MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE THORN CREEK BASIN SANITARY DISTRICT
HELD MAY 20, 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 May 20, 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: Amy Abell, Alera Group

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board of Trustees shall elect from among its members a President and Vice President, and may elect a Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk from within or outside the Board membership.

Trustee Stanfa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, that Attorney Vranjes be named temporary Chair for purposes of conducting the nomination and election of officers. Motion unanimously carried.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

CARMEN E. SENDEJAS	PRESIDENT
JOSEPH P. STANFA	VICE PRESIDENT
CARMEN E. SENDEJAS	TREASURER
RAYMOND C. ROBERTSON	CLERK
JENNIFER HINDEL	ASSISTANT CLERK

Trustee Robertson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sendejas, accepting the slate of officers and that the nominated slate be the elected slate of officers. On roll call vote, all Trustees presented voted "Aye." The Chair declared the motion carried.

Presentation of Appointments – Attorney and Executive Director

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, to retain Del Galdo Law Group, LLC as Attorney for the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District on a retainer fee basis, and to retain Jennifer A. Hindel as Executive Director, with both appointments serving at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Motion unanimously carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Health Insurance Renewal

Presentation by Finance Director Cash of the renewal rates for employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and dental and vision insurance with Delta Dental for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, accepting the renewal rates for employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and dental and vision insurance with Delta Dental for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Motion unanimously carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, approving the minutes of the regular meeting, held on April 15, 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.

BILLS

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, to approve the accounts payable register dated May 20, 2026, totaling $576,827.30 and authorize the Treasurer to issue payment for the claims listed therein. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director and authorize the transfer of funds, upon need, in the amount of $200,000, from the ILF account to the Corporate account, effective May 20, 2026. Motion unanimously carried.

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, that the Financial Report be accepted as of April 30, 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:

- See below.

Operations Report

Director of Operations Lucas Streicher reported:

- For the month of April, the District met all permit limits for both the main plant and the Homewood Excess Flow facility. It was busy month with above average flows and over 5" of rainfall. The District experienced three excess flow days in a row on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th along with two Homewood Excess Flow facility discharges on April 3rd and April 4th. The District also had one main plant emergency bypass on April 4th.
- The District has not had any excess days or HEF discharges but has had some rainfall so far in May, but will be reported on fully at next month's board meeting, and overall, the plant is functioning very well at this time.

Engineering Report

Technical Services Director Jeremy Stubbs reported:

- There was one residential connection permit issued this month in Crete.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Norma Cash reported:

- Finance Director Cash had nothing to report.

PURCHASE OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT NOT REQUIRED TO BE BID

None.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

None.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Operating Budget – May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027

Presentation by Executive Director Hindel of the proposed Operating Budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

Trustee Robertson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to accept the proposed Annual Operating Budget, and to authorize the Executive Director to publish notice in the Daily Southtown newspaper of a public hearing on the proposed Budget and amendments to the Ordinance Establishing A User Charge System, to be held on June 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Compensation for Non-union Employees

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, approved and adopted the compensation scheduled for non-union employees, and to authorize the Executive Director to establish each employee's salary in an amount not to exceed the maximum compensation set forth in the schedule, effective May 1, 2026. Motion unanimously carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request by Executive Director Hindel for an executive session at this time for the purpose of discussing pending, threatened or imminent litigation matters: personnel matters; potential acquisition of property; and collective bargaining matters, as authorized under the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Trustee Robertson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa, to enter into an executive session at this time for the purpose of discussing pending, threatened or imminent litigation matters: personnel matters; potential acquisition of property; and collective bargaining matters, as authorized under the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call vote, all Trustees present voted "Aye". The motion carried.

Trustee Robertson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the regular meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 3:01pm.

Executive Director's Compensation

Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Robertson, approved and adopted the compensation schedule for the Executive Director for the fiscal year 2026/27. Motion unanimously carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Sendejas made a motion, seconded by Trustee Stanfa that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

CLERK

APPROVED: PRESIDENT

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