CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY 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 19, 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
Allan Lee, Utilities

Staff Present via Zoom: Joseph Allegretti, Legal

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Commissioners of East Chicago for February 19th, 2026. I need a motion to approve minutes from February 5th, 2026 as written.

MR. JONES: Motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Check Warrants: Sanitary District Wastewater Division: Warrant 021926 SR, amount of $12,957.00; Warrant 021026 SW, amount of $59,067.00; Warrant 021926 SW, amount of $345,734.82.

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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 021326 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 1-24-26 to 2-6-26; Warrant 021326 Wastewater Payroll, dates of 1-24-26 to 2-6-26; Warrant 021326 Utilities Payroll, dates of 1-24-26 to 2-6-26.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion for approval.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Sanitary District Solid Waste Division: Warrant 021926 SS, amount of $48,113.25; Warrant 021326 Solids Payroll, dates of 1-24-26 to 2-6-26.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion for approval.

MR. JONES: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Report from Solid Waste: Jaylan Robinson, Director. Not present.
Report of Field Operations: Allan Lee, Utility Director.

MR. LEE: I gave you the report. Just something new, that last page. So that tells you what is being fixed over the next week and what was fixed last week.
MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Lee.
Report from Financial Consultant: Rebecca Sliger. She's not present.
And report from Legal Counsel, Mr. Joe Allegretti.
MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report, Mr.

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President.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti. New Business. We have Agreements/Proposals/Quotes/Rate Sheets. Midwestern Electric, LLC Proposal - $55,569.00.

MR. JONES: Make a motion for approval.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Mersino 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $90,000.00.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion for approval.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. SDI Proposal - $8,544.00.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Morrison Construction 2026 Rate Sheet, not-to-exceed $100,000.00.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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

MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries. Thomas Irrigation Proposal, not-to-exceed $5,000.00.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

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MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Public Comment: None
Our next meeting date is March 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., here in Council Chambers.
Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. JONES: Make a motion for adjournment.

MS. CAULEY: 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 19th, 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 23rd day of February, 2026.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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