

**Minutes of a Meeting
of the**

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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

January 15, 2026

Commissioner Saverino called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Committee members in attendance: N. Cuzzone, J. Fennell, T. Noonan and F. Saverino

Committee members absent: J. Zay

Also in attendance: C. Bostick, D. Cuvalo, J. Loster, D. Panaszek, and M. Weed

Commissioner Saverino moved to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2025, Engineering & Construction Committee Meeting of the DuPage Water Commission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cuzzone and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick provided a report on the ongoing Operations and Maintenance activities listed in the Report of Status of Operations and Board Action Items and Engineering Manager Loster provided a report on the Status of Capital Construction, Capital Engineering and other Improvement Projects.

Regarding High Lift Pump Motor (HLP) No. 3, Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported that the motor is now operational and Staff are in process of replacing several motor safety circuit switches as identified during the motor testing activities.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported that Staff continues working with CDM Smith and Strand Associates to finalize design documents of proposed improvements to alleviate electrical issues with the medium voltage switchgear control logic. Manager of Water Operations Bostick stated that General Manager May will be seeking a Board consensus authorization to further the project by getting a start on instrumentation panel fabrication and ratify the task order amendment with CDM Smith at the February DWC meeting.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported that on November 17, 2025, A contractor reached out to DWC regarding the approval of a work permit to construct facilities adjacent to the 12" diameter tunnel which transports water from the Chicago system to the Lexington Pumping Station. After discussions, Staff were able to ascertain that the Chicago Department of Water Management (DWM) legal staff had absolved DWM of any responsibility of protecting the tunnel and placing the responsibility solely on the Commission. Discussions between Staff, Commission legal counsel, DWM legal counsel, DWM technical staff determined that the DWM legal staff had improperly assigned responsibility to DWC to which DWM technical staff has now taken the lead. DWC staff, in order to protect the Commission's interests in protecting the tunnel as a critical asset, engaged Delve Underground, as tunnel subject matter experts, to engage with DWM technical staff and the site developer to investigate, observe and report to DWC staff. R-10-26 appears on the agenda to approve a master agreement with Jacobs Associates dba Delve Underground and to ratify Task Order No. 01 at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported on the events of Tuesday January 6th, when the Lexington Pump Station (LXPS) experienced a complete system shutdown of the pumping of water to the DuPage Pumping Station where DWC Staff collaborated with LXPS Staff throughout in efforts to expedite the restoration of service. Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported that the City staff are continuing to troubleshoot the failure and work towards implementing a permanent solution.

Regarding the alternate water source initiative, Water Operations Bostick advised the Committee that the Technical Advisory Team; Consor, Woolpert and Raftelis, continue their tasks and will provide a status report during the regular Commission meeting.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported that Staff has been engaged with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding their proposed IL-56 Butterfield Road improvement project since January 2025 with the intention to identify the impacts to the DWC 54" Southwest Transmission Main which resides in the right-of-way. Staff received sufficient information regarding the proposed work on November 20, 2025, where the contractor indicated an intention to perform horizontal pipe-ramming for a proposed ComEd duct bank in very close proximity to the DWC main (and under the East Branch of the DuPage River) and add additional earth loading directly above the DWC main. Staff had expressed concerns over the vibration of the proposed pipe-ramming means and methods and its direct effect on the DWC main. DWC staff, in order to protect the Commission's interests in protecting the Southwest Transmission Main as a critical asset, engaged Delve Underground, as a tunneling subject matter experts, to engage with Staff, IDOT, ComEd and Intern (a ComEd contractor), where discussions of an alternative method of open cutting the East Branch of the DuPage River are being held with all affected parties including the Army Corp of Engineers, DuPage County Stormwater and various other affected parties. R-10-26 appears on the agenda to ratify Task Order No. 02 at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,000. In a separate but related issue, Resolution R-3-26 appears on the agenda to approve and ratify Work Authorization Order No. 13.005 to Quick Response Electrical Contractor McWilliams Electric Co., Inc. WAO No. 13.005 was approved in advance to repair three conduits connecting the Remotely Operated Valve 8A control junction cabinet to the valve vault in the Village of Downers Grove. These conduits were damaged by a sewer contractor excavation also working on the IL-56 IDOT roadway improvement project. Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported that staff will be seeking repayment for QRE and DWC services and materials used to complete the repairs.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick advised the Committee that Resolution R-2-26 appears on agenda seeking approval of Work Authorization Order No. 13.006 to Quick Response Contractor Benchmark Construction Co., Inc. Construction Co. Inc. to replace a steel meter station header pipe with ductile iron pipe. Manager of Water Operations Bostick reported that the steel pipe header installed in 1989, along with 29 other meter station sites, have been identified as potential corrosion issues due to dissimilar metals touching where additional investigation is necessary and the potential of additional future replacements with ductile iron pipe exists.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick advised the Committee that Resolution R-1-26 appears on agenda seeking approval of Task Order No. 01 with GWV Engineers, as an indeterminate need task order, not-to-exceed \$20,000 per assignment.

Manager of Water Operations Bostick advised the Committee that the SCADA project is ongoing and Commission staff are working through communication testing at remote sites. Manager of Water

Operations Bostick reported that Commission staff will be bringing a change order in spring to modify the completion date of the project.

Engineering Manager Loster informed the Committee that design work of the joint metering and pressure adjusting station for the Village of Lombard's fifth connection point, being performed by AECOM, is nearly complete with permitting activities currently underway.

Regarding Resolution R-4-26, Engineering Manager Loster stated that staff is seeking the authorization of a Master Services Agreement and Task Order No. 01 with V3 Engineering to complete traffic control planning efforts associated with the Commission's remote facility locations.

Regarding the WaterLink Project, Engineering Manager Loster shared that the phase II effort continues to near completion and is approximately 95% complete at this time. He advised the Committee that the permit submittal and resubmittal effort is ongoing and will continue to be for the foreseeable future.

Engineering Manager Loster noted that there are two easement acquisition ordinances on the agenda, O-1-26 and O-2-26, the details of which will be discussed during closed session.

Engineering Manager Loster also stated that coordination with ComEd continues, and staff hopes to have completed related efforts with an approved License at the February Board meeting.

Due to ComEd soil management requirements, Engineering Manager Loster noted that Resolution R-5-26 would approve Task Order No. 03 with Arcadis US to serve as the Commission's Engineering Consultant of Choice to help direct soil management activities on all ComEd properties throughout the construction duration of the WaterLink Project. He also noted that the work proposed within R-5-26 is a preliminary effort, with more substantial work likely to be proposed for approval at a future meeting.

Regarding the Book Road portion of the WaterLink Project, Engineering Manager Loster shared that the construction phase has begun, with the tunneling effort under 75th Street having been completed earlier in the day. He noted that the connection into the existing Commission pipeline is currently scheduled for mid-March.

Engineering Manager Loster stated that construction on the following two WaterLink sections "2A" and "2B", awarded to Airy's, Inc. are planned to start in mid-February.

Regarding Resolution R-6-26, Engineering Manager Loster shared that a portion of this task order with Robinson Engineering was previously approved for the Book Road section of WaterLink only. He stated that with the remainder of the pipeline sections starting up quickly in the coming months, R-6-26 seeks to authorize the remainder of the scope so that layout and staking services can proceed as-needed by the contractors.

Engineering Manager Loster noted that Resolutions R-7-26, R-8-26 and R-9-26 seek authorization of construction contract awards for sections "2C", "3A" and "3B" to Airy's, Inc. and a joint venture of Benchmark Construction and D. Construction, respectively. He noted that the recommended awards for sections 2C and 3A are to the second-lowest bidder as the lowest-bids received were accompanied by a list of conditions that rendered them non-conforming.

Engineering Manager Loster also noted that there are two additional sections out to bid, sections 1 and 2 of the 36" portion of the WaterLink Project, with corresponding bid openings scheduled for the first week in February.

Chairman Fennell inquired with the Committee if there were any further questions regarding the action items. Hearing none, Commissioner Saverino moved to recommend approval of items 2 through 11 of the Engineering and Construction Committee portions of the Commission Agenda (Items IV through XIII on the Engineering and Construction Committee Agenda). Seconded by Commissioner Cuzzone and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.

Chairman Fennell asked the Committee if any other business or other items to be discussed. Hearing none, and with no other items coming before the Committee, Commissioner Noonan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Cuzzone and unanimously approved by a Voice Vote.