Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – 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 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 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, Management Analyst, Nick Newman, and Derek Wold, P.E. of Baxter & Woodman.

1. **Call to Order**

   President Collins called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

2. **Approval of the August Agenda**

   Trustee Ray moved approval of the August 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 July Meeting Minutes**

   President Collins 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 Ray 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 Ethan Bergeson, summer intern, Engineering.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

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

7. **2026 Public Audit**

   Steve Parker reported Sikich will be attending the September Board Meeting to present the 2026 audit report.

14. Engineer's Report

a) Waterman Sanitary Sewer Extension

Mark Eddington reported Baxter & Woodman will be submitting 90% drawings this month for KWRD review. Staff anticipates putting this project out for public bid in September with November bid opening. A loan agreement would occur in late winter with construction phase activities beginning in the spring.

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. Staff has reviewed and provided comments on the design plans. WM is confident this project will move to its construction phase this coming fall.

15. Projects

a) 2025 WWTP Improvements

Onassis Rivera reported demolition of the old pumphouse building and splitter structures is underway. The fence has been installed at the west end of the plant along the path. Removal of the old fence has commenced and will be ongoing. Foundation work including rebar placement for the new digester sludge storage tank has commenced and will be ongoing.

Staff will submit Disbursement Request No. 8 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for reimbursement of construction engineering and construction costs in the amount of $605,650.12.

Mark Eddington requested a motion to approve pay application in the amount of $591.035.10 to Williams Brothers Construction. 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.

IEPA Change Order #3 was reviewed. 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

Mark Eddington reported National Power Rodding Corp. has returned to work on the manhole grouting. Work will be ongoing and is expected to take a couple of months.

Basin 10 I/I Removal Program – Engineering Design

Staff continues with B&W towards the next design milestone. Staff is working on the exhibits for the contract documents.

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 23rd day of September 2026.

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