CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS
Val Gomez, President
Winna Guzman, Vice-President
Frank Rivera, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Olga Cosme
Shana Levinson, Attorney

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez
Frank Rivera

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for January 8th, 2026. We do have a quorum.

I'd like to make a motion to approve the minutes for the December 11th, 2025 meeting, as written.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
We have no correspondence, we'll move on to New Business. First item is election of officers. If it's agreeable to everyone, I'd like to make a motion to retain the same slate of officers as the previous year.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

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Now we have Public Works rate schedules. Johnson Control, not-to-exceed $20,000 Public Works and $20,000 for other departments. This is for fire related systems and building systems for the City.

Any questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Johnson Controls proposal for Public Works.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Gluth Brothers Roofing Company, not-to-exceed $30,000 for Public Works and $30,000 for other departments.

Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Gluth Brothers proposal.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Nu Kreations rates, not-to-exceed $30,000 for Public Works, 2026 rate repair and maintenance. They are a remodeling company.

Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: None.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve Nu Kreations proposal.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

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(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Next, Overhead Doors proposal to Public Works. Repair doors throughout the City for 2026, not-to-exceed $50,000.
Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve Overhead Doors proposal.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Next we have donations for Public Works. We have a letter from Director of Public Works, Jaylan Robinson. "Attached is the Public Works donation report covering the period from October 28, 2025, to December 17th, 2025. The donations will be used for Special Events, training opportunities, community engagement. Contact me if you have any questions or need additional information."
I did talk to Jaylan and basically we have a list, which I'll enter into the record, of gift cards from different companies and there are quite a few of companies that have promised to give toys for Christmas events for children also.
Any questions or comments on this donation letter?
MR. RIVERA: No.
MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept the Public Works donation report for October to December of 2025.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Next we have Public Works, we have from TruGreen, 2026 contract for parks buildings and specialized locations throughout the City for weed

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control, fertilizer, and grub prevention. They do have quite a list of locations and the amounts of service, times and description of treatment and prices. The total will be $46,369.63.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposal?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion accepting TruGreen's proposal for Public Works.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from the Fire Department, this is a proposal from Interstate Power Systems. This is for emergency repairs. We have a letter from Chief Escobedo requesting to approve repairs for Rescue 2531. "Interstate identified several issues regarding Rescue 2531 and attached is the estimate for the total cost of repairs, $13,265.51. We have located available funds in our Vehicle Repair Maintenance Account."

Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to motion approving Interstate Power Systems repairs for the Fire Department.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a proposal from Mechanical Concepts. This one is a little bit different. This is an emergency that the Fire Department had last year in December where their air compressor went out. A lot of times they have an air compressor attached because there is some equipment that requires it. It was an emergency, so the Controller's Office told them to proceed with the repairs and present

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the proposal at the next meeting. Today is the next meeting. The work has already been done. Just for the record, it was to install one new air compressor, one new auto drain valve, oil and cooling to check the system. The amount is $6,779.00.

Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the Fire Department's emergency repairs for Interstate Powers.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have also from the Fire Department, we have a proposal from The Bug Guy. This is a proposal to spray all stations once a month and bait for mice. The cost is $4,200.00 annually and monthly $350.00.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposal?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving The Bug Guy's proposal for the Fire Department.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to outstanding invoices. We have five. I'll read each one individually and make a motion at the end.

The first one is from the Fire Department. It's from MacQueen Equipment. They have one late invoice dated 12/2/25 in the amount of $10,000. Explanation: Shipping was not calculated into original invoice in the PO.

Any questions or comments on this one?

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MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: Next one is from the Police Department from Best Technology Systems. They have one late invoice dated 10/27/25, amount of $43,785.00. Explanation: Late invoice was forwarded to the Service Division in a timely manner. A purchase order was on hand for this payment.
Any questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Konica/Minolta from Human Resources, one late invoice dated 11/30/2023, amount of $113.45. Explanation: Following invoice remains unpaid due to the check never being received. The check is past two years.
Any questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: I'm going to make a note to check with my office. Usually when a check is that late the department reports it to us and we have a form which they send to the vendor since the vendor wants to declare a bad check. I want to determine if that's been accomplished, just for the record.
Next one also is another one from Konica/Minolta from the EC Common Council, dated 11/29/2023, check #122593 issued on 12/20/23, which is over two years old, therefore it should be -- once again I'm going back to check on this one because the department's policy, they have to report to us when someone says the check hasn't been issued, unless these companies just sent this notice, which is kind of strange. Our checks are only good for two years. I'm surprised they're in a row and both from Konica/Minolta. We'll check into it.
Any questions or comments on that one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Hasse Construction. This is from the Engineering Department. Invoice is dated 10/31/25, amount of $39,892.89. Explanation: Invoice was received on time without

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recommendation letter from engineer. By the time we received the recommendation, we forwarded for payment, the books were closed.

Any questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the aforementioned five late invoices and check into the two from Konica.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a request from the Building Department. This is for a Notice-to-Proceed. The contractor is Actin. The task is for demolition of 515 Narva and 403 Vernon. The contract for this demolition was previously approved by the Board on August 14, 2025.

Is there any questions or comments on this?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve the Building Department's request for the Notice-to-Proceed with the demolition of these two aforementioned buildings.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from the Building Department, proposal from Slayer Plumbing. It's requesting approval for cutting and capping service on the main on various locations for demolition, at a rate of $5,750.00 per property with a not-to-exceed of $88,000.00. So properties that are going to be demolished, they have to close off the water.

Any questions or comments?

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MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: I'd like to make a motion approving the proposal from Slayer Plumbing with the Building Department.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have the City's Homeowners Incentive Program from Redevelopment. We have a contract with the City of East Chicago and Board of Public Works and Redevelopment Commission regarding the city funded Homeowners Incentive Program. We also have with us from Redevelopment a corresponding resolution number 2026-RED-1962 which extends this program from January 1st, 2026 through December 31st, 2027. This is a two-year program. And as mentioned, it's their resolution and the contract is required each year.

MR. RIVERA: Absolutely.

MR. GOMEZ: As I mentioned, the contract is between the City and the Redevelopment Commission regarding City funding the Homeowners Incentive Program, an agreement entered into by the City of East Chicago by and through it's Board of Public Works and East Chicago Redevelopment Commission. It's to extend the Homeowners Incentive Program to allow the Board to assist in the purchasing of new or existing homes, housing in the City of East Chicago, outside of the North Harbor District.

Little bit of history, this was first enacted June 11th, 2012 by the City Council. This was passed by the Council as 12-0006 authorizing governmental cooperation agreement between the City and Redevelopment Commission founded in 2012. As I said it is for a total of $1,689,000.00. It does include Civil City, but the school, library, housing authority.

Expand the definition, just to give you a little of the particulars, for any person wishing to buy a new home, it's up to 25,000, plus five more if employed by the City.

MR. RIVERA: Has to be one year full time.

MR. GOMEZ: And if you are doing existing

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or reconstruction, it's 15,000.

I know I spoke to Frank before, it's one of our more successful programs that we have. How many houses so far have participated?

MR. RIVERA: So far since its inception in 2012 to 2025, 459 new home buyers who have purchased homes here and expended an allocated dollar amount of $4.8 million.

MR. GOMEZ: So it's the most successful work with Redevelopment to have more people become homeowners and also stabilize the neighborhood. That happened when the Mayor took office. At that time it was 70 percent rental and now it's shifted.

MR. RIVERA: I can assure you that in two years, $1,500,000.00 per each year, we'll spend 68 percent of those dollars. The reason for that two-year transition, there are dollars to transition so that when we have people closing on their homes, we have nothing stopping that process, so there is no delay.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the contract between the City of East Chicago, Board of Public Works, and East Chicago Redevelopment regarding City funding for the Homeowners Incentive Program.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a donation check from NIPSCO. This check if for $20,000.00. The Planning Department was presented with this check from NIPSCO. The Department of Public Affairs and Economic Development division, they are open to giving grants to different entities. They present a program that meets their guidelines and our Planning Department was successful in presenting a program for economic development under new business. This would be

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resources, forming, supplied, and businesses hoping to start or expand or relocate in the City of East Chicago. Such an agreement also details the registration and new information, and to access the capital funding and site location Work Force Development Market analysis.

Apparently NIPSCO saw the value of this program and they elected to donate $20,000.00. Thank you to NIPSCO, even though our rates are higher.

Any other questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the donation check on behalf of the Planning Department from NIPSCO.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Now we have agreements from the Law Department. The first one is Edwardo Banda, not-to-exceed of $48,000 for Professional Services Consulting Agreement. The scope of services is consulting, perform inspections and evaluations of all street lights and lighted street signs located within the City of East Chicago. Also investigate to determine City code compliance of signs, banners, fence structures within the City and notify Code Enforcement of any violation.

Under compensation, he's suppose to get a monthly fee of $4,000, subject to submittal of invoices. And as I mentioned before, not to surpass or exceed $48,000 and invoice needs to be approved by the City Engineer and Building Department.

I did have a question about this agreement and I spoke to the Law Department, because it came from the Law Department. It seems like it was enacted quick. I asked how they were going to accomplish being paid, from what account. Was it going to be that the Building Department pays for their things and Engineering pays for their things? I guess there wasn't too much information from the department. He said he would get back to me and get more details. He did apologize it was kind of done quickly. Something the Administration looked into. I don't know if it's related to Common Council complaining about lights.

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that has been brought up at several meetings. They have been kind of going to the City Engineer. That's just for the record.

Any questions or comments on this proposal?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the contract of Edwardo Banda for consultant services.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next is contract for attorneys. Basically they are all the same, so I'll just read a little bit of each one and the compensation.

First one is contract between the City of East Chicago and Attorney Eduardo Fontanez. This is to provide legal services in the prosecution of City Ordinance violations. This contract is $150.00 for non-litigation, $150.00 per hour for services performed in connection with litigation. So both the same. There's a not-to-exceed of $65,000.00. I know most of these are working with the Building Department with Code enforcement.

Any questions or comments on this agreement?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve the contract for legal services between the City East Chicago and Eduardo Fontanez.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next, Jewell Harris, Jr., Harris Law Firm for legal services for 2026. Provide certain city departments with legal services. Rates are $150.00 for non-litigation, $160.00 per hour for litigation matters,

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$90.00 per hour for legal services. Services are from January 11th to December 31, 2026, not-to-exceed $75,000.00.

Any questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the contract between the City of East Chicago and Attorney Jewell Harris, of Harris Law Firm.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a contract with Tolbert & Tolbert to provide legal services and represent City agents. This one is rates of $200.00 per hour attorney, $100.00 for paralegal, $70.00 for law clerks, not-to-exceed of $75,000.00. This one commences January 1st, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Any other questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the contract between City of East Chicago and Tolbert & Tolbert.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a contract with the City of East Chicago and Smith Sersic for the year 2026. This is for services included but not limited to legal services for action brought under the Unsafe Building Act and other action for the East Chicago Building Department to assign the demolition or repair of unsafe properties, advising the Building Department Building Commissioner of requirements by tax deed for the City and quitclaim title representing East Chicago Board and representing City of East Chicago Board of Port

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Authority and any other legal assignment to sign in writing by the City Law Department, Corporation Counsel, or City attorney.

The legal services for Smith Sersic shall include research, providing legal services, issue notices to substantial persons interested in the subject properties, and appearances before the City of Public Safety. There's a fee of $150.00 per unsafe property, with a rate of $175.00 per hour for attorney and $95.00 per hour for staff time. Services will be billed monthly for each month that the firm performs services related to the Unsafe Building Law and ordinances. This will be billed to the City of East Chicago Building Department, Attention Building Commissioner. There's a flat rate of $600.00 for property, title rate of $175.00 per hour for attorney and $95.00 per hour for staff. Services for title work will be billed monthly. Services related to tax deed shall be billed to the Law Department. This shall be billed $300.00 for property after 4.5 notices and $300.00 after 4.6 notes. Legal services will be invoiced monthly at the rate of $175.00 per hour. The total amount of services from January 1st, 2026 through December 31st, 2026 shall not exceed $65,000.00.

Any questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the contract for legal services between the City of East Chicago and Smith Sersic, Attorneys at Law, for the year 2026.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have another contract for Smith Sersic. This is for the Port Authority Board, not-to-exceed $20,000.00. This is for Kevin Smith, for said services, include advising the Port Authority Board Commission. The legal service contract monthly rate of $125.00 per hour. Total amount of services for the period from the date of this contract, January 1st, 2026 to December 31, 2026, not-to-exceed $20,000.00. This is for the Port Authority.

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Any questions or comments on this one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving this contract for legal services to City of East Chicago and Kevin Smith and the law firm for legal work pertaining to the Port Authority

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Next is City of East Chicago and Shana D. Levinson, this is the same wording, services for Public Works -- this is for legal services for Board of Public Works and Board of Public Safety. This is for the boards. Attorney shall be paid a fixed fee of $2,500.00 and $1,200.00 monthly. Report additional attorney charge for legal services monthly at the rate of $170.00 per hour, services provided in connection with litigation with the City and officials. Total amount of services for period of January 1st, 2026 to December, 31, 2026 shall not exceed $50,000.00.
Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the contract for legal services with Shana D. Levinson.
MR. RIVERA: Second.
MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Next we have another contract between the City and Law Offices of Shana D. Levinson for the Police Merit Commission. This one the rates for the Commission are $150.00 per hour for non-litigation and $175.00 an hour for litigation. Total amount for the period of contract January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026, not-to-exceed $25,000.00.
Any questions or comments on this

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one?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve this contract for legal services between the City of East Chicago and Law Offices of Shana D. Levinson for legal services for the City of East Chicago.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to Resolutions. We have Public Works Resolution 2026-01. Resolution of the East Chicago Board of Public Works authorizing the use of Lexis Nexis. The Board previously awarded the use of Lexis Nexis. This will continue the use of Lexis Nexis for the legal research of case law, not-to-exceed $6,000.00. This is to approve the services of Lexis Nexis to allow the payment for these services subject to submission of invoices approved by the City Controller and Common Council.

Any questions or comments on Resolution 2026-01?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the aforementioned resolution.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Resolution 2026-02. Resolution of East Chicago Public Works authorizing payment to Gateway Business Solutions. The Law Department uses Gateway copier services and continue the use of Gateway Solutions for supplies for the copier in the amount not-to-exceed of $2,000.00 for Public Works. This is to allow payment for Gateway Business Solutions services subject to submission of invoices approved by the City Controller and Common Council.

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Any questions or comments on this resolution?

MR. RIVERA: None.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the aforementioned resolution.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Board of Public Works Resolution 2026-03. A resolution of the East Chicago Board of Public Works authorizing use of Lexis Nexis Relix. Whereas the Board approves the contract for use of Nexis Lexis Relix and continues the use of Nexis Lexis Relix for the purpose of not limited to background checks, passports, verification of driver's license. There's an amount not-to-exceed of $6,000.00. This resolution is approving the services of Lexis Nexis Relix for payment for these services with submission of invoices approved by the City Controller and Common Council.

Any questions or comments on this resolution?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve the aforementioned resolution.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a proposal from Engineering from Midwestern Electric. This is for the decorative light replacement at Block Stadium. It involves installing new light fixtures and observe all in working order. The amount is $8,661.00. It's broken down; material $7,521.00, labor is $920.00, equipment is $220.00. Also remove all debris from the site.

Any questions or comments on this proposal from Midwestern Electric?

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MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion a motion to approve Midwestern Electric's proposal to Engineering.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from Austgen Electric, we have the 2026 rate schedule. This is for electrician service work, equipment rates, and design rates for 2026. There's a not-to-exceed of $100,000.00.

Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Austgen Electric's rate sheet for 2026.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Rieth Riley, presented by First Group Engineering, Change Order #2. This is change order for CCMG 2026, Change Order #2. Recommendation that the following change order be approved by vendor. The Change Order will fulfill the City of East Chicago INDOT requirement that a change order be proposed for all overrun and underrun within the project. This change order resulted in a net decrease of $789,370.80.

Any questions or comments?

MR. RIVERA: None.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Change Order #2 for the project with a decrease amount.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Now we come to right-of-way applications for the Engineering Department. We have Board of Public Works right-of-way applications number 25-051245 through 26-051258.
Any questions or comments on the aforementioned 13 right-of-way applications?

MR. RIVERA: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the right-of-way applications for the Engineering Department.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
That concludes all our new business. We have no other business.
Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 4:30 p.m..
That concludes all items on the agenda for tonight, I'd like to make a motion for adjournment.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
January 8, 2026
Approved and Signed January 8, 2026.

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Val Gomez, President

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Winna Guzman, Vice President

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Frank Rivera, member

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Olga Cosme, Secretary

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 12th day of January, 2026.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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