

**FOUR RIVERS SANITATION AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 23, 2026
5:15 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Four Rivers Sanitation Authority (FRSA) Board of Trustees and staff met in-person at Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, 3501 Kishwaukee Street, Rockford, Illinois, 61109.

Pollack called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:25 p.m. and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

The following Trustees were present:

Rick Pollack	President
Richard Mowris	Clerk/Treasurer
Brad Long	Trustee

Ben Bernstein, Vice President, was absent due to business travel. Bernstein attempted to participate via phone, but technical difficulties with phone connection prevented him from joining the Meeting until 5:35 p.m., Agenda Section VIII-G-3. Bernstein then participated in the remainder of the Meeting. During the preceding Meeting of the Committee of Local Improvements, Trustees voted unanimously to allow Bernstein to participate via phone for the Committee Meeting as well as the Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ginger Haas attended the Meeting.

Staff present: Chris Baer, Executive Director; Mike Christensen, Director, Plant Operations; Jim Reader, Director, Collection Systems; Matt Campbell, Director, Engineering; Ashley Bernard, Assistant Director, Plant Operations/Customer Service/IWS; Lisa Mittel, Assistant Director, Management Services; Kwame Calvin, Assistant Director, Internal Services; Brittany Patterson, Manager, Human Resources; Susan Skinner, Executive Services Coordinator.

Others in attendance:

- Greg Cox, AGHL Law
- Scott Barber, FRSA

Mowris moved to approve Minutes of February 23, 2026; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Long moved to approve Minutes of the Executive Session of February 23, 2026; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

A Public Hearing was held for discussion and questions regarding Ordinance 25 26 B 16, Combined Annual Budget & Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027. No members of the public were in attendance; therefore, no discussion took place or questions presented.

There were no appearances before the Board.

Pollack had no items or comments to report.

Mowris stated the Investment Report reflects \$ 94,869,858.47 total funds invested for the month of February, 2026, with earned interest in the amount of \$ 261,067.35. Total cash and investments are \$104,467,412.79. Report placed on file.

Mowris moved to approve Total General Fund Expenditures for the month of February, 2026, in the amount of \$6,589,936.42, with \$0 Total Special Assessments; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Campbell advised there are no outstanding agreements at this time.

Long moved to approve re-bid of ITB 26-203, Bottled Drinking Water Delivery Service, as no bids were received on time; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve staff-initiated emergency purchase orders for rebuild of Cherry Valley Pump No. 4, CIP (PPO 2662), to Thompson-Hopps LLC at a cost of \$43,500, servicing and reconditioning of the motor to Goding Electric in the amount of \$7,570.98, and removal along with any subsequent piping rework and installation by Precision Piping at a cost of \$20,742.29; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve staff-initiated emergency purchase order for Co-Gen Engine No. 1 repair to Rush Power in the amount of \$ 87,589.56; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve purchase of forklift from local authorized dealer, Wolter Equipment, through the Sourcewell GPO Program, at a total cost of \$ 39,181.82; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Long moved to approve re-bid of ITB 26-204 for two new Trailer-Mounted 4 x 4 Diesel Trash Pumps, as initial two bids received were deemed non-responsive; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve Temporary Suspension of Late Payment Penalties on a case-by-case basis at management's discretion for bills issued prior to June 1, 2026, due to high customer service volume, customer access issues and delayed bill processing and mailing; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Baer advised that delay in receipt of required information from Curtis Metal Finishing Company has delayed planned action to address Enforcement of Administrative Order Fines as noted on Agenda. Information has now been received and is with FRSA legal counsel for review. Staff will bring forward to Trustees at the April, 2026, Meeting. No Board action required at this time.

Patterson presented the Human Resources Monthly Report.

Calvin presented the Information Technology and Safety reports for the month.

Mittel presented the Monthly Financial Report, advising that, for the period ending February 28, 2026, Total Revenue received for the 10-month period is \$48.5 million; User Fee Revenue is \$36.4 million year-to-date; Operations & Maintenance Departmental actual expenditures, including encumbrances, total \$24.4 million for the 10-month period; Capital project expenditures total \$34.3 million fiscal year-to-date. Debt service payments in February totaled \$875,037.00.

Long moved to approve Workers Compensation Renewal with IPRF for the period of May 1, 2026 through May 1, 2027, at a total premium of \$ 183,320.00; and policy for Property and Casualty with Obsidian for the period of May 1, 2026, to May 1, 2027, (coverage date re-aligned with FRSA fiscal year) at a total premium of \$ 440,045.00; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve Ordinance 25 26 B 16 – Combined Annual Budget & Appropriations Ordinance for Four Rivers Sanitation Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026, and Ending April 30, 2027; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Campbell advised there were no plumbing contractor registrations for the month of February, 2026.

Long moved to approve accelerated bid letting on the following projects in order to allow tentative contract awards to be presented at the April, 2026, FRSA Meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- Service Cleanout Installations, Capital Project No. 2701
- Hot-Mix Asphalt Patching FY27
- Concrete Sidewalk Paving FY27;

seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Absent
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Bernsten joined the Meeting via phone at 5:35 p.m.

Mowris moved to approve 2025-2026 Service Lateral Lining, Capital Project No. 2633; Change Order No. 2 (Revised); Contractor: Performance Pipelining, Inc. (PPI); seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Long moved to approve 2025-2026 Sanitary Sewer System Lining, Capital Project No. 2637; Change Order No. 2; Contractor: National Power Rodding Corp.; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between FRSA and the City of Rockford – 11th Street Reconstruction; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Long moved to approve Connection Agreement for Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Linden-Alpine Commercial Subdivision – 4725 South Alpine Road, LLC, including revision to waive FRSA inspection fees; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Long moved to approve Connection Agreement for 2919-19th Street – St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church of Rockford, contingent on receipt of executed copy from St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Rockford; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve Release and Termination of Trunk Sewer Agreement along with authority for FRSA Executive Director to sign Agreement; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Campbell advised that the Engineering Report for the month is included in the Board Packet.

Christensen provided the Monthly Report for Plant Operations.

Mowris moved to approve entering into a one-year, no-cost contract with NRG Curtailment Solutions for demand response program beginning May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Bernard presented CS/IWS/Lab Summary and Status Report for the month.

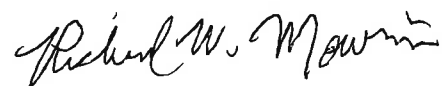
Bernard provided a Corrective Action Plan regarding the mailing issue experienced February 19, 2026.

Reader presented the Monthly Update/Summary, Trend Reports and Management Report for Collection Systems.

No Executive Session was required.

At 5:45 p.m., Mowris moved to adjourn Meeting; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Ginger Haas	Present
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye



Clerk