CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF STORM WATER COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Flowers, President
Henry Ventura, Vice-President
Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Member
Tia Cauley, Member
Jawann Jones, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present In Chambers: Steve Flowers, Henry Ventura, Ben Moricz, Tia Cauley, Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers: Lilia Ramos, Secretary
Allen Lee, Utilities

Staff Present via Zoom: Joseph Allegretti, Legal

MR. FLOWERS: Meeting of Storm Water Commissioners for January 15th, 2026 at 4:00 will now come to order.

Before we get started, do I have a motion to approve the minutes from December 18th, 2025 as written?

MR. JONES: Make a motion to approve.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Check Warrants: Warrant 011526 ST, amount of $65,402.04.

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MR. JONES: Make a motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Payroll Warrants. Warrant 121925 Storm Water payroll, dates of 11-29-25 to 12-12-25 and Warrant 010226 Storm Water payroll, dates of 12-13-25 to 12-26-25.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Report from Legal Counsel, Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report, Mr. President, only to say again that the Common Council did approve the modification to the fees for Storm Water fees, along with the sewer user charges for the Sanitary District fees. The Sanitary rates will be going into effect at the next distribution of water invoices to our customers. The Storm Water fees won't go into effect, because we missed the window, they won't go into effect until calendar year 2027. I think our financial pressures because of lack of revenue is going to be fixed quickly. Thank you.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.
Report from Field Operations, Allan Lee, Utility Director.

MR. LEE: Same report from last time.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you.
Report from Financial, Rebecca Sliger. It's inserted in our packet and she is not present.
New Business: First is election of officers. I open the floor for nominations for Vice-president for the year 2026.

MR. VENTURA: I nominate Henry Ventura.

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MR. JONES: Motion to approve Henry Ventura as Vice-president.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

MR. VENTURA: I accept.

MR. FLOWERS: Congratulations, Mr. Ventura, you are Vice-president for 2026.
I open the floor for nominations for president for 2026.
MR. VENTURA: I nominate Steve Flowers for president.

MR. FLOWERS: Are there any other nominations? If not, I accept.
MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.
MR. JONES: I'll second the motion.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
There are no resolutions. We'll move on to Agreements/Proposals/Quotes/Rate Sheets.
1. Altorfer CAT Power Systems rate sheet, not-to-exceed $80,000.00.
2. 2026 City of EC Vehicle Equipment Maintenance Service Policy.
3. Gasvoda 2026 rate sheet, not-to-exceed $50,000.00.
MR. JONES: Make a motion to approve.
MR. VENTURA: Second.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Other Business: City Ordinance No. 25-0015, enacting proposed amendments to the system of user fees for the operation and maintenance of the East Chicago Storm Water System. This is for

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informational purposes only.
Public Comment: None
Our next scheduled meeting, Commissioners, is February 5, 2026, here in the Chambers at the 4:00 p.m..
Need a motion to adjourn.

MR. VENTURA: Motion to adjourn.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned. Thank you everyone.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
January 15th, 2026

Approved and signed _____

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Henry Ventura, Vice-President

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Tia Cauley

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Ben Moricz

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Lilia Ramos, Recording 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 19th of January, 2026.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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