



**Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – 12:00 PM**

The June meeting of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees was held at the office of the District at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 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., 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 12:38 p.m.

2. Approval of the June Agenda

Trustee Ray moved approval of the June 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 May Meeting Minutes

President Collins moved approval of the May 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

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

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 Ethan Bergeson and Emmett Boyce, summer interns.

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 total number of accounts are trending upward. Mark reported environment compliance was good. OT and Call-Ins have returned closer to normal.

Mark Eddington reviewed the Hauled Waste Dashboard reporting the numbers are as expected for this time of year.

Mark Eddington reported there was a slight uptick in CHP production and usage.

8. Operator's Report

None.

9. Catastrophic Water Loss Relief Requests

President Collins moved to approve the following Catastrophic Loss request:

Dave Franzene, 231 Greenwood Acres N, \$330.60, water softener burst

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.

10. Lateral Assistance Program

The Lateral Assistance Program continues to be a popular program for residents.

11. Connection Fee Waiver

President Collins made a motion to re-enact connection fees in the amount of \$2,100 for single family homes beginning January 1, 2027. 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 Board also asked Mark Eddington to create a public notice with this update to run in the Daily Chronicle and be posted on the District's website.

12. Annexations/Pre-Annexations/Development

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

Bill Nicklas reported the project is moving forward.

13. Development/Plan Review/Connection

- a. Project Midwest (Goodyear)

Mark Eddington reported this project is moving forward.

- b. Pilot Travel Center

Mark Eddington stated that the KWRD will be reviewing the sewer connection as part of the building permit review process.

c. DeKalb Commerce Center

No update.

d. Project Big Lakes – Park 88

Bill Nicklas reported interested from a manufacturing company. More information will become available upon City Council approval.

14. Engineer's Report

a) Waterman Sanitary Service Extension

Onassis Rivera reported the current schedule targets completion of design in early summer 2026. The project did not make the draft funding list (it is tied for the highest scored project not on the list). Staff has been in discussion with IEP and expect it to appear in the final IUP which is good news. The only question is how much debt forgiveness (if any) it will receive. Waterman is aware of the situation and we should have more detail by July 1, 2026.

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.

15. Projects

a) 2025 WWTP Improvements

Onassis Rivera reported electrical duct bank work has commenced. Tree plantings have been completed with fencing improvements to follow. Deep pier installation for the foundation of the new excess flow disinfection building has started. Foundation work has also commenced for the chemical dosing prefab structure and Vactor pad.

Staff will submit Disbursement Request No. 6 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for reimbursement of construction engineering and construction costs in the amount of \$700,431.92.

Onassis Rivera requested a motion to approve pay application #5 in the amount of \$695,908.17 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.

IEPA Change Order #2 has been submitted to the IEPA but approval and processing is still pending.

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) is now anticipated to

be performed in early to mid-fall per a recent schedule revision by NPR within the allowed contract times.

16. New Business

None.

17. 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 2:24 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.

18. Possible Action from closed session regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

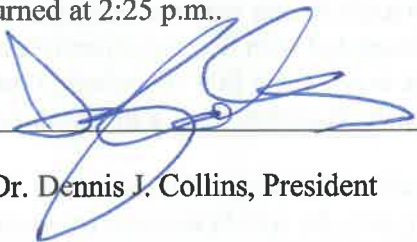
No action was taken.

19. Adjournment

President Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 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 2:25 p.m..



Ms. Ann E. Ray, PG, Clerk



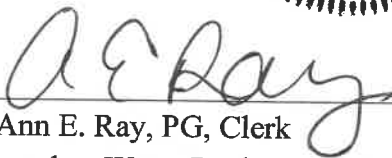
Dr. Dennis J. Collins, President

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 15th day of July 2026.

SEAL




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

