



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Kankakee Valley Park District Special Meeting Minutes September 29, 2025

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Skelly at the Kankakee County Museum. Those present for roll call were Commissioner N. Eisengart, M. Matthews, J. Frey, D. Skelly. Commissioner Gear was absent. Others present: Ross Bruni, Executive Director and members of the Kankakee County Historical Society and Museum Staff.

Public Comment:

None.

President Skelly informed the KCHS that KVPD was required to call a Special Meeting. President Skelly communicated that the meeting was requested by KCHS to discuss the current agreement between KVPD and KCHS and to discuss operational issues. Skelly opened the floor to KCHS to discuss issues and the agreement. It was determined that the agreement ends in March of 2026.

KCM Executive Director Fetherston gave some background on the museum, and discussed issues concerning the maintenance of the Museum building and mechanicals. Discussion on the March 2025 roof leak and eventual roof replacement. Further discussion of the KVPD/KCHS agreement, included which party is responsible for repairs and maintenance continued.

Members of the KCHS and KCM discussed other maintenance concerns including, replacement of furnace, roof repairs on other buildings on the museum campus, along with the resurfacing near the rear door that was causing water to come into the building on rain days. Additionally, requests for ADA upgrades and other repairs be made.

Commissioner Matthews stated that KVPD has over 30 park sites and facilities that are in need or maintenance, Commissioner Frey asked if the museum had solicited corporate sponsors or other alternative funding from governmental agencies in the county.

President Skelly thanked those in attendance for their feedback and stated the information discussed will assist in upcoming negotiations on the expiring agreement.

President Skelly requested a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:29pm. Commissioner Frey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Matthews. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.