

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:29 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Dan Smallwood, Rob Jacobsen, Megan Baskerville, and Steve Horve. Staff present at the meeting were Kent Newton, Executive Director/CFO; Don Miller, Director of Engineering; J.D. Malone, Director of Maintenance; Hailey Beals, Administrative Office Coordinator and Patrick Sullivan, General Counsel for the District. The audience included David Diehl and Todd Archer, both of Black & Veatch (electronically), and staff member Brian Casch.

Mr. Smallwood called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no comments from the public.

13411 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2025; Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; Resolution R2026-01 Flex HRA Amendment; and Non-Contiguous Service Agreement for service agreement for 4069 North Commercial Crossing Decatur; and rescheduling the Regular Meeting on Thursday February 19, 2026 be approved; and that the President, Clerk, and Executive Director be authorized and directed to take all actions required to execute the items on the consent agenda. **Trustee Smallwood, Jacobsen, Baskerville and Horve voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report included in the packet. Mr. Newton explained that we need to move next month's meeting to the 19th due to Mr. Newton being in Chicago on the 18th to collect an engineering award for the Lost Bridge Force Main. Mr. Miller explained that the uniqueness of the project was why our project was selected. Mr. Newton informs the Board that he would like to discuss the Budget during the March meeting, ensuring it gets on the table for April. Mr. Newton states that we have started collective bargaining agreement negotiations, and this is the earliest we ever have since he has been at the District. Mr. Newton highlights a trend that COVID levels spike around Christmas for the last two years. RSV and the flu levels are relatively normal.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Report included in the packet. Mr. Miller states that the Administrative Workforce Center is coming along. We received an official end date schedule today, being that the project will be complete in 5 weeks. The geothermal system is functioning and fully in place. The flooring is being installed now, and once that's complete, everything else will be finished quickly. The design is progressing in the nutrient reduction program.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report included in the packet. The maintenance group completed 467 work orders in the last month. There is a lot of vacation time used in December, Mr. Malone included. We had 1408.06 total hours of time reported, and 1329.34 of those hours being proactive hours. Staff has done a great job dealing with the snow and extremely cold temperatures. A pump froze and Mr. Malone had never seen happen before. Beehive 2.0 Migration has been initiated, however it hasn't been a smooth transition. They are working on the issues, with the main being that is operating very slowly. Mr. Malone is grateful that the transition has happened as we have been waiting 14 months. Equipment is due to be delivered relatively soon, allowing us to clean our Digesters in house. Mr. Malone emphasizes that we had the 90% review with General Energy for our solar project. At this

point, we are just waiting on Ameren, and we are 40th in line. Mr. Malone inquired about the engineering basis for wind resistance and we are waiting on a detailed report.

Mr. Newton presented the Compliance and Innovation Report included in the packet on behalf of Ms. Bailey's. The AOC Agreement with the USEPA has been finalized and is effective as of Monday. The District's staff performed well resulting in no permit violations for 2025, making us eligible for a gold peak award for the second year in a row. Over the course of the year the District passed quality control tests for over 1000 parameters. Also, a special thanks to Keith Richard for submitting the application on behalf of the District. Cayden Poole, our newest Operator, has completed his probation and has been a great addition to the team. Tillamook sent quite a few slugs in the past month resulting in large fines. District staff plan on meeting the new site Director and environmental lead next week since Richard Burnis will be on site. Mr. Burnis is the Corporate Environmental and Safety Lead.

13412 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur issue a purchase order to Vandevanter Engineering (the sole source for Flygt Pumps in our region) for the purchase of one (1) Flygt NP- 3301.185 6 inch submersible pump in the amount of \$98,600.65 – and that the executive director be authorized and directed to execute said purchase order. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13413 Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve amendment #5 incorporating Geotech and surveying services to the Nutrient Program Management agreement with Black and Veatch in the amount of \$114,700; and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said amendment. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13414 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur enter into a contract for the Digester #1 Cover Replacement project with Grunloh Builders, the lowest responsive responsible bidder, in the contact amount of \$3,597,392; and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to execute said contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Horve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There was no New Business, or Attorney Report.

13415 Ms. Baskerville moved that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters that are statutory exceptions to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act as outlined in Sec2c – 1, a personnel matter concerning specific employees, and Sec2c – 2, Collective Bargaining and/or Salary Schedule for 1 or more groups of employees. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13416 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Horve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025, at 5:30 PM.