



NORTHERN MORAIN WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

113 Timber Trail, Island Lake, Illinois 60042

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 09, 2026

Present in person: **Trustees:** John Ragland, Timothy Brunn, Caretina Tellez, Theresa Neises, Ken Michaels
District Clerk: Madalina Roscan
District Manager: Mohammed Haque
District Attorney: Alexander Planeto
Guest: Ralph Brindise

President Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Present
John Ragland – Present
Caretina Tellez – Present
Theresa Neises – Present
Ken Michaels – Present

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

4. PRESENTATION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Trustee Neises noted a sentence was incomplete under Section 10D in the minutes. Trustee Michaels moved to amend the minutes accordingly and to approve the minutes as amended.

2nd by Trustee Ragland

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. Approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2026.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Trustee Brunn.

Motion by Trustee Ragland to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2026, as presented.

2nd by Trustee Tellez

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 abstain

MOTION CARRIED

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT:** District Manager Haque presented the Manager's Report and answered questions from the board.



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7. TRUSTEE REPORTS: None

8. LEGAL BUSINESS: None

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Trustees Appointments for the term beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2029

Motion by Trustee Michaels to recommend the appointment of Caretina Tellez as the Lakemoor Representative for the term ending April 30, 2029.

2nd call by Trustee Brunn

Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Abstain
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 1 Abstain **MOTION CARRIED**

Candidate Kenneth Michaels left the room prior to Board Discussion regarding the appointment of an Island Lake Representative.

Vice President Ragland presided during his absence.

The board discussed the performance of Trustee Michaels and his re-appointment application.

Candidate Ralph Brindise left the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Candidate Kenneth Michaels entered the room.

Motion by Trustee Ragland to recommend the appointment of Kenneth Michaels as Island Lake Representative.
2nd call by Trustee Tellez

Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Abstain

4 ayes 0 nays 0 absent 1 Abstain **MOTION CARRIED**

President Michaels resumed presiding over the meeting.

b. Approval of the Bid for Phosphorus Removal Chemicals and Service Agreement between NMWRD and Chemtrade Chemicals

Motion by Trustee Brunn to award the bid to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC, for phosphorus removal chemical for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year and adopt a Resolution authorizing the District Manager to execute a one-year agreement with Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC to supply phosphorus removal chemicals for a one-year period beginning on May 1, 2026.

2nd by Trustee Tellez



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Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

c. Approval of Bid for Lawn Maintenance and Service Agreement between NMWRD and Accent Landscaping

Motion by Trustee Tellez to award the bid to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Accent Landscape, for lawn maintenance for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year and adopt Resolution authorizing the District Manager to execute a one-year agreement with Accent Landscape for lawn maintenance for a one-year period beginning on May 1, 2026.

2nd by Trustee Michaels

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

d. Payment Request #14 for the Holiday Hills / Le Villa Vaupell – Phase 2 Sewer Project

Motion by Trustee Brunn to approve Payment Request #14 in the amount of \$694,813.38 to Trine Construction for Holiday Hills / Le Villa Vaupell Sewer Extension Project – Phase 2.

2nd by Trustee Tellez

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

e. Approval of the Revised Agreement and Revised Banking Resolution for First Mid Bank

Motion by Trustee Brunn to approve the Revised Agreement and Revised Banking Resolution for First Mid Bank.

2nd by Trustee Tellez

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**



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f. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Busey Bank as an Approved Depository for NMWRD, and Ratifying Signatories.

Motion by Trustee Ragland to approve the Resolution Authorizing Busey Bank as an Approved Depository for NMWRD and Ratifying Signatories.

2nd by Trustee Neises

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

g. Approval of Grundfos Agreement for Dynamic Sewer Control

Motion by Trustee Ragland to approve the Grundfos Agreement for Dynamic Sewer Control

2nd by Trustee Brunn

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

h. Approval of Grundfos Agreement for Field Testing the Litus Sensors

Motion by Trustee Tellez to approve the Grundfos Agreement for Field Testing the Litus Sensors.

2nd by Trustee Brunn

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent **MOTION CARRIED**

i. Budget for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

District Manager Haque presented the budget. The board asked questions regarding the budget and clarified items. The draft budget will be posted for public inspection until the May board meeting, at which time there will be a public hearing followed by formal approval of the budget for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

11. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

MCCG March membership Meeting – March 18, 2026 – Port Edward Restaurant in Algonquin



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12. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Brunn to approve payment of bills for February 09, 2026, as presented, in the amount of \$909,359.97.

2nd by Trustee Michaels

Roll Call: Timothy Brunn – Aye
John Ragland – Aye
Caretina Tellez – Aye
Theresa Neises – Aye
Ken Michaels – Aye

5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

13. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by President Michaels to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.
Unanimously approved on a voice vote