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, February 5th, 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, Tia Cauley

Staff Present in Chambers: Lilia Ramos, Secretary

Staff Present via Zoom: Allan Lee, Utilities
Joseph Allegretti, Legal

MR. FLOWERS: Meeting of Storm Water Commissioners for February 5th, 2026 at 4:00 will now come to order.

Before we get started, do I have a motion to approve the minutes from January 15th, 2026 as written?

MS. CAULEY: 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 123125 ST, amount of $15.00; Warrant 020526 ST, amount of $33,911.25.

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MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Payroll Warrants: Warrant 011626 Storm Water Payroll, dates of 12-27-25 to 1-9-26; Warrant 013026 Storm Water Payroll, dates of 1-10-26 to 1-23-26.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.

(All signify aye.)

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.

Report from Legal Counsel, Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just to remind the Board, the Council did approve our increase in our Storm Water fees. Because those fees are not paid on the water bill, on the sewer user account, they are paid from the County. The County adds them to the County tax bill that comes out twice a year. We missed the window of opportunity to get them on the 2026, payroll in 2026. So even though they have been approved, they will not go in effect and appear on the property tax bills until a year from now. That's all.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.

Report from Field Operations: Allan Lee.

MR. LEE: Mostly the same. Today we had a meeting with Redevelopment and the City for the storm water, for our wet permits. We are beginning that application in the packet when it goes out.

Also, there is an ordinance -- there is a fee that's being addressed. So we are going to be looking at that very closely and getting that in the package, so when there is a wet permit, they also pay that fee, which was adopted by the City Council. So we'll be adding that and have more information at the next meeting.

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MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Lee.
Report from Financial: Rebecca Sliger. Information in the packet.
New Business: Agreements/Proposals/Rate Sheets.
ALS Holland, MI 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $150,000.00.
ALS Holland, MI 2026 Quote WETT Testing Quote, $1,700.00.
Tonkovich Oil 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $20,000.00.
Automation & Control Services Inc. 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $50,000.00.
MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.
MR. VENTURA: Second the motion.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Past Due: We have the Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc., $19,327.78. Explanation: Received invoice via an e-mail January 26th. Invoices e-mailed to past employee and attached is e-mail from BFS confirming the same.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Public Comment: None
Our next scheduled meeting is February 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.
Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion to adjourn.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

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

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday February 5th, 2026

Approved and signed _____

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Steve Flowers, President

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Henry Ventura, Vice-President

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Tia Cauley

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Ben Moricz

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Jawann Jones

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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 11th day of February, 2026.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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