

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, Illinois met in regular session Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the District's Office, 501 Dipper Lane. Present for the board meeting were board members Phil Cochran, 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; Tim Gorden, Chief Operator; Hailey Beals, Administrative Office Coordinator and Patrick Sullivan, General Counsel for the District. The audience included Todd Archer of Black & Veatch (electronically).

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

There were no comments from the public.

13428Mr. Jacobsen moved that the items on the Consent Agenda including minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2026; Payroll and Checks including travel expense reimbursements as submitted; Resolution R2026-01 Review of Closed Session Minutes; and Set Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates – FY 2026-27 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. A few technicalities were discussed regarding the releasing of Closed Session Minutes. **Trustee Cochran, Jacobsen, Baskerville, and Horve voted Aye, and the motion passed.**

Mr. Newton reviewed the Executive Director's Report included in the packet.

The Budget Appropriation Ordinance has been made public and will be available for public review for 30 days, with a notice posted in the Decatur Tribune announcing a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM on May 20, 2026. Regarding performance benchmarks, the majority of targets have been met, with the exception of the water resources item. The District is nearing finalization of the Memorandum of Understanding and has worked to develop a Scope of Work for Integrative Planning; however, implementation has been delayed due to postponements on the part of the City. Mr. Jacobsen inquired about the scoring for safety. Mr. Newton also noted that the Financial Reserve Policy has been reviewed by the Auditor, who suggested no changes. The District is working to establish a meeting with the IEPA to discuss the NPDES permit renewal prior to their review of the submittal. On the topic of safety, David Boys, the District's Safety Coordinator, reported that more employees have approached him to discuss safety concerns in the past month than in any previous year, which Mr. Newton views as a positive indicator of staff interaction from working out of the same building. Finally, Mr. Newton expressed confidence that the District is nearing a resolution on the collective bargaining agreement and anticipates bringing a decision before the Board in the near future. Mr. Newton informs the Board that the interior branding by DCC Marketing, for the lobby and hallways, will likely be finished at the end of June.

Mr. Miller presented the Engineering Report included in the packet. Mr. Miller notes that all departments, with the exception of the lab, have successfully transitioned into the Administration Workforce Complex. A few issues with the HVAC and geothermal systems have been identified, attributed to a combination of controls and airflow concerns that are actively being addressed. Architectural Expressions has accepted full accountability for the inadequate laboratory vacuum design and has agreed to cover the additional labor costs associated with the change order. In total, 186 punch list items remain outstanding. Regarding nutrient reduction, the District is approaching the 90% design review milestone. Mr. Miller also brought to the Board's attention an incident involving a controlled burn by a

homeowner near the District's Stevens Creek trestles that spread beyond its intended boundaries, resulting in damage to the District's pipe and easement. The District is currently in communication with the manufacturer to evaluate available options. Mr. Miller recognized David Cunningham, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, for his role in identifying the incident in a timely manner, noting that as a member of the Warrensburg Fire Department, Mr. Cunningham was alerted to the fire and took swift action — without which the damage may have gone unnoticed for a considerable period of time.

Mr. Malone reviewed the Maintenance Report included in the packet. The maintenance group completed 768 work orders, totaling 1,898.65 hours worked, & 1,643.15 of which were proactive hours. Mr. Malone noted that while March brought much-needed rainfall, it also came with heavy winds, presenting additional challenges for the team. Mr. Malone commended all departments for their cooperation and effort in ensuring the recent building transition went as smoothly as possible. Regarding the solar project, Ameren has adopted a parallel interconnection review process, which is expected to accelerate movement through the queue; the District currently holds position 43. Mr. Malone also reported that the meter panel at the Lost Bridge lift station sustained a lightning strike and is being addressed accordingly. Mr. Malone shared photos with the Board from the Sewer Cleaning Crew, documenting the removal of a bowling ball and a portion of a railroad tie from the sewer system.

Mr. Gorden presented the Compliance and Innovation Report included in the packet. Mr. Gorden reported that Ms. Bailey successfully delivered the NPDES permit to the agency on the 26th, and that chemical bids were opened on the 31st, with recommendations addressed under Old Business. Keith Richard and Ashley Bailey attended the IWPC Conference, where Mr. Richard was elected as Second Vice President of the IWEA and Chair of the Central Region for IAWPCO, a notable achievement for the District. Mr. Gorden noted that Tillamook recorded eight slug violations over the past month, with flows described as visibly white in appearance. Additionally, due to elevated rainfall levels, operators have experienced significant challenges managing high flows since February 15th.

- 13429** Mr. Jacobsen moved that Ordinance No. 2026-01, User Charge Ordinance, be passed and that the president and clerk be authorized and directed to sign said ordinance and that the Executive Director publish said ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Horve. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 13430** Ms. Baskerville moved that Ordinance No. 2026-02 Re-Appropriation Ordinance, be passed and that the President and Clerk be authorized and directed to sign said ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 13431** Mr. Jacobsen moved that purchase orders be issued to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders for plant chemicals for FY 2026/2028 and FY 2026/2027 as follows: *PVS Technologies, Inc., Ferrous Chloride, year 1 \$0.88 per pound and year 2 \$0.92 per pound; *Hawkins Inc., Sodium Hypochlorite, \$1.59 per gallon; *Brandt, 28% Liquid Urea Ammonium Nitrate, \$595.00 per ton; and that the Executive Director be authorized and directed to issue said purchase orders. Motion seconded by Ms. Baskerville. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 13432** Ms. Baskerville moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur approve the Fiscal Reserves Policy effective immediately. Motion seconded by Mr. Horve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13433 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Sanitary District of Decatur adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for Integrated Planning and direct the President and Clerk to sign the document. Motion seconded by Mr. Horve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There was no New Business, Closed Session, Attorney's Report, or Public Comments.

13434 Mr. Jacobsen moved that the board adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Smallwood. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

Clerk