service rehab for the pool which is undergoing renovations.

20. Executive Session to review Executive Session Meeting Minutes and Personnel

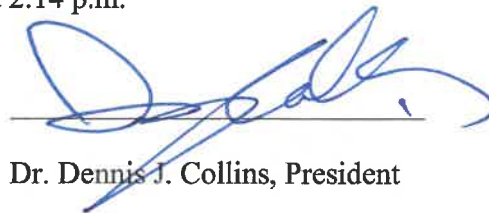
None.

21. Adjournment

President Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.



Ms. Ann E. Ray, PG, Clerk

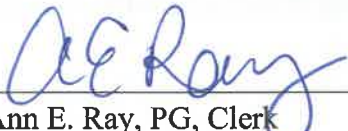

Dr. Dennis J. Collins, President

CERTIFICATION

I, Ann E. Ray, the Clerk of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District of the County of DeKalb, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am keeper of its books and records, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes duly adopted by its Board of Trustees, Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District, at a meeting duly convened this 10th day of September 2025.

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Ms. Ann E. Ray, PG, Clerk
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