

**FOUR RIVERS SANITATION AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 24, 2026
5:15 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

Pollack called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

The following Trustees were present:

Rick Pollack	President
Ben Bernstein	Vice President
Richard Mowris	Secretary/Treasurer
Brad Long	Trustee
Ed Grondzki	Trustee

Staff present: Chris Baer, Executive Director; Mike Christensen, Director, Plant Operations; 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
- Angie Good, FRSA

Bernsten moved to **AMEND** Minutes from the FRSA Board of Trustees – July 27, 2026; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

Mowris moved to approve Confidential Minutes from the Executive Session of the FRSA Board of Trustees – July 27, 2026; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

There were no Appearances Before the Board.

Pollack wished everyone a pleasant and safe Labor Day holiday and encouraged all to remember those who labor and serve our country.

Mowris stated the Investment Report reflects \$ 94,147,640.90 total funds invested for the month of July, 2026, with earned interest in the amount of \$280,458.73. Total cash and investments are \$107,714,753.57. Report placed on file.

Mowris moved to approve Total General Fund Expenditures for the month of July, 2026, in the amount of \$ 5,051,455.95, with \$0 Total Special Assessments; seconded by Long; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

Campbell advised there are no outstanding agreements at this time.

Mowris moved to award project for Creek Crossing Protection – Spring Creek, Capital Project No. 2686, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, N-TRAK Group, LLC, in the amount of \$265,484.51; seconded by Bernstein; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

Mowris moved to approve purchase of 40kW Kohler Generator for Beacon Hill Lift Station through the Sourcewell Procurement Program in the amount of \$31,599.00; cost includes generator, all freight and start-up services; seconded by Bernstein; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

Baer announced a September 9, 2026, event hosted by FRSA, R1PC and AquaAerobic Systems, Inc. The first section will be a Congressional visit/meeting at FRSA with select attendees. Among the presenters will be AquaAerobic Systems CEO James Horton, who will speak on the importance of public-private partnership, what it means to our region, and how it has been a benefit to AquaAerobic Systems by allowing it to employ over 100 recent professional positions. Leon Downing, Black & Veatch, will speak specifically on FRSA's unique nutrient removal process focusing on biological (as opposed to chemical) methods. The meeting will conclude with a discussion on the entire region. The meeting will be followed by a public ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by AquaAerobic Systems for the primary filtration/aerobic granular sludge facility.

Baer requested trustees to advise as soon as possible if they are unable to attend the September 28 Board Meeting, as a photographer will be scheduled to take a trustee group photo at the meeting.

Galluzzo advised Legal has no report this month.

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 July 31, 2026, Total Revenue recorded for the three-month period is \$16.6 million and 28.6% of the annual budgeted amount; User Fee Revenue is approximately \$11.4 million year-to-date; Operations & Maintenance Departmental expenditures total \$7.6 million through July and comprise 24.1% of the annual O&M budget expended; Capital project expenditures total \$5.09 million fiscal year-to-date. Debt service payments in July totaled \$720,559.

Mittel provided an audit update.

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

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bond Type</u>	<u>Bond No.</u>	<u>Date of Expiration</u>
1.	A.D. Binder Plumbing	PV	A150024075	5/31/2027
2.	C.B.M. Plumbing, Inc.	PU	2683838	5/31/2027
3.	C.B.M. Plumbing, Inc.	PV	2683837	5/31/2027
4.	Zivak Plumbing, Inc.	PV	LSM5136481	5/31/2027

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

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

Mowris moved to approve Change Order No. 2, Scum Separator HVAC & Roof Replacement; CP 2502; Contractor: Hartwig Mechanical, LLC; seconded by Bernstein; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

Bernstein moved to approve Resolution 26 27 09 – Authorizing FRSA to Adopt and Execute an Easement Encroachment Agreement with KPH IL 39, LLC, and the City of Rockford; and to authorize AGHL to negotiate indemnity language, if required; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

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

Christensen provided the Monthly Management Report for Plant Operations and advised that FRSA's Safety Fair will be held September 29, 2026, 11 am – 1 pm.

Bernard presented a Customer Service/IWS Summary and Status Report for the month.

Bernstein moved to approve Professional Services Agreement with Brownfield Environmental Engineering Resources, LLC, for Falcon Road Wet Well Cleaning/Disposal; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

Baer presented Collection Systems Status, Monthly Management and Trend Reports.

At 5:45 p.m., Pollack requested a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; Long made a motion; seconded by Bernsten; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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

At 6:10 p.m., Executive Session adjourned, and meeting moved back into open session.

Pollack stated that no decisions had been made nor votes taken during Executive Session.

At 6:15 p.m., Bernsten moved to adjourn meeting; seconded by Mowris; motion passed upon roll call as follows:

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



Richard W. Mowris

Clerk