

**MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the Downers Grove Sanitary District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 21, 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, Sewer Construction Supervisor Keith Shaffner and Attorney Dan McCormick. Also in attendance were Derek Wold from Baxter & Woodman and Tyler Loney from Alera Group. District employee Sue Testin also attended.

Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 16, 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2026 and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried.

Change Order No. 1 – 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation

A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang approving Change Order No. 1 to the 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation agreement with Hoerr Construction, Inc. for a net decrease in the contract price of \$43,061.70 and for the General Manager to sign the same. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes-Sejnost, Wang and Eddington.)

Claim Ordinance No. 1960

A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington adopting Claim Ordinance No. 1960 in the total amount of \$1,025,856.12 as presented and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes–Sejnost, Wang and Eddington)

Public Comment - None

Old Business

Facility Plan and Regionalization Study Update

General Manager Underwood reviewed the planning progress report for March. She and staff met with a potential financial advisor. The District is also working with an engineering firm to draft a scope of work for a regionalization study.

## New Business

### Employee Health Coverage

Administrative Supervisor Shaw reviewed her memo dated April 16 regarding the June 1, 2026 renewal of the District's employee group insurance benefits plan including medical, dental, vision and life coverage. The District's medical insurance carrier, BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois, offered an increase in premiums for the two PPO plans and the HMO plan. There are no changes to the vision or life insurance premiums, but there is a change from Principal to MetLife for dental. Administrative Supervisor Shaw recommended that the District renew its medical insurance coverage with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois and resume its existing plans for vision and life coverage with the existing carriers and change dental carriers. This will provide an estimated percent change of 9.10% in District-paid medical, dental, vision and life insurance premiums from the prior year, including the cost of continuing to provide the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) benefit to employees waiving medical coverage for themselves or their eligible spouses. A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang approving staff's recommendation for the District to offer employee group medical, dental, vision and life insurance coverages as presented in Administrative Supervisor Shaw's memo dated April 16. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes-Sejnost, Wang and Eddington).

### 2026 Annual Newsletter

Administrative Supervisor Shaw presented a draft of the annual newsletter to be mailed to District residents with their sanitary sewer bills in May, June, and July. The newsletter will advertise the Open House. Administrative Supervisor Shaw provided the estimated cost of hosting the Open House, and the Board discussed the benefits of holding the Open House. The Board agreed with the annual newsletter as presented.

### Annexation Ordinance AO 2026-03 – 4031 Venard Road, Downers Grove

Staff presented Annexation Ordinance No. AO 2026-03 for the annexation of a single-family lot located at 4031 Vernard Road, Downers Grove. A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington accepting the Petition for Annexation, adopting Annexation Ordinance No. AO 2026-03 as presented and authorizing the President and Clerk to sign same. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes–Sejnost, Wang and Eddington).

### High-Speed Turbo-blowers Electrical Contract

General Manager Underwood reviewed proposals received from two electrical contractors for the work required to install the two new turbo-blowers which are on order. Baxter & Woodman reviewed the proposals and identified several items requiring clarification to ensure fair and competitive pricing. Due to the emergency nature of the project and upcoming blower delivery dates, she requested authorization for the General Manager to negotiate the electrical contract and issue a purchase order not to exceed \$216,544 for electrical and contingency work associated with the project. A motion was made by Trustee Eddington seconded by Trustee Wang to authorize the General Manager to negotiate the electrical contract for this design-build work and to issue a

purchase order to an electrical contractor in an amount not-to-exceed \$216,544. The motion carried. (Votes recorded: Ayes—Sejnost, Wang and Eddington.)

Questions and Comments

General Manager Underwood noted that staff decided to increase the property insurance deductible, as suggested by the Board at the previous meeting.

Trustee Eddington congratulated Matt Richert on receiving his Class 1 Wastewater Operator Certificate and welcomed Vinny Donofrio to the District as the new Operator. He also inquired about the DuPage River Salt Creek Special Conditions report.

Trustee Wang also congratulated Matt Richert on receiving his Class 1 Wastewater Operator Certificate and welcomed Vinny Donofrio to the District as the new Operator. He noted the number of customers signed up for paperless billing and auto pay. He also noted the number of user billing accounts that are past due. He also noted the work to the District website to make it ADA compliant. He thanked staff for their due diligence in procuring various service contracts that will result in monthly savings for the District. Lastly, Trustee Wang noted both CHP engines are operating as expected.

Trustee Sejnost also congratulated Matt Richert on receiving his Class 1 Wastewater Operator Certificate and welcomed Vinny Donofrio to the District as the new Operator. She noted the safety awareness classes some employees have attended. She noted the number of tours of the wastewater treatment center we are hosting this month and that she liked the Careers in Wastewater student handout. Trustee Sejnost also thanked staff for their due diligence in procuring various service contracts, including Firstcomm and Groot, that will result in monthly savings for the District. She noted the door and window replacement projects coming in significantly under budget and that CHP 2 is operating as expected, both noted in Maintenance Supervisor Whitefleet’s report. She also mentioned the DuPage River Salt Creek Special Conditions report and the Phosphorus Discharge Optimization Plan report. Lastly, she noted the upcoming May 5 special board meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Wang seconded by Trustee Eddington adjourn the regular meeting at 6:24 p.m. The motion carried.

Approved: May 26, 2026

/s/Amy E. Sejnost/s/  
President

Attest: /s/Mark Eddington/s/  
Clerk