CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 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
Allan Lee, Utilities Director
Rebecca Sliger, Financial
Joseph Allegretti, Legal

MR. FLOWERS: I will now call to order the regular meeting of the Sanitary Board of Commissioners of East Chicago for April 16th, 2026. I need a motion to approve minutes from the April 2nd, 2026 meeting as written.

MR. VENTURA: Motion for approval.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Check Warrants: Sanitary District Wastewater Division: Warrant 040926 SW, amount of $59,067.00; Warrant 041026 SW, amount of $78,933.85; Warrant 041626 SW, amount of $88,892.05.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

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MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Payroll Warrants: Warrant 041026 Sanitary Board Payroll, dates of 3-21-26 to 4-3-26; Warrant 041026 Wastewater Payroll, dates of 3-21-26 to 4-3-26; Warrant 041026 Utility Payroll, dates of 3-21-26 to 4-3-26.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Sanitary District Solid Waste Division: Warrant 041626 SS, amount of $192,148.87; Warrant 041026 Solids Payroll, dates of 3-21-26 to 4-3-26.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

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

MR. LEE: You have the report from two weeks ago, that's pretty much the same.
MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Lee.
Report from Financial Consultant, Rebecca Sliger.
MS. SLIGER: The report was in your packet, Mr. President. If anybody has any questions, you can ask me here or reach me at the office at any time.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Miss Sliger.
The final report is from Legal

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Counsel, Mr. Joe Allegretti.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: No report, but I have some comments preliminary for the next item on the agenda, the public hearing.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti. First item under New Business, I'd like to call to order the Public Hearing concerning the proposed works of improvements.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: As the Board recalls, back on April 2nd, the Board adopted its so-called declaratory resolution, which they declare the public necessity to construct certain additions and improvements to the Lagoon Lift Station, oxidation and ditch repair, de-wartering equipment, power and system replacement, finally the clarifier rehabilitation, sludge pump to filtration improvement, ultraviolet improvements, clarifying system expansion, and other things.

That resolution is preliminary and as you recall, is prior to the statutory process and allows the Sanitary District to borrow money, issuing bonds for Public Works projects. That resolution directed that a notice of a public hearing be published, which actually did in fact happen, and the public hearing is scheduled for today.

I guess at this time, Mr. President, I'd request that you ask if there is any persons in the audience that care to be heard on the subject of the resolution that was advertised, declaratory resolution and the confirmatory resolution, that's going to be taken up after the public hearing.

I'd just notice that there are no persons here to address the Board.

MR. FLOWERS: Do I just make the announcement?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I think, Mr. President, you can bang the gavel and close the public hearing portion of this meeting.

MR. FLOWERS: All right. The public comments are closed. I'm going to close the public comments as of right now. Is there a motion to close the public meeting?

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MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

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

MR. ALLEGRETTI: The next item on the agenda, Mr. President, is resolution SD 26-08, which is the resolution I just described confirming the declaratory resolution that's confirming the public necessity described. The declaratory resolution is in fact a public necessity and acknowledges that a public hearing has been held and properly advertised, and that the Board then is free to consider the confirmatory resolution, which is the first resolution item on the agenda.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti. Should I read the resolution?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Just by title.

MR. FLOWERS: SD 26-08, Resolution of the East Chicago Sanitary District Board confirming the declaratory resolution regarding proposed works of improvement and related matters.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Next we have SD 26-09 resolution. Are you going to address that, Mr. Allegretti?

MR. ALLEGRETTI: No. You can continue.

MR. FLOWERS: SD 26-09, a Resolution of the East Chicago Sanitary District Board authorizing the permanent transfer of funds from the sewage replacement reserve fund 6206 to sewage utility operating fund 6201.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

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MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Finally we have SD 26-10, a resolution of the East Chicago Sanitary District Board authorizing the transfer of appropriations into different budget categories.

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.

MS. CAULEY: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Next we have Agreements/Proposals/Quotes/Rate Sheets: Faegre Drinker Agreement 1/1/26 to 12/31/26, not-to-exceed of $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.
Lindco Equipment Quote $18,370.44.
MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to approve.
MS. CAULEY: Second.
MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Past Due Memo - Industrial Service Repair Inc., amount of $6,366.17. Explanation: Invoice mailed from vendor April 6, 2026.

MS. CAULEY: Make a motion.

MR. VENTURA: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: All in favor signify aye.
(All signify aye.)
MR. FLOWERS: Motion carries.
Public Comment: None

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Our next meeting date is May 7, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., in Chambers.
Is there a motion to adjourn?

MR. VENTURA: Make a motion to adjourn.

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 April 16th, 2026

Approved and signed _____

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Tia Cauley

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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 20th day of April, 2026.



Peggy S. LaLonde

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