

**FOUR RIVERS SANITATION AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

APRIL 27, 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
Ben Bernstein	Vice President
Richard Mowris	Clerk/Treasurer
Brad Long	Trustee

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:

- Gino Galluzzo, AGHL Law
- Evan Bonnett, AGHL Law
- Tony Rafferty, FRSA

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

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

There were no Public Hearings or Appearances before the Board.

Pollack had no items or comments to report.

Mowris stated the Investment Report reflects \$ 92,320,993.90 total funds invested for the month of March, 2026, with earned interest in the amount of \$276,432.81. Total cash and investments are \$101,785,314.71. Report placed on file.

Mowris moved to approve Total General Fund Expenditures for the month of March, 2026, in the amount of \$5,590,588.10, with \$0 Total Special Assessments; seconded by Bernstein; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Campbell advised there are no outstanding agreements at this time.

Bernsten moved to approve award for Hot-Mix Asphalt Patching FY 2027 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group, for the sum of \$349,228.00; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Bernsten moved to approve award for Concrete Sidewalk Paving Contract FY2027 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, DPI Construction, Inc., for the sum of \$82,391.00; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve award for 2026-2027 Service Cleanout Installations, Base Bid, Alternate Bid A and Alternate Bid B, Capital Project No. 2701, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Kelsey Excavating, Inc., for the sum of \$640,900.00; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve award for Creek Crossing Protection – Alpine Park, Capital Project No. 2687*; to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group, for the sum of \$403,136.80; seconded by Bernsten; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

*Note that Agenda listed Capital Project No. as 2636.

Long moved to approve award for 202 N. Main Street Sanitary Service; Capital Project No. 2636; to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, N-TRAK Group, LLC, for the sum of \$54,454.00; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

*Note that Agenda listed Capital Project No. as 2637.

Long moved to approve award for Co-Generation Efficiency Rehab Project – Bid Package 1 - Electrical Improvements; Capital Project No. 2344; to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Kelso-Burnett Company, in the amount of \$2,520,000.00; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Bernsten moved to approve pre-purchase of Co-Gen Critical Repair Parts associated with the top end rebuild of one Waukesha engine from Rush Power Systems, LLC, the local area authorized Waukesha parts and service provider, in the amount of \$117,372.38; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Bernsten moved to approve purchase of Centrifuge Spare Rotodiff from Centrisys, the sole authorized supplier, in the amount of \$45,702.55; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to postpone purchase of two Construction Dump Trailers until FY2028; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Long moved to approve issuance of one-year request for quotes for #26-203, Bottled Drinking Water; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Long moved to award contract for #26-204, Two Trailer-Mounted 4 x 4 Diesel Trash Pumps; to the low responsive and responsible bidder, Mersino Dewatering, LLC, for the sum of \$99,554.00; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Baer presented a letter from the Rock River Valley Food Bank thanking FRSA for its support and generous donation of 2,200 lbs. of food contributed at FRSA's recent drive. Baer commended and noted the generosity of FRSA employees.

Baer reminded all who have not yet completed Statements of Economic Interest (SEIs) that the due date is May 1, 2026.

Baer congratulated and expressed his gratitude to Mittel and her staff for once again receiving the Government Financial Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which is the highest form of recognition in government financial reporting.

Baer showed a plaque which will be presented to former FRSA Trustee Ginger Haas. Although Haas was not in attendance, Baer extended his gratitude for her service and advised that the memento will be sent to her on behalf of everyone at FRSA.

Baer announced that Charlie Freeman, Utility Tech Locator, is retiring from FRSA after 17 years of service.

Baer announced the May 22, 2026, retirement of Jim Reader, Director of Collection Systems, after 36 years. Baer noted that, in typical Reader style, Reader's formal retirement letter credited and thanked all the people he has worked with throughout the years. Baer expressed that Reader will be greatly missed at FRSA and extended his best wishes as Reader welcomes this next chapter of life.

Mowris moved to approve Silo Ridge Sanitary Sewer Discharge Flow Adjustment (Lot 179 of the Final Plat of Subdivision for Silo Ridge Phase 5 and Lot 180 of the Final Plat of Subdivision for Silo Ridge Phase 6); seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:
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Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Galluzzo advised that no action is needed at this meeting regarding Enforcement of Administrative Order (Fines and Compliance Requirements) – Curtis Metal Finishing; the item will be considered at the next Board Meeting.

Patterson presented the Human Resources Monthly Report.

Mowris moved to approve Expansion of Internship Eligibility; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

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

Mittel presented the Monthly Financial Report, advising that, for the period ending March 31, 2026, Total Revenue received for the 11-month period is \$52.2 million; User Fee Revenue is \$39.6 million year-to-date; Operations & Maintenance Departmental expenditures, including encumbrances, total \$26.9 million for the 11-month period; Capital project expenditures total \$37.4 million fiscal year-to-date. Debt service payments in March totaled \$205,921.00.

Bernsten moved to approve the following Plumber/Contractor Bonds/Registration during the period of March 1-31, 2026:

	Bond Type	Bond Number	Expiration Date
KACOA Landscaping, Inc.	CO	LSM5098447	05/31/2026

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

Ben Bernsten	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve 2025-2026 Service Lateral Lining, Capital Project No. 2633; Change Order No. 3; Contractor: Performance Pipelining, Inc. (PPI); seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Mowris moved to approve 2025-2026 Sanitary Sewer System Lining, Capital Project No. 2637; Change Order No. 3; Contractor: National Power Rodding Corp.; seconded by Bernstein; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
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.

Bernard presented a Customer Service/IWS Summary and Status Report for the month, as well as an Audit Corrective Action Plan.

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

At 6:30 p.m., Bernstein motioned to move into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2, to discuss Collective Bargaining negotiating matters between the public body or representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

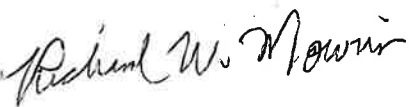
At 7:55 p.m., Long moved to adjourn Executive Session and move back into Open Session; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye

Pollack advised that no decision were made nor votes taken during the Executive Session.

At 8:00 p.m., Mowris moved to adjourn Meeting; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

Ben Bernstein	Aye
Rick Pollack	Aye
Richard Mowris	Aye
Brad Long	Aye



Clerk

