

**Minutes of a Meeting
of the**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DuPage Water Commission
600 E. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois

July 16, 2026

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zay at 6:00 PM

II. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess (6:06PM), D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Commissioners absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino,

Also in attendance: P. May, C. Peterson, C. Bostick, M. Weed, J. Loster, D. Panaszek, D. Cuvalo, D. Mundall, Phil Luetkehans of Luetkehans, Brady, Garner & Armstrong, LLC

III. Public Comments

No Public Comment was offered.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Pruyn moved to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Romano.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

V. Treasurer's Report

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to accept the June 2026 Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Fennell moved to accept the June 2026 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a voice vote. All aye, motion carried.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee.

Item 1: Commissioner Pruyn gave a brief committee update.

Item 2: Resolution No. R-58-26: Authorization of Task Order #3 with Raftelis, Inc to serve as a Financial Advisor/Consultant for the Regional Source Water Initiative, at an estimated cost of \$199,785, 30% Reimbursable from NSMJAWA.

Commissioner Russo raised a question about further discussion and debate regarding governance status and the associated Memo of Understanding. He went on to request consideration of a special meeting to address any questions being held by the Board. General Manager May clarified details concerning the IGAs and Memos of Understanding. Chairman Zay offered to answer any and all questions at any time. Commissioner Russo asked for clarification on the MOU and agreements with NSMJAWA. Commissioner Van Vooren noted that his understanding of the Resolution in question is to support DWC administration and staff to advance the project, which is integral to the success of the project. Commissioner Van Vooren further noted that if other Commissioners desire an additional meeting for discussion, he would support it. Commissioner Russo indicated a strong signal was sent when the contract with the City of Chicago was renewed for 17 years not 40, and the Green Acres golf course was purchased; and that he fully supports the project. He went on to agree that office support is important and appropriate, and he supports the resolution. General Manager May listed the considerations made by this board to date. Commissioner Russo indicated his support for complete DWC control and is open to conversations with fellow Commissioners.

Chairman Zay responded that he will support additional meetings at the Commissioners request. He noted that considerable documentation, reports, presentations, webinars, and discussion opportunities had been provided over several years. Questions presented by board members during that time were primarily regarding when and how the project will go forward, not if it will.

This is a regional water project, which needs partners to succeed, and including JAWA as a strategic and volume partner is important to ensure project success. Commissioner Russo asked further about rate setting authority and suggested clarification and conversation as we move forward. Commissioner Van Vooren asked if questions being submitted in advance would be helpful. Chairman Zay directed the Board to address all questions to General Manager May.

Commissioner Pruyn moved to adopt Item 2 under the Finance Committee Agenda section of the Agenda seconded by Commissioner Van Vooren unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

B. Administration Committee

Item 1: Commissioner Romano gave a brief committee update.

Item 2: Request for Board Action: Business-Related Travel Expenses for one (1) Commission employee for Factory Valve Witness Testing for WaterLink Pipeline Valve Testing, in either Minnesota or Texas, over the next two (2) years.

Commissioner Romano moved to adopt item 2 under the Administration Committee Report section of the agenda seconded by Commissioner Van Vooren, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, P. Suess, D. Russo, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

C. Engineering & Construction Committee

Item 1: Commissioner Fennell gave a brief committee update.

Item 2: Resolution No. R-51-26: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Task Orders Under a Master Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., Building Information Modeling, Task Order No. 01, at a Not-To-Exceed Cost of \$35,669.

Commissioner Fennell moved adopt number 2 under the Engineering & Construction Committee Report section of the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Romano, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

VII. Accounts Payable

A. June 2026

Item 1: To approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$12,281,659.35 DWC \$890,052.60 WaterLink (June 2026) subject to submission of all contractually required documentation, for invoices that have been received (Roll Call)

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable disbursements, for June 2026. Commissioner Van Vooren moved, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzone and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

Item 2: To approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,614,475.00 DWC \$8,055,000.00 WaterLink (June 2026) subject to submission of all contractually required documentation, for invoices that have not yet been received but have been estimated (Roll Call).

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve the estimated accounts payable for June 2026. Commissioner Romano moved, seconded by Commissioner Russo and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

VIII. Chairman's Report

General Manager May and Chairman Zay presented the Source Water project to the DuPage Mayors & Managers, which was very well received.

IX. Old Business

No Old Business was offered.

X. New Business

No New Business was offered.

XI. Executive Session

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters related to personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (2), to discuss acquisition of real estate pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Commissioner Fennell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Pruyn and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

The Commission went into Executive Session at 6:33 PM.

Commissioner Russo moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:51 PM, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzone and unanimously approved by a roll call vote .

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

Matters referred from Executive Session

- A. Ordinance O-22-26: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Easements by the DuPage Water Commission Over Certain Property for the Purpose of Providing Water to the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Oswego and the United City of Yorkville, Phase III.

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Easements by the DuPage Water Commission Over Certain Property for the Purpose of Providing Water to the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Oswego and the United City of Yorkville, Phase III. Commissioner Romano moved, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

- B. Ordinance O-23-26: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property by the DuPage Water Commission Over Certain Property associated with Providing Water to the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Oswego and the United City of Yorkville, Phase III.

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property by the DuPage Water Commission Over Certain Property associated with Providing Water to the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Oswego and the United City of Yorkville, Phase III. Commissioner Cuzzone moved, seconded by Commissioner Fennell, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

- C. Ordinance O-24-26: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Easements by the DuPage Water Commission over Certain Property for the Purpose of Providing Water to the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Oswego and the United City of Yorkville, Phase III. Commissioner Romano moved, seconded by Commissioner Fenell, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, K. Romano, D. Russo, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, A. Honig, D. Novotny, F. Saverino

XII. Adjournment

Commissioner Romano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Suess, unanimously approved by a voice vote. All aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.