



**Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 12:00 PM**

The February meeting of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees was held at the office of the District at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. 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 12:24 p.m.

2. Approval of the February Agenda

Trustee Struthers moved approval of the February 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 January Meeting Minutes

President Collins moved approval of the January Meeting Minutes. 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.

4. Approval to pay bills as presented

President Collins moved approval of payment of bills as presented. 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.

5. Public Input and Communications

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

6. Treasurer's Report

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

7. District Dashboards

Mark Eddington reviewed the District's Dashboard and reported that annual sewer units billed, and fees collected are as expected. Mark reported environment compliance has been solid. Call Ins and OT are reported to be as expected for the time of year.

Mark Eddington reviewed the Hauled Waste Dashboard reporting volume is decreased which is related to low leachate levels.

Mark Eddington reviewed the Electrical Dashboard stating after completing maintenance on the CHPs, both are running at the current time.

Brian Perkovich reviewed the Blue Delta agreement for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

8. Operator's Report

Jason Robbins stated plant operations remain stable despite challenges related to extreme cold weather. Staff responded promptly to operational issues, maintained compliance and implemented corrective actions. Wastewater treatment processes operated within expected parameters throughout the month as staff continued monitoring and maintenance activities to ensure reliable treatment performance.

Jason reported the District experienced several weeks of extremely cold temperatures over the last month which impacted CHP engine operations. Staff identified multiple digester gas lines and valves that had frozen, limiting the volume of gas available to the CHP engines and reducing power generation.

With the return of warmer temperatures, the affected gas lines have thawed and CHP engines are operating normally. To prevent similar issues in the future, the District approved a proposal from M&O Insulation Company in the amount of \$18,725 to insulate critical digester gas lines and valves. This improvement is expected to enhance system reliability during cold weather events and protect future energy production.

9. Catastrophic Water Loss Relief Requests

President Collins moved to approve the following Catastrophic Loss requests:

Jason Bolles, 240 Rolfe Road, \$96.90, toilet pump broken
Mutwakil Elsidig, 252 Bantam Street, \$115.43, broken pipe in bathroom

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. Lateral Assistance Program

Staff reported 17 completed applications. The LAP program continues to be a popular program.

11. Draft 2026/27 Budget/Financial Model/Rate Adjustment

Mark Eddington reviewed the draft budget as we move into finalizing the tentative budget for FY26/27.

12. Annexations/Pre-Annexations/Development

- a. Annexation #240, Ordinance #623 – First addition of Oakwood Manor Subdivision

Mark Eddington requested a motion to approve Annexation #240, Ordinance #623 as

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

b. Project Vector – ChicagoWest Business Center Regions 1-3

Bill Nicklas stated this project has begun working on the first phase.

c. Pilot Travel Center – ChicagoWest Business Center Region 4

Bill Nicklas reported this project is moving through the process with anticipation of completion of the project by the end of the year.

13. Ordinance #624 – Pretreatment Ordinance Update

Mark Eddington requested a motion to approve Ordinance #624 as presented. Trustee Struthers moved approval. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. Absent: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

14. Development/Plan Review/Connection

Nothing new to report.

15. Engineer’s Report

a) Waterman Sanitary Service Extension

Mark Eddington reported that B&W has submitted plans for the 30% Design deliverable. Staff has reviewed and will continue to meet with B&W to work on defining and optimizing various elements of the project towards the next 60% Design deliverable. The current schedule targets completion of design in early summer 2026 with the intent of including the project in Illinois’ FY 2027 State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.

Mark Eddington requested a motion to terminate the Waterman/PBPN IGA. Trustee Struthers moved approval. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. Absent: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

Mark Eddington requested a motion to approve the revised Intergovernmental Agreement for the engineering costs (removing PBPN) as well as an amendment to the engineering design contract with B&W (removing the 45,000’ of gravity sewer west of Waterman) as presented. Trustee Struthers moved approval. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. Absent: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

President Collins offered easements of his properties. Options are being reviewed.

b) Waste Management Direct Connection

Mark Eddington stated WM is in the process of attaining easements from four private property owners for their proposed force main.

16. Projects

a) 2025 WWTP Improvements

Onassis Rivera reported that work continues and demotion and backfill of the former intermediate clarifiers, north final settling tank and trickling filters is underway.

Staff has submitted Disbursement Request No. 2 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for reimbursement of construction engineering and construction costs in the amount of \$844,696.95 to Williams Brothers Construction Inc.

Onassis Rivera requested a motion to approve pay application #1 in the amount of \$844,696.95 to Williams Brothers Construction. President Collins moved approval. Trustee Struthers seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. Absent: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

b) 2025 - Basin 16 I/I Removal Program

Onassis Rivera stated National Power Rodding Corp. has completed CCIP lining installation in the basin. Project completion (manhole lining and lateral grouting) will be weather dependent but anticipated to restart around May.

17. 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mark Eddington stated the 4-year Collective Bargaining Agreement is expiring and negotiations will begin shortly.

18. New Business

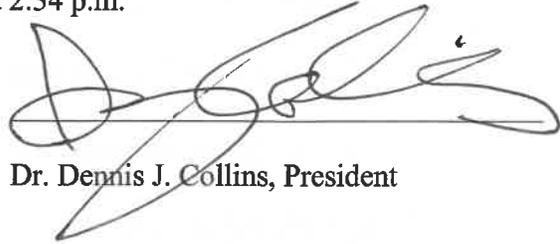
None.

19. Executive Session

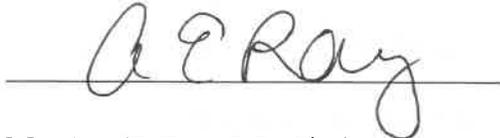
None.

20. Adjournment

Trustee Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. 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. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



Dr. Dennis J. Collins, President



Ms. Ann E. Ray, PG, Clerk

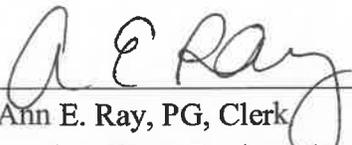


CERTIFICATION

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 18th day of March 2026.

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Ms. Ann E. Ray, PG, Clerk
Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District