



**Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – 12:00 PM**

The April meeting of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees was held at the office of the District at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, April 22, 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 12:21 p.m.

2. Approval of the April Agenda

Trustee Ray moved approval of the April agenda. 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.

3. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Trustee Struthers moved approval of the March 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.

Mark Eddington introduced Jon Ormond, City of DeKalb, Assistant Director of Public Works, to attend to thank in person for his assistance in training our newest employees obtaining their CDLs.

Mark Eddington introduced Stella Riedl and Austin Martin, employees who recently obtained their CDLs through training with the City of DeKalb.

Mark Eddington introduced Mike Lasco and Kari Lasco of Southmoor Estates who attended the meeting to participate in the discussion regarding Connection Fee Waivers (item 12).

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 was good. Call Ins and OT trended up due to wet weather events.

Mark Eddington reviewed the Hauled Waste Dashboard reporting leachate is increased due to the recent wet weather events.

Mark Eddington reviewed the Electrical Dashboard stating both are running at the current time and that CHP #1 is scheduled for planned maintenance in April.

8. Operator's Report

High Flow Event: Jason Robbins reported in early April that the District experienced a significant wet weather event with rainfall exceeding 3 inches. This resulted in influent flows reaching approximately 32 MGD triggering an excess flow event.

CHP and Gas Treatment System: Staff completed the siloxane gas treatment media change following indications of media breakthrough.

Waubonsee Internship Program: Jason reported the District has reached the midpoint of the Waubonsee Community College internship program.

9. Catastrophic Water Loss Relief Requests

Trustee Struthers moved to approve the following Catastrophic Loss request:

Minrae LLC, 1517 Stonefield, \$336.30, running toilet

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.

10. Lateral Assistance Program

Staff reported the amount disbursed is nearing the budgeted amount for FY25/26. As this is a popular program and staff is seeing increasing costs for repairs, staff is requesting an increase in the budgeted amount from \$150,000 to \$200,000 as well as increasing the individual reimbursement amount from \$7,500 to \$9,000 for FY26/27.

President Collins moved approval to increase the FY26/27 budgeted amount to \$200,000 and individual reimbursement to \$9,000 beginning May 1, 2026. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. Absent: Struthers. President Collins declared the motion passed.

11. FY 2026/2027 Budget Update

Mark Eddington reported the final budget will be up for discussion/approval next month.

12. Connection Fee Waiver

Mark Eddington reviewed the current policy and introduced Kari Lasco, manager, and Mike Lasco (Maintenance Manager) of Southmoor Estates. After discussion, the Board requested Mark compile comparison data for other communities and will resume discussion of connection fees next month.

13. Annexations/Pre-Annexations/Development

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

Bill Nicklas stated the discussion is ongoing. Mark Eddington said KWRD will be working with the developer to ensure sanitary service is routed and sized to serve the entire region.

14. Development/Plan Review/Connection

a. Project Midwest (Goodyear)

Bill Nicklas stated this project is moving forward. Mark Eddington stated that the public sewer extension along Peace Road has been completed and that District staff will be testing it later this spring.

b. Pilot Travel Center

Bill Nicklas reported breaking ground for this project will be this spring. Mark Eddington stated that the KWRD will be reviewing the sewer connection as part of the building permit review process.

c. Rivermist Development (Grainger)

No update.

15. Engineer's Report

a) Waterman Sanitary Service Extension

Onassis Rivera reported B&W has submitted plans for the 60% 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 90% Design deliverable. The current schedule targets completion of design in early summer 2026. A Funding Nomination Form was submitted to the IEPA with the expectation that this project will score high enough in the IEPA's FY2027 Water Pollution Control Loan Program – Intended Use Plan (June).

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 work continues, backfill and grading of the old pump building tanks, north final settling tank, and trickling filters is underway. CHP 1 major engine rebuild and radiator relocation is underway. Tree installation, roadway and landscape improvements are expected to commence imminently.

Staff has submitted Disbursement Request No. 4 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for reimbursement of construction engineering and construction costs in the amount of \$415,123.18.

Onassis Rivera requested a motion to approve pay application #3 in the amount of \$399,663.18 to Williams Brothers Construction. Trustee Ray 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 in late May.

17. New Business

None.

18. Executive Session

At 2:12 p.m. President Collins moved to go into Executive Session to discuss considerations of an administrative request for a closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.

At 2:28 p.m. President Collins moved to close the executive session and return to the public meeting. Trustee Ray seconded. The motion was carried by a 3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Collins, Struthers, Ray. Nay: None. President Collins declared the motion passed.


19. Personnel

Trustee Struthers moved to authorize Mark Eddington to make annual compensation adjustments as was discussed in Executive Session.

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

20. Adjournment

Trustee Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 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 2:29 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 22nd day of May 2026.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A E Ray", written over a horizontal line.

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