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

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**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 March 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:** None.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, approving the minutes of the regular meeting, held on February 18, 2026, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**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 62720 through 62799, and 10411, and 10412 were issued in the amount of \$418,941.79 for the Corporate Fund expenses, in the amount of \$213,473.21 for the Capital Improvement Fund expenses, and in the amount of \$5,840 for the Treatment Plant Upgrade Fund expenses. Motion unanimously carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, approving the transfer of funds to the NOW account in the amount of \$100,000, upon need, as of March 18, 2026. Motion unanimously carried.

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, that the Financial Report be accepted as of February 28, 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 President Sendejas and Trustee Stanfa on their first-year anniversary with the District.
- See below.

**Operations Report**

Director of Operations Lucas Streicher reported:

- For the month of February, 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.
- March has had significantly wetter weather and 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 83% through the Fiscal Year.
- Interest income is 5.5% under budget.

**PURCHASE OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT NOT REQUIRED TO BE BID**

Building 8 Office High Efficiency Light Improvements

Presentation by Operations Director Lucas Streicher of the following quotes for the Building 8 Office High Efficiency Light Improvements Project.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Courtesy Electric Inc.	\$16,060 (\$2,286 rebate)
2. Robe Inc. (Sourcewell)	\$22,448.36 (\$2,000 rebate)
3. Ryan Electric Services Inc.	No Quote
4. Carrier Electric Company	No Quote

Trustee Stanfa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, award the contract to Courtesy Electric Inc. for the Building 8 Office High Efficiency Light Improvements Project in the amount of \$16,060, as the lowest responsive and responsible quote. Motion unanimously carried.

Backwash Pump Discharge 14" EZ Valve Purchase

Presentation by Director of Operations Streicher of the following quotes for the purchase of a Backwash Pump Discharge 14" EZ Valve, at the main plant.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Calumet City Plumbing Co.	\$ 22,400
2. Gaskill & Walton Construction Co.	\$ 29,800

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to award the contract to Calumet City Plumbing Co. for the purchase of a Backwash Pump Discharge 14" EZ Valve in the amount of \$22,400, as the lowest responsive and responsible quote. Motion unanimously carried.

Backwash Pump Discharge 14" EZ Valve Excavation and Backfill

Presentation by Director of Operations Streicher of the following quotes for the Backwash Pump Discharge 14" EZ Valve Excavation and Backfill, at the main plant.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Calumet City Plumbing Co.	\$ 24,400.00
2. Gaskill & Walton Construction Co.	\$ 44,873.29

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, to award the contract to Calumet City Plumbing Co. for the Backwash Pump Discharge 14" EZ Valve Excavation and Backfill in the amount of \$24,400, as the lowest responsive and responsible quote. Motion unanimously carried.

Sodium Bisulfite

Presentation by Director of Operations Streicher, of the following quotes for a one-year contract to supply the District with Liquid Sodium Bisulfite, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. PVS Technologies, Inc.	\$1.89/gallon
2. Alexander Chemical Corporation	\$2.299/gallon

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to award the contract to PVS Technologies, Inc., for a one-year contract to supply the District with Liquid Sodium Bisulfite, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, at the price of \$1.89/gallon as the lowest responsible and responsive quote. Motion unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

None.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Five-Year Capital Plan

Presentation by Executive Director Hindel of the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan.

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, approve the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan. Motion unanimously carried.

Bids – Sodium Hypochlorite

Presentation by Director of Operations Streicher, of the following bids for a one-year contract to supply the District with Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. The bids were publicly opened and read in the order received on March 12, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Rowell Chemical Corporation	\$1.439/gallon
2. Alexander Chemical Corporation	\$1.475/gallon
3. Olin Corporation	\$2.22/gallon

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to award the contract to Rowell Chemical Corporation for the one-year supply of Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite to the District, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, at the price of \$1.439/gallon as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Motion unanimously carried.

Bids – Ferric Chloride

Presentation by Director of Operations Streicher, of the following bids for a one-year contract to supply the District with Ferric Chloride, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. The bids were publicly opened and read in the order received on March 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Kemira Water Solutions, Inc.	\$958/dry ton
2. PVS Technologies, Inc.	Did not provide a quote

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to award the contract to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc for the one-year supply of Ferric Chloride to the District, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, at the price of \$958/dry ton as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. Motion unanimously carried.

Secondary Lift Station Pump Rehabilitation – Sole Source Contract

Request by Technical Services Director Stubbs to declare Charles R. Underwood, Inc. (Drydon Equipment, Inc.) the sole source for the Secondary Lift Station Pump #2 Rehabilitation and to award the contract for such work to Charles R. Underwood, Inc. (Drydon Equipment, Inc.) on a time-and-materials basis not to exceed \$179,450.00.

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, to declare Charles R. Underwood, Inc. (Drydon Equipment, Inc.) the sole source for the Secondary Lift Station Pump #2 Rehabilitation and to award the contract for such work to Charles R. Underwood, Inc. (Drydon Equipment, Inc.) on a time-and-materials basis not to exceed \$179,450.00. Motion unanimously carried.

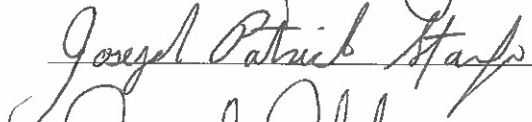
ADJOURNMENT

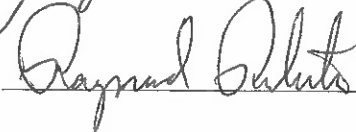
There being no further business, motion made by Trustee Stanfa seconded by Trustee Robertson that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

  
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CLERK

APPROVED:

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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TRUSTEE

  
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