CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Olga Cosme, Secretary
Shana D. Levinson, Legal Counsel
James Portalatin, Building Commissioner

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez
Frank Rivera
Winna Guzman

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for August 13th, 2026. We do have a quorum.

We have no correspondence, we'll move on to New Business. First item on the agenda is from the Building Department. We have a request for proposals for removal of asbestos from 406 Vernon and 4848 Alexander, and also in addition, a request for quotation for 518 Emlyn. This is a quote for removal of asbestos containing material. James?

MR. PORTALATIN: James Portalatin, East Chicago Building Commissioner. The asbestos request is with Amereco. It was accepted by Amereco for 406 Vernon and 4848 Alexander. We only received one proposal of the companies that it was sent out it. We did send it out to Staff Environmental Alliance and M & O Environmental Company. M & O Environmental Company was the one proposal that we received.

If I may approach, I can give you a copy of that proposal. And so for the property at 406

Vernon, the amount for removal of asbestos will come out to be lump sum of $16,150.00 and for 4848 Alexander the asbestos removal will be at $19,100.00. Also it will have a rate schedule for $1,500.00 per day due to the fact if there is some material that they were not able to sift through once they demolish the structure, they have to be on-site to be able to see that, because they weren't able to gain access throughout the whole building.

MR. GOMEZ: Is there an additional cost if you have to come back to board that up later?

MR. PORTALATIN: No. They will be on-site during the demolition of the property, so then they will be able to analyze what needs to be sorted and taken properly disposed of, or if they see anything that has asbestos. Typically I would say it would be like about a three-day process. So that 1500 may be -- could be like four days. We can leave it at 6,000, plus whatever the added cost will be. So I would say, to be safe --

MR. GOMEZ: Not to exceed for 3 days or 4 days?

MR. PORTALATIN: I would say four days, and then it will be what it is. But I don't see it going beyond four days for sure. So that will be 6,000, plus the 19,100 and the 16,250, whatever that comes out to.

MR. GOMEZ: I'll separate them in the motion.

MR. PORTALATIN: Okay.

MR. GOMEZ: Are we done with this one?

MR. PORTALATIN: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: So the proposal to remove the asbestos at 406 Vernon and 4848 Alexander, I'd like to make a motion accepting the bid from M & O Environmental Company, they are the only one that responded, am I correct?

MR. PORTALATIN: Out of three, yes.

MR. GOMEZ: So the quote for 406 Vernon was 16,150 and the quote for 4848 Alexander was 19,100, with a unit price, we are going to allow 1,500 a day extra, not-to-exceed of 6,000. Once they inspect the site, this is an additional cost, right?

MR. PORTALATIN: Correct.

MR. GOMEZ: And this is the only company that bid or gave us a quote. It's the lowest and most responsive bid. I'd like to make a motion accepting this proposal from M & O Environmental.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Okay, now you want to explain the other one?

MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. The next thing on the agenda is the Harbor Group. I don't know if it's there. This was for 518 Emlyn. They sent it out to Northwest Indiana Environmental, Midwest Services and M & O Environmental Company. Unfortunately we did not receive any proposals for the work. It's for asbestos removal at 518 Emlyn. But I did want to put it on the record that we did request proposals and then we'll be able to rebid then. It could be because of the storm and everything that's going on.

MR. GOMEZ: You going to send them out again for rebid?

MR. PORTALATIN: Most likely.

MR. GOMEZ: So this one, basically we are going to put on hold?

MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. And then the other thing is Harbor Group requests --

MR. GOMEZ: That concludes our first item. The second item is for Harbor Group Pre-Demo Survey, with not-to-exceed of $10,000.00.

MR. PORTALATIN: This is a request for -- it's the same rate schedule that was previously

approved, but we are just requesting that their PO be increased to another $10,000.00. There is quite a few properties that we are needing for them to inspect, and IDEM is requiring us to do more sampling. Because of that, the PO that we used maybe would be like 2 or 3 samples, now it's quite substantial. The increase in cost for the asbestos sampling has increased. But that's what IDEM is requesting and we have good standing with IDEM, and definitely want to keep it that way.

MR. GOMEZ: So the original proposal the Board of Works approved on 8/28/25 with a not-to-exceed of $10,000.00 and you want to add another $10,000.00, amend to add another $10,000.00.

MR. PORTALATIN: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: That feels adequate. Any questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the Building Department's request to extend purchase order 2611200 to amend to add another $10,000.00 not-to-exceed.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

MR. PORTALATIN: Thank you.

MR. GOMEZ: Thank you, James.

MR. PORTALATIN: Have a good evening.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Next on the agenda we have City of East Chicago Public Works Department. We have Public Works auction items Marina vehicle number 4017. We do have letter from Jaylen Johnson, Maintenance Manager.

"Attached you will find a description and photos of a 2003 Ford Ranger pickup truck formerly belonging to the East Chicago Marina. The vehicle is in poor condition and the underbody rusting and signs of rust in various places on the outer body of the vehicle. The vehicle also has a

recent history of electrical and mechanical issues that are typical for this make and model as it currently sits at 23 years of use by the City of East Chicago.

With obtained approval from the Mayor's office we ask that the listed vehicle be deemed surplus and auctioned off in the near future."

And they give a description, the VIN number. Any questions or comments on this item? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Public Works proposal to auction off this vehicle.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from our IT Department, we have Steiner Electric. This is for the server room. It's the UPS annual maintenance from IT. We do have a statement from Kevin Klocek, our Systems Administrator.

"Steiner Electric Company server room UPS annual maintenance. Description: This renewal is for Maintenance Service for the UPS backup unit in the IT Server Room to be provided by Steiner Electric Co. The annual 12 month maintenance cost is $3,570.54."

The terms is from October 1, 2026, through 9/30/27. Are there any questions or comments on this agreement?

MR. RIVERA: I contacted Kevin to make sure I was clear with the whole idea of the battery replacement. Basically when they get the service in place they will be able to make checkups. If there are any battery issues they will invoice for that.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Any other questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Steiner Electric's proposal for IT Department.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have -- this is for Special Events. I think it's MUNTU Dance Theater. This is for a proposal from the MUNTU Dance Theater, East Chicago Seniors on the Lake Event. The amount is $3,000.00. This is for performers to perform for the Seniors on the Lake Event.

Any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving MUNTU Dance Theater's proposal for Special Events.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have also from Special Events a proposal from Iglesia Del Dios Vivo Columna, Seniors on the Lake, for catering services for 280 plates for Seniors on the Lake event. It's scheduled for 8/27/26. The amount is $10,080.00.

Are there any questions or comments on this one? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the proposal from Iglesia Del Dios Vivo Columna for catering service for Seniors on the Lake.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have also have from Special Events, South Morgan Studio, three proposals for service for Special Events. This is for the Kielbasa Fest for $4,975.00; Monarch Fest for $2,600.00; and third one is for Viva Fest for $6,900.00. This is for the complete stage services for the events.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving South Morgan Studios for the Special Events.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Next we have a donation check from Fife Funeral Home to the Fire Department for $100.00. We have a letter from Fire Chief Marc Escebedo.
"Dear Board Members, The funeral home has awarded the East Chicago Fire Department a $100.00 donation in support for our annual programs for this year. These funds will be used for services for our future fire programs. Please let this submission show a record of the East Chicago Fire Department's acceptance of these funds."
Any questions or comments on this donation? (None)
There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion accepting Fife Funeral Home's donation to 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 outstanding invoices. I will go through each one and make a motion at the the end.
First one from the Fire Department, it's for a company called Breathing Air Systems. They have an invoice dated 4/17/26, amount of $895.48. Explanation: Communication breakdown.
Any questions or comments on this one? (None)
Next one is from the Mayor' Office, Chief of Staff, Sandra Fravela. The vendor is Dentons. One late invoice dated 11/30/25, amount of $5,000,00. Explanation: Invoice was billed incorrectly and had to be redone.
Any questions or comments on this one? (None)
Next one we have from Human Resource Department. Vendor is Occupational Health. Late invoice dated 5/31/26, amount of $311.88. Explanation: The following invoice was missed due to current accounts payable employee not having direct access to invoicing.
Any questions or comments on this one? (None)
Next we have a late invoice from

Engineering Department, from Austgen Electric. It's dated 6/3/25, amount is $8,459.14. Explanation: The invoice was received late. Services has been rendered and invoice should be processed.

Any questions or comments? (None)

The last one, also from Engineering Department, from Midwestern Electric. The amount is $30,433.59. If you notice on your paperwork, there is attached quite a number of outstanding invoices. And Midwestern Electric, they are ones responsible for checking all the lights at night, but we usually get an invoice from them. Explanation: The Department discovered the attached invoices were not paid when the contractor called inquiring on payment. The Department requested copies of invoices. Services have been rendered and invoices should be paid.

Any questions or comments on this one? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion accepting the five aforementioned late invoices to be paid to various vendors.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Access Agreement with Chicago Waterway District. This is an Access Agreement between the Board of Public Works of the City of East Chicago, Indiana and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes National Program Office for the Great Lakes Legacy Act Grand Calumet River Junction Reaches Sediment Remediation Project.

"This Access Agreement is made and entered into as of the 13th day of August 2026, by and between the Board of Public Works and the City of East Chicago, a municipal body organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana (Owner) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) concerning the following described properties owned and controlled by the owners.

The properties are as follows: Property located at 5200 Indianapolis Boulevard, the property occupied by the East Chicago Sanitary District, Parcel number

45-03-32-401-002-000-024 and
45-03-32-427-003.000-024."

I'm just going to list the common address, but include the parcel numbers for the record.

The next one is 5201 Indianapolis Boulevard. The property occupied by East Chicago Sanitary District, Parcel number 45-03-32-252-001.000-024.

The next one is property at 5500 Indianapolis Boulevard, and again property occupied by East Chicago Sanitary District, Parcel number 45-02-32-401-001.000-024.

The next is property located at 24 Carroll Street, East Chicago. The property is currently a vacant lot. Parcel number 45-03-32-427-001-000.024.

Next the property located at 4000 East Chicago Avenue. The property currently occupied by East Chicago Water Department. Parcel number 45-02-28-302-002.000-024.

And final one is the property located at southwest corner of Private Street and Chicago Avenue, the property occupied by the City water tower. Parcel Number 45-03-28-303-001-000.024.

All parcels identifications are listed in the documents and they will be copied and a copy given to you.

"The the employees and authorized representatives, agents, assigns, consultants, contractors and subcontractors of the United States Environmental Protection Agency have interest in accessing the properties described above and shown in Exhibit A. Exhibit A includes the match of the locations in order to implement remedial action construction activities. The activities conducted by the EPA are undertaken as part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program to remove contaminated sediments to the Grand Calumet River and Indiana Harbor Canal to improve human and environmental health.

EPA shall in the exercise of the rights and privileges granted by this agreement, adhere to and comply with good engineering practices and all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders applicable to the EPA's activities and the work performed upon the property."

So they have Exhibit A, which is the

map. Exhibit B has the work.

Anybody have any other comments?

MS. LEVINSON: I did review the contract and I spoke to Fernando Trevino about this. We did go over some words back and forth between us as the EPA had language, "if there are insufficient funds they won't restore us", but that is a necessary part of the Anti-Deficiency Act. They had to put that in no matter what, it's part of the EPA contracts with the provider. We know the money will already be funded, so we know there will be an amount. But before the contract is actually signed, we should be clear on it, otherwise I have no concerns about it.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion accepting this Access Agreement between the Board of Public Works and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes National Program.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Resolution 2026-11, transfer of 417 Vernon Avenue, included is a quitclaim and sales disclosure.

"Resolution number 2026-11, A resolution of the City of East Chicago through its Board of Public Works, for disposition of real property assessed at less than $15,000.00.

Whereas, the City of East Chicago, through its Board of Public Works is an executive department of the City of East Chicago pursuant to Indiana Code 36-4-9-4; and

Whereas, the Board of Public Works was created pursuant to Indiana Code 34-4-9-5; and

Whereas, Indiana code 36-1-11-5 sets forth a procedure for disposing of real property with an assessed value of less than $15,000.00; and

Whereas, East Chicago Board of

Public Works is the disposing agent for the property at issue herein pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-11-2(2); and

Whereas, the property at issue, mainly 417 Vernon Avenue is an approximate 25 foot strip portion of Parcel number 45-03-28-351-016.000-024 is vacant property owned by the City of East Chicago pursuant to a 2025 Deed and is valued at $7,400.00; and

Whereas the abutting landowner, Emmy Williams, has been notified by the City that it has an interest in said property; and

Whereas, the City of of East Chicago through its Board of public works has an interest in making the property available to said abutting landowner; and

Now Therefore be it resolved by the City of East Chicago through its Board of Public Works and pursuant to IC.36-1-11-5 states as follows:

1. That the prefatory statement above are incorporated herein.

2. That as the disposing agent under Indiana Code 36-1-11-5 makes a determination determination that, a) the highest and best use of this tract is sale to the abutting landowner; and b) it is economically unjustifiable to sell the tract under Indiana Code 36-1-11-4.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of East Chicago Indiana, held on August 13, 2026."

Any questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or comments -- as I mentioned before, there is a quitclaim deed and there is a sales disclosure form which is already signed and we just need Miss Williams to sign. -- there being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Resolution 2026-11.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Hasse Construction, Change Order #1, for Olcott Avenue reconstruction. First Group Engineering, they are representing the City

in this matter -- in this project. It's a change order number 1 for Olcott Reconstruction Project and we do have a letter from First Group Engineering.

"Attached is change order for addition of 4-inch ductile water main pipe, fittings, and 4-inch valve to the Olcott Avenue project.

Upon excavation for the new 8-inch water main between 149th and 148th Streets, the churches at address of 4814 and 4862 were found to have 4-inch water lines servicing them. These are old buildings and there are no records for the size of the mains feeding them. There were no 4-inch valves, lines or tees in the pay items. The change order establishes items for the 4-inch water line and 4-inch gate valves, the 4 x 8 tees, bolts, fittings, and connections are included in the cost of the water main.

The contract extra work item is offsetting these costs. This is zero dollar change order. No additional funding is required with this change order. So there are no changes."

Any questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Engineering request for Hasse Construction, Change Order #1, based on the recommendation from First Group Engineering.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Miranda's Concrete, patching at various locations. Total amount is $44,660.00.

Any questions or comments on this proposal from Engineering? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Engineering's request for accepting Miranda's Concrete's proposal for the 32 locations in the Calumet area.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next another proposal from Engineering Department. This is from Amereco Inc.. This is concerning East Chicago City Dump.

"Amereco will be providing services consistent with applicable regulations and standards to ensure that all current local, State, and Federal rules are complied with for the City Dump Planning. The amount for their engineering services through Amereco is $5,935.00.

This is East Chicago, former East Chicago City Dump Proposal #P26-3629. Amereco submits this proposal to prepare a Planning Update Memorandum on behalf of the City of East Chicago in response to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's IDEM letter dated March 31, 2026. Concerning this program, IDEM requests submittal of a Planning update by July 1, 2026. Milestone 1 Planning-Level Data Review identified in Amereco's December 20, 2025 status update and funding-oriented Planning letter.

This is a data review and planning status submittal, not the Evaluation of Alternatives, EOA itself, and is scoped accordingly. This project has been going on it appears from April 22nd, 2022. These are reports that have been compiled and submitted."

Are there any questions? And they did include their fee schedule. Any questions or comments on this one? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Engineering's request that Amereco Inc., do the status submittal for the City Dump site.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Pintos from the Engineering Department. This is for concrete patching at various locations in the Roxana area. There are 45 different locations in this project, for a total of

$12,211.30.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Pintos' proposal for patching at various locations in Roxana.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a proposal, also from Engineering. This is from 360 Degree. This is for paving the alley on 5500 block north and south, and south and north rings for the manholes. The amount is $29,597.35. This the alley for 5500-block north and south.

Any questions or comments on this one? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving 360 Degree Construction's proposal to Engineering for the various locations on the 5500 block.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from Morrison Construction, we have their 2026 rate schedule, not-to-exceed of $50,000.00. Morrison Construction conducts repairs to the Dickey Road Bridge. At the previous meeting it was brought to our attention the bridge needed repairs and this is part of those repairs.

Any questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve Morrison Construction's 2026 rate sheet and not-to-exceed of $50,000.00.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have also from Engineering, a proposal from Miranda's Concrete, patching concrete at

various locations throughout the City. The sidewalks around the City on the 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100 blocks of Carey Street, 143rd Carey Street sidewalks and remove three service walks. The amount is $19,548.00.

Any questions or comments on this one? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve Miranda's concrete proposal to Engineering for the patching of concrete at various locations.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Now we have a recommendation for Sophia Reconstruction. We have a Notice to Ward and the contract. The engineering company that is representing the City, SEH, has submitted a letter, and based on their recommendation, their letter reads that,

"Thursday, July 9th, two bids were received and read out loud about the Sophia Reconstruction Project. This project includes the installation of new water main, storm sewer improvements, pavement milling, subbase repair, concrete curbs and sidewalk replacement, curb/ramp removal, and replacement street lighting improvements, asphalt paving, striping and all restoration.

The project was publically bid pursuant to State and local bidding regulations. Two bids were received for the project. The bids were reviewed and tabulated by SEH on the attached bid tabulation, which is included in the paperwork.

There are two bids. Hasse Construction came in at $1,266,700.00 and Rieth-Riley Construction at $1,436,736.25. The Engineer estimate for the project was $1,577,610.50.

Our recommendation is to award the project to the lowest responsive responsible bidder, Hasse Construction Inc., for total of $1,266,700.00. In our opinion Hasse Construction Inc., is fully capable of performing the required work for this project. Please note that this

recommendation is subject to your approval."

So that's the recommendation. So we have Notice of Award -- first we have Notice of Award to Hasse Construction for the Sophia Reconstruction Project.

Any questions or comments on the Notice to Award? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the Notice to Award for the Sophia Reconstruction Project.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

And secondly, we have the contract for this project, which is also with SEH.

Any questions or comments on the contract? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the contract between Hasse Construction for the Sophia Reconstruction Project.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have right-of-way applications. We have Board of Works right-of-way application 26-05520 and 26-05541.

Are there any questions or comments on these right-of-way applications? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion accepting the aforementioned applications.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Under Other Business we have one item which pertains to Fusic Fest. We had to go to a different location because of the rain. So we had JLM Production for Fusic Fest for their secondary audio system, which had to be moved to Alexis Hall, and that

was quite a job moving all that equipment, for them to move over there. Total cost of the show with JLM Production Management and Consulting was $30,000.00.

Any questions or comments on this one? (None)

There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion for this proposal with JLM Productions submitted to Special Events committee in the amount of $30,000.00.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

And this -- for further knowledge -- I was informed by Special Events that because the event was rained on, we are going to get several more of these coming in because the amount was over $200,000.00. We'll deal with them one by one.

That concludes all other items on agenda. Our next regular meeting is Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 4:30 p.m..

That concludes all items on the agenda 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
August 13, 2026
Approved and Signed August 13, 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

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 day of August, 2026.

Peggy S. LaLonde

