

**Minutes of a Meeting
of the**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

February 19, 2026

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zay at 6:33 PM

II. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Commissioners absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruy, D. Van Vooren

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

No presentation was given.

V. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Russo moved to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2026 Regular Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Romano.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, S. Noonan, J. Pruy, D. Van Vooren

VI. Treasurer's Report

Financial Administrator Peterson presented the January 2026 Treasurer's Reports consisting of 13 pages each with pages 1 and 2 containing brief summaries of the reports.

January 2026:

Financial Administrator Peterson noted \$151.9 million of cash and investments on page 4, an decrease of \$3.5 million from the previous month. Financial Administrator Peterson also pointed

out the schedule of investments on pages 5 through 12 totaling \$147.2 million and noted the market yield on the total portfolio showed 3.75% which is down from the prior month. On page 13, the statement of cash flows showed a breakdown of the \$2.1 million increase in cash and investments for the fiscal year, and operating activities increased by approximately \$1.4 million. Also noted on page 14, the monthly cash/operating report showed that the Commission has met all recommended reserve balances.

Commissioner Cuzzone moved to accept the January 2026 Treasurer's Reports, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a voice vote. All aye, motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

- Item 1: Commissioner Suess gave a brief report of the Finance Committee Meeting.
- Item 2: Resolution No. R-12-26: A Resolution Approving the Contract Extension with Arthur J. Gallagher for Insurance Brokerage Services, at a not to exceed amount to \$30,385 per year.
- Item 3: Resolution No. R-14-26: A Resolution Approving Mercer Investments, LLC for Investment Consulting Services and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Documents in Furtherance Thereof.

Commissioner Suess made a motion to approve Items 2 and 3, under the Finance Committee Report section of the agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote Procedures, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, S. Noonan, J. Pruyn, D. Van Vooren

B. Administration Committee

- Item 1: Commissioner Romano gave a brief committee update.
- Item 2: Request for Board Action: Travel and related expenses for two (2) Commission employees for Factory Control Panel QA/QC Testing for Medium Voltage Switchgear in Cucamonga CA, travel and related expenses for three (3) employees to attend AWWA ACE in Washington DC.
- Item 3: Request for Board Action: Authorization of a Consulting Agreement with Marquardt & Humes, Inc, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.
- Item 4: Request for Board Action: Authorization of a Consulting Agreement with Tai, Ginsberg & Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

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 Honig, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, S. Noonan, J. Pruy, D. Van Vooren

C. Engineering & Construction Committee

Item 1: Commissioner Saverino gave a brief update even though there was no quorum.

Item 2: Resolution No. R-13-26: A Resolution Approving a 1-Year Extension of Contract QR-10/24 with Homestead Electrical Contracting, LLC, McWilliams Electric Co. Inc., and Volt Electric, Inc., at no cost.

Item 3: *PULLED*

Resolution No. R-15-26: Approval of Amendment #2 to Task Order #1 of a Master Services Agreement with Consor/Raftelis for Professional Services as Source Water Project Technical Advisor at a not to exceed cost of \$500,000.

Chairman Zay recommended pulling the resolution for a refinement in scope, while noting the importance to move the project forward - particularly focusing on Governance and forming a working group to that end. Consor/Raftelis is doing a great job to date and will continue to guide the project. Commissioner Russo indicated the importance of consensus on the Governance concept. Commissioner Honig asked for clarification on the Governance plan. Commissioner Suess echoed Commissioner Russo regarding consensus on spending and Governance in regard to our ratepayers and transparency.

Item 4: Resolution No. R-16-26: A Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Purchase Frame and Lids from a Sole Source Manufacturer, Neenah Foundry Co., at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$27,552.00.

Item 5: Resolution No. R-17-26: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying a 2nd Amendment to Task Order No. 02 Under a Master Contract with CDM Smith, Inc., at a not to exceed cost of \$206,134.72.

Item 6: Resolution No. R-18-26: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Task Order No. 01 for Major Maintenance at the Lexington Pump Station and Including Material and Labor Services, estimated expense Not-To-Exceed \$363,840, reimbursable by the City of Chicago in an amount up to \$216,288.

Item 7: Resolution No. R-19-26: A Resolution Approving and Ratifying a First Amendment to Task Order No. 02 Under a Master Services Agreement with Jacobs Associates dba Delve

Underground and Authorization of Additional Work Under Task Order No. 02, at a cost of \$30,000 for this assignment.

- Item 8: Resolution No. R-20-26: A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the West Feeder Main From Harvey Road to Collins Road, Contract FW-1/25 Section 1, with Bolder Contractors, LLC., at a cost of \$29,256,404.20.
- Item 9: Resolution No. R-21-26: A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the West Feeder Main From Collins Road to Minkler Road, Contract FW-1/25 Section 2, with D. Construction, Inc. & Benchmark Construction Co., Inc Joint Venture, at a cost of \$25,548,000.00.

Commissioner Saverino moved to pull item 3 and adopt numbers 2, 4 through 9 under the Engineering & Construction Committee Report section of the agenda in a single group pursuant to the Omnibus Vote Procedures seconded by Commissioner Romano, unanimously approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruy, D. Van Vooren

VIII. Accounts Payable

A. January 2026

- Item 1: To approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$10,634,979.95 DWC, \$227,178.60 WaterLink (January 2026) subject to submission of all contractually required documentation, for invoices that have been received (Roll Call).
- Item 2: To approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,663,125.00 DWC, \$6,028,500.00 WaterLink (January 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 combine and approve the accounts payable disbursements, with the estimated accounts payable for January 2025. Commissioner Russo moved, seconded by Commissioner Romano and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruy, D. Van Vooren

IX. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Zay began by congratulating Chris Bostick, Manager of Water Operations, on his 33 years at the Commission. His 33 years of service to DuPage County and its residents are greatly appreciated.

General Manager Paul May echoed the Chairmans sentiments and congratulated Chris. He then went on the point out DWC is being celebrated for having zero safety incidents in 2025, yet another accomplishment by Mr. Bostick.

DWC was also recognized by the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency with an outstanding rating after the Cyber Security Assessment. This honor highlights the dedication of our SIT staff and Denis Cuvalo specifically. Kudos to all!

X. Old Business

No Old Business was offered.

XI. New Business

No New Business was offered.

XII. 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 Honig made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Saverino and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruy, D. Van Vooren

The Commission went into Executive Session at 6:50 PM.

Commissioner Honig moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:59 PM, seconded by Commissioner Romano and unanimously approved by a roll call vote .

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Suess, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruy, D. Van Vooren

Matters referred from Executive Session

- A. Ordinance O-03-26: 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-03-26: Ordinance to Approve Negotiation Authority for Property (Easement) Acquisitions Associated with the WaterLink Pipeline Project, Phase I. Commissioner Honig moved, seconded by Commissioner Russo, unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

Ayes: N. Cuzzone, A. Honig, D. Novotny, K. Romano, D. Russo, F. Saverino, P. Sues, J. Zay

Nay: None

Absent: S. Greaney, J. Fennell, T. Noonan, J. Pruyn, D. Van Vooren

XIII. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.