

MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Downers Grove Sanitary District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, convening at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the District's Administration Center, 2710 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove. Present were Trustees Amy E. Sejnost, Jeremy M. Wang, and Mark Eddington, General Manager Amy R. Underwood, Administrative Supervisor Carly S. Shaw, Information Coordinator Alyssa J. Caballero and Attorney Dan McCormick. Also in attendance were Derek Wold and Amanda Streicher from Baxter & Woodman. Please see the attached list of other attendees.

Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 20, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 20, 2026 and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried.

Minutes of Executive Session – January 20, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang approving the minutes of the executive session held on January 20, 2026 and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried.

Minutes of Special Meeting – January 26, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang approving the minutes of the special meeting held on January 26, 2026 and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried.

Claim Ordinance No. 1958

A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington adopting Claim Ordinance No. 1958 in the total amount of \$682,867.72 as presented and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes–Sejnost, Wang, and Eddington)

Public Comment

General Manager Underwood read a public comment received from Jessica Ramirez regarding potential changes to the District and cutting the budget.

New Business

Due Diligence Review of Regional Wastewater Treatment Alternatives

Trustee Eddington read his memorandum regarding Due Diligence Review of Regional

Wastewater Treatment Alternatives. Given the high cost of the Facility Plan recommended projects which were presented at the Special January Board meeting, the Trustees expressed their responsibility to District customers to ensure all potential alternatives are carefully explored and considered. The Board asked General Manager Underwood to contact the three wastewater treatment facilities which share borders with the District to gauge interest in regionalization and verify whether their facilities have excess capacity and/or green space for potential expansion.

The attached list of additional attendees consists of employees who attended the meeting as members of the public. The Board President opened the floor to questions and comments from these individuals during this discussion. Questions included are other facilities looking at regionalization, should the District start a fund to cover future costs to maintain and repair/replace new infrastructure included in the current facility plan, will the phosphorus removal deadline be changed, could the District be dissolved in this plan and what happens to staff, can we increase user rates now to help cover the costs of these plans, and have we reviewed the facility plan to focus on only the necessary and immediate issues to reduce the cost. The Board, General Manager Underwood, and Baxter and Woodman staff provided responses to these questions and concerns.

Ordinance No. 26-01 Revising Pretreatment Ordinance

General Manager Underwood presented Ordinance No. ORD 26-01 that includes revisions to the District's Pretreatment Ordinance. A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang adopting Ordinance No. ORD 26-01 and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes–Sejnost, Wang and Eddington.)

Recess for Board of Local Improvements Meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang to recess the regular meeting and convene the Board of Local Improvements meeting at 6:29 p.m. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:47 p.m. The motion carried.

High-Speed Turbo-blowers Mechanical Contractor Approval

General Manager Underwood reviewed the emergency purchase of two high-speed turbo-blowers, previously approved on November 18, 2025. Due to the critical nature of the project, she proposed completing the work through a design-build approach and approve the contract with Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$178,888. A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang approving the design-build approach and approving the issuance of a purchase order to Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes–Sejnost, Wang, and Eddington)

Review And Final Disposition of Executive Session Records

The Board reviewed whether there were any minutes of closed sessions to be reviewed for confidentiality. There were none. The Board reviewed whether there were any verbatim records

eligible for destruction. There were none.

Five-Year Financial Plan and Budget Review – Fiscal Years 2026-2027 to 2030-2031

General Manager Underwood presented the following budget documents: Five-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 to 2030-2031, Notice of Availability of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Appropriation Ordinance/Budget for public review, revised Budget Calendar, and the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. She reviewed the Five-Year Plan including planned expenses and anticipated revenues to the General Corporate, Improvement, Construction, and Public Benefit funds. The Notice of Availability of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was recommended to be published in the local paper on February 12. Final approval of the budget and the Appropriation Ordinance and posting of the Five-Year Financial Plan to the website is scheduled for the March regular meeting. General Manager Underwood provided a document showing the user rates of other wastewater treatment plants and water rates in our area for comparison. A motion was made by Trustee Eddington and seconded by Trustee Wang authorizing publication on February 12 of the Notice of Availability of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Appropriation Ordinance/Budget for public review with revision of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to \$3.65 per 1,000 gallons. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes–Sejnost, Wang and Eddington.)

Trustee Eddington asked staff to provide a typical customer’s actual property tax bill for consideration prior to approving the levy ordinance in June. The Board asked staff to provide an analysis of the Building Sanitary Service Repair Assistance Program, including potential cost reduction or sharing before the contract renewal in July.

Other New Business

Trustee Eddington thanked everyone for their open-mindedness regarding his memorandum and asked for staff to keep that mindset throughout this process. He congratulated Carly Shaw for her 10 years of service with the District. He also thanked staff for their hard work preparing the annual budget.

Trustee Wang thanked General Manager Underwood for preparing the annual budget. He thanked Trustee Eddington for his memo regarding regional wastewater treatment alternatives. He expressed his appreciation for the hard copy of this month’s board packet. He congratulated Carly Shaw for her 10 years of service with the District. He also thanked Sewer System Maintenance Supervisor Freer for his due diligence regarding the proposed purchase of a new televising truck. Lastly, Trustee Wang requested feedback from Baxter & Woodman regarding the facility plan concerns.

Trustee Sejnost also congratulated Carly Shaw for her 10 years of service with the District. She thanked staff for their work and diligence in preparing the budget and 5-year plan. She expressed her appreciation for savings with the belt press feed pump and noted maintenance repairs have been scheduled for CHP 1, noted in Maintenance Supervisor Whitefleet’s report.

A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington adjourn the regular meeting at 10:24 p.m. The motion carried.

Approved: March 16, 2026

/s/Amy E. Sejnost/s/
President

Attest: /s/Mark Eddington/s/
Clerk