

**Minutes of a Meeting  
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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

January 15, 2026

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zay at 6:31 PM

II. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, A. Honig, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, J. Pruy, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Commissioners absent: S. Greaney

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. Presentation by Source Water Project Technical Advisors

General Manager Paul May introduced Mr. Pete Mulvaney (Conzor), who is advising the Commission regarding the plan to advance the regional Source Water Project. Mr. Mulvaney provided a Comprehensive Plan overview including summaries of the Business Case, Communications, Governance, Risk Management and Delivery chapters. General Manager May encouraged 1 on 1 meetings with the Commissioners for in-depth discussions. Commissioner Suess asked for details on Risk Management. Mr. Mulvaney detailed some of the risks involved. Commissioner Van Vooren raised further questions regarding Risk Management. Commissioner Russo added the value of the project and the importance of duality for resilient water service throughout northeastern Illinois. Chairman Zay emphasized the message that this is a project that will provide regional benefit.

V. DWC Cybersecurity – Denis Cuvalo , Systems Engineer/IT Supervisor

Systems Engineer/IT Supervisor, Denis Cuvalo began by introducing best practices followed by the Commission. Cyber Security awareness training for all employees is a valuable tool used to ensure the security of DWC networks.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation invited utilities to their offices to be briefed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), a component of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responsible for cybersecurity and infrastructure protection. Global Threat Actors were covered as well as examples of reported instances and

attempts in the industry. Cyber Security Performance Goals and Service topics were covered. CISA is available to come onsite to do an assessment and score our network; this will be scheduled in the near future. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a hot topic and emerging technology; privacy is a concern while engaging with any AI tools. Chairman Zay thanked Mr. Cuvalo and his team for their continued efforts to keep the DWC safe and secure.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Honig moved to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Russo. All aye, motion carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer William Fates presented the November and December 2025 Treasurer's Reports consisting of 13 pages each with pages 1 and 2 containing brief summaries of the reports.

November 2025:

Treasurer Fates noted \$152.9 million of cash and investments on page 4, an decrease of \$0.5 million from the previous month. Treasurer Fates also pointed out the schedule of investments on pages 5 through 12 totaling \$147.9 million and noted the market yield on the total portfolio showed 3.84% which is relatively unchanged from the prior month. On page 13, the statement of cash flows showed a breakdown of the \$3.1 million increase in cash and investments for the fiscal year, and operating activities increased by approximately \$1.2 million. Also noted on page 14, the monthly cash/operating report showed that the Commission has met all recommended reserve balances.

December 2025

Treasurer Fates noted \$155.4 million of cash and investments on page 4, an increase of \$2.5 million from the previous month. Treasurer Fates also pointed out the schedule of investments on pages 5 through 12 totaling \$148.5 million and noted the market yield on the total portfolio showed 3.79% which is down from the prior month. On page 13, the statement of cash flows showed a breakdown of the \$5.6 million increase in cash and investments for the fiscal year and operating activities increased by approximately \$3.0 million. Also noted on page 14, the monthly cash/operating report showed that the Commission has met all recommended reserve balances.

Commissioner Russo moved to accept the November and December 2025 Treasurer's Reports, seconded by Commissioner Cuzzone, unanimously approved by a voice vote. All aye, motion carried.

VIII. Committee Reports

**A. Finance Committee**

Item 1: Commissioner Suess gave a brief report of the Finance Committee Meeting.

The Finance Committee met, although there are no items to bring forward for approval, there were three updates for the Board. The Banking transition is moving forward, with steady progress being made. The Investment Consultant approval will be brought forward at the February meeting.

## **B. Administration Committee**

- Item 1: Commissioner Romano gave a brief committee update.
- Item 2: Request for Board Action: Recommendation for the adoption of an administrative policy regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Item 3: Request for Board Action: Travel and related expenses for two (2) Commission employees for Factory Valve QA/QC Testing for High Lift Pump Cone Valve Rebuilds in York Pennsylvania, travel and related expenses for one (1) employee to attend training at Utility Locator Staking University in Manteno Illinois.
- Item 4: Resolution No. R-11-26: A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a 12-Month Janitorial Service Contract with Multisystem Management Company for Periodic Janitorial Services at the DuPage Pumping Station and Administration Building (No Cost This Action)

Commissioner Romano moved to adopt items 2 through 4 under the Administration Committee Report section of the agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote procedures. Seconded by Commissioner Van Vooren, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

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

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

## **C. Engineering & Construction Committee**

- Item 1: Commissioner Fennell gave a brief committee update.
- Item 2: Resolution No. R-01-26: A Resolution Approving Task Order No. 01 under a Master Contract with GWV Engineers, Inc., Indeterminate Assistance Not-To-Exceed \$20,000 Per Assignment.
- Item 3: Resolution No. R-02-26: A Resolution Approving Certain Work Authorization Orders Under Quick Response Contract QR-13/25, WAO 006 – Benchmark Construction Co., Inc. – Estimated Expense of \$66,828.36.
- Item 4: Resolution No. R-03-26: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Certain Work Authorization Orders Under Quick Response Contract QRE-10/24 , WAO 005 – McWilliams Electric Co. Inc. - \$3,915.49.
- Item 5: Resolution No. R-04-26 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Master Contract with V3 Companies, Ltd., for Professional Consulting Services and Authorization of Task Order No. 1, Task Order No. 01 - Not-To Exceed - \$256,528.

- Item 6: Resolution No. R-05-26: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Task Order No. 03 Under a Master Contract with Arcadis US, Inc., to Serve as the Environmental Contractor of Choice on the WaterLink Project. Estimated Expense of \$8,300
- Item 7: Resolution N. R-06-26: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Task Order No. 01 Under a Master Contract with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. to provide Construction Staking Services on the WaterLink Project, Robinson Engineering, Ltd. \$909,648.
- Item 8: Resolution No. R-07-26: A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the West Transmission Main along the ComEd R.O.W. From Wolf’s Crossing Road to Harvey Road – Contract TW-6/25 Section 2C, Airy’s, Inc. - \$26,900,617
- Item 9: Resolution No. R-08-26 A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the West Transmission Main along the ComEd R.O.W. From Harvey Road to Douglas Road – Contract TW-6/25 Section 3A , D. Construction, Inc. & Benchmark Construction Co., Inc Joint Venture - \$22,748,000.
- Item 10: Resolution No. R-09-26 A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the West Transmission Main along the ComEd R.O.W. From Harvey Road to Douglas Road – Contract TW-6/25 Section 3B, D. Construction, Inc. & Benchmark Construction Co., Inc Joint Venture - \$10,188,020.
- Item 11: Resolution No. R-10-26: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Master Services Agreement with Jacobs Associates dba Delve Underground, for Professional Consulting Services and Authorization of Task Orders No. 01 and No. 02, Task Order Nos. 01 and 02 – Not-To Exceed \$30,000 per Task Order.

Commissioner Fennell moved to adopt items numbers 2 through 11 under the Engineering & Construction Committee Report section of the agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote Procedures seconded by Commissioner Honig, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

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

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

IX. Accounts Payable

**A. November and December 2025**

- Item 1: To approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$9,821,152.07 (November 2025) disbursements made with the concurrence of the Commission’s Chairman and \$10,820,382.19 (December 2025), 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 in the amount of \$9,821,152.07 (November 2025) disbursements made with the concurrence of the Commission's Chairman and \$10,820,382.19 (December 2025), subject to submission of all contractually required documentation, for invoices that have been received Commissioner Pruyn moved, seconded by Commissioner Russo and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

Item 2: To approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,863,275.00 (November 2025) disbursements made with the concurrence of the Commission's Chairman and \$8,321,275.00 (December 2025), 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 accounts payable disbursements with the estimated accounts payable for November and December 2025, Commissioner Romano moved, seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

#### X. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zay began by thanking staff for their ongoing efforts. Negotiations with the City of Chicago took place at the Commission, but that meeting did not produce significant progress. Since that time, City of Chicago Chief Financial Officer Jill Jaworski has left the City and moved on leaving a notable gap in their negotiating team.

The Lexington Pumping Station lost power recently and ceased pumping of water to DWC. Chairman Zay acknowledged DWC staff for being ever vigilant.

The WaterLink/Book Road project is progressing well, Commissioner visits will be offered in the near future.

The Lobbyists are progressing in their efforts to secure funding for the Source Water Project.

General Manager Paul May notified the Board that a switchgear component needs to be ordered with concurrence of the Board; this item was not available at the time packets were prepared, so it will be ratified at the next meeting.

General Manager May noted that the FY2026-27 Budget will be presented at the February meeting, which commence with a 5:45 Committees 6:00 Committee of the Whole, followed by the regular Commission meeting at 6:30.

Commissioner Suess asked for details regarding the Lexington Pumping Station failure and what the failure protocol is. General Manager May replied that DWC cannot compel the Lexington staff to act, but has been engaging regularly to improve communication.

XI. Old Business

No Old Business was offered.

XII. New Business

No New Business was offered.

XIII. Executive Session

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real estate pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the DuPage Water Commission 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), to discuss pending, probable, or imminent litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Commissioner Russo made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Romano and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, A. Honig, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, J. Pruy, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

The Commission went into Executive Session at 7:29 PM.

Commissioner Honig moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 PM, seconded by Commissioner Fennell and unanimously approved by a roll call vote .

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, A. Honig, T. Noonan, D. Novotny, J. Pruy, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, D. Van Vooren, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

Matters referred from Executive Session

- A. Ordinance O-01-26: Ordinance to Approve Negotiation Authority for Property (Easement) Acquisitions Associated with the WaterLink Pipeline Project, Phase I.

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve Ordinance O-01-26: Ordinance to Approve Negotiation Authority for Property (Easement) Acquisitions Associated with the WaterLink Pipeline Project, Phase I. Commissioner Romano moved, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

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

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

- B. Ordinance O-02-26: 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 City of Yorkville, Phase III

Chairman Zay asked for a motion to approve Ordinance O-02-26: 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 City of Yorkville, Phase III. Commissioner Romano moved, seconded by Commissioner Honig, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

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

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney

XIV. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.