
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE THORN CREEK BASIN SANITARY DISTRICT
HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT 1:00 P.M.**



CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following trustees were present at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District, held February 18, 2026:

Carmen. E. Sendejas, President/ Treasurer
Joseph P. Stanfa, Vice President
Raymond C. Robertson, Clerk

Also present were: Vlado Vranjes, Attorney; and staff members: Jennifer Hindel, Executive Director; Lucas Streicher, Director of Operations; Jeremy Stubbs, Technical Services Director; Norma Cash, Finance Director; and Nora Rhein, Human Resource Coordinator.

GUESTS: Brian Roemer, Ehlers Public Financial Advisors, and Dan Small, P.E., Strand Associates Inc.

MINUTES

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, approving the minutes of the regular meeting, held on January 21, 2026, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION OF SEWER RATE STUDY- PHASE II

Presentation by Ehlers Public Finance Advisors, of a summary of Phase II of a Sewer Rate Study. (No Action Required).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Trustee Sendejas asked for public comments. Individuals will be given the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees on matters related to the agenda. Each individual must state his or her name and will be limited to five minutes.

No comments were made.

DISBURSEMENTS

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, that the accounts be allowed and warrants drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the same. Check numbers 62655 through 62715, and 10409, and 10410 were issued in the amount of \$395,608.09 for the Corporate Fund expenses, in the amount of \$130,622.74 for the Capital Improvement Fund expenses. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, that the Financial Report be accepted as of January 31, 2026. Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Legal Report

Attorney Vlado Vranjes reported:

- Attorney Vranjes had nothing to report.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Hindel reported:

- Director Hindel congratulated the Trustees on their upcoming anniversary with the District.
- Director Hindel also reminded the Trustees of the upcoming annual operating budget process.

Operations Report

Director of Operations Lucas Streicher reported:

- For the month of January, the District had no excess days or Homewood excess flow discharge, and the District met all permit limits for both the main plant and the Homewood Excess Flow facility.
- February will be reported on fully at next month's board meeting and overall, the plant is functioning very well at this time.
- See below.

Engineering Report

Technical Services Director Jeremy Stubbs reported:

- There were no connection permits issued this month.
- See below.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Norma Cash reported:

- The District is 75% through the Fiscal Year.
- Interest income is 5.2% under budget.

PURCHASE OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT NOT REQUIRED TO BE BID

None.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Authorization to Advertise for Bids — Sodium Hypochlorite

Request by Director of Operations Streicher for authorization to advertise for bids for a one- year contract to supply sodium hypochlorite to the District from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Trustee Stanfa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, authorizing to advertise bids for a one- year contract to supply sodium hypochlorite to the District from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. Motion unanimously carried.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids — Ferric Chloride

Request by Director of Operations Streicher for authorization to advertise for bids for a one-year contract to supply ferric chloride to the District from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, authorizing to advertise for bids for a one-year contract to supply ferric chloride to the District from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. Motion unanimously carried.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

▪ **Chicago Heights Replacement Pump #3 Project**

L. Streicher

Bids – Chicago Heights Replacement Pump #3

Presentation by Director of Operations Lucas Streicher of the following bids for the Chicago Heights Replacement Pump #3 Project. The bids were publicly opened and read in the order received on February 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Flowtech Solutions Inc.	\$50,695.00

Trustee Robertson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to award the contract for the Chicago Heights Replacement Pump #3 Project to Flowtech Solutions Inc., in the amount of \$50,695.00 to Flowtech Solutions Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

▪ **HEF Pump #8 Replacement Project**

J. Stubbs

Application for Payment #1 – Dahme Mechanical Industries Inc.

Presentation by Technical Service Director Stubbs of Application for Payment #1 from Dahme Mechanical Industries Inc., in the amount of \$4,500, for the completion of work for the HEF Pump #8 Replacement Project.

Original Contract Sum:	\$ 228,888.00
Total Completed to Date:	\$ 5,000.00
Less Retainage:	\$ 500.00
Previous Payments:	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due:	\$ 4,500.00

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to approve Application for Payment #1 from Dahme Mechanical Industries Inc., in the amount of \$4,500.00 for completion of work for the HEF Pump #8 Replacement Project. Motion unanimously carried.

■ 2022 Electrical Upgrades Project

J. Stubbs

Change Order No. 7 – Connelly Electric Co.

Presentation by Technical Services Director Stubbs of Change Order No. 7 from Connelly Electric Co., authorizing a credit in the amount of \$37,181.00 for unused allowances under to the 2022 Electrical Upgrades Project.

Original Contract Sum:	\$ 849,000.00
Total Change Orders To Date:	\$ 259,546.17
Amount of Current Change Order:	\$(37,181.00)
Updated Contract Sum:	\$1,071,365.17

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to approve Change Order No. 7 from Connelly Electric Co., authorizing a credit in the amount of \$37,181.00 for unused allowances under to the 2022 Electrical Upgrades Project. Motion unanimously carried.

Application for Payment No. 14 (Final) – Connelly Electric Co.

Presentation by Technical Services Director Stubbs of Application for Payment No. 14 (Final) from Connelly Electric Co., in the amount of \$69,359.74, for the completion of work for the 2022 Electrical Upgrades Project.

Original Contract Sum:	\$ 849,000.00
Total Change Orders to Date:	\$ 222,365.17
Updated Contract Sum:	\$1,071,365.17
Total Completed to Date:	\$1,071,365.17
Less Retainage:	\$ 0
Liquidated Damages:	\$ 52,632.00
Previous Payments:	\$ 949,373.43
Total Amount Due:	\$ 69,359.74

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to assess liquidated damages in the amount of \$52,632, and to approve Application for Payment No. 14 (Final) from Connelly Electric Co., in the amount of \$69,359.74, for the completion of work for the 2022 Electrical Upgrades Project. Motion unanimously carried.

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Amendment No. 2— Task Order No. 22-05—Strand Associates, Inc.

Presentation by Technical Services Director Stubbs of Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 22-05 from Strand Associates, Inc., for additional construction engineering services related to the 2022 Electrical Upgrades Project, on a time- and- materials basis in an amount not to exceed \$52,632.

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to approve Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 22-05 from Strand Associates, Inc., for additional construction engineering services related to the 2022 Electrical Upgrades Project, on a time- and- materials basis in an amount not to exceed \$52,632. Motion unanimously carried.

Bids – Land Application Program

Presentation by Technical Services Director Stubbs of the following bids for the hauling and application of biosolids to farmlands, effective May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2028. The bids were publicly opened and read in the order received on February 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Stewart Spreading, Inc.	\$1,994,520.00
2. Synagro Central, LLC	\$2,341,454.00

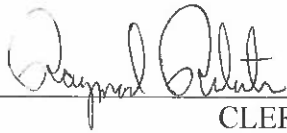
Trustee Robertson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to award the contract for the hauling and application of biosolids to farmlands, effective May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2028 to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in the amount of \$1,994,520.00 to Gaskill and Walton Construction Company. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion made by Trustee Stanfa seconded by Trustee Robertson that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

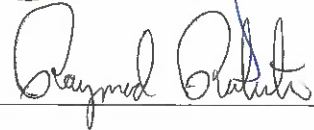


CLERK

APPROVED:



PRESIDENT



TRUSTEE



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