



# **Kankakee Valley**

**PARK DISTRICT**

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### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2026**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Commissioner Skelly. Those present for roll call were Commissioners N. Eisengart, M. Matthews, D. Skelly, and J. Frey (in person or by electronic means). Others present (in person or via Zoom): Ross Bruni, Executive Director; Rick Collins, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds; Rachael Click, Superintendent of Recreation; Zach Mullady, Superintendent of Revenue Facilities; Attorney David Freeman, Ariana Padilla. Not present: Commissioner A. Gear (arrived at 6:10pm), Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Business

Public Present: Molly Ulrich, Nathan Ulrich, and Amy Messick

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Norm Eisengart

#### **Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Kankakee County Clerk Statement of Economic Interest
2. ISPD/SSPRPA Legislative Breakfast

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing Minutes and Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025, combined by Commissioner Skelly and seconded by Commissioner Frey.

No Discussion.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Presentation on Financials by Executive Director Bruni through November.

Bookkeeping and audit: Audit will be paid for in December. Employee Benefits right now we're already seeing some good numbers coming below what we had budgeted and then with our new numbers for 2026. Seasonal Maintenance: Rick has kept some seasonal maintenance workers to help over the winter. Conference expenses will show in December financials.

No questions.

Motion was made to approve the Financials of November 2025 and Bills Payable for November 2025 by Commissioner Frey and seconded by Commissioner Matthews.

No Discussion

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Update on Mayor R.J. Bailey Park Renovation Project**

Executive Director Bruni commented that more information is coming from Upland on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The construction company has requested drawings, and then we will have a date of completion.

### **Update on Kankakee County Museum Agreement (Discussion)**

Waiting for Museum lawyer to send over agreement. Commissioner Eisengart said they were stonewalling and asked if this was a typical action from them for negotiating agreements. Commissioner Skelly said we should negotiate together. Executive Director Bruni expected the terms to stay consistent on the contract they send over.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Superintendent of Buildings/Grounds Rick Collins:**

- Dealing with weather removing snow and ice, salting as necessary for safety
- Painting, replacing lighting fixtures, flooring in facilities

### **Superintendent of Business Melissa Woodard:**

- No report

### **Superintendent of Recreation Rachael Click:**

- Launching start of programming
- Trifold contains information on Winter Ice Trials, where students get to experience activities that are featured in the Olympics.
- Overall, we increased our open gym attendance. We've also included a toddler open gym that's been extremely successful. All gyms in total amounted to 760 participants walking through our doors through the month of January

- Splash Valley hosted a targeted hiring event, resulting in the hiring of 34 staff members.
- We are currently working on Splash Valley's training schedule for spring.

**Superintendent of Revenue Facilities Zach Mullady:**

- Sesame Skate is scheduled for Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The Spring Ice Show is in the planning stages.
- Move to SV operations

**Executive Director Ross Bruni:**

- New uniform report for monthly meetings with more data
- Financial controls we implemented Positive Pay protects the district from fraudulent checks or ACH payments.
- Full staff meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> regarding implementation of KVPD Future plans
- These new types of reports will help us view the big picture
- Started on budget 2026-2027

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Historical Society - Commissioner Frey:**

- No report, meets next Wednesday

**SRA - Executive Director Bruni & Commissioner Matthews:**

- Incorporated Momenca
- No taxes until next year but will make a payment
- Has new rebranding – new website and logo
- Has hopes that Manteno will join

**KRS - Commissioners Gear, Skelly & Executive Director Bruni**

- Meeting is tomorrow.

**Building Commission Report - Commissioner Skelly:**

- Will try again in 3 months.

**COMMISSIONERS FORUM**

None

**Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive Session by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Matthews at 5:28pm.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion to return to Regular Meeting at 6:51pm made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn at 6:51pm made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Mathews.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

## **ADJOURN MEETING**

### **OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

1. Board Meeting Minutes (December 15, 2025)
2. Presentation on Financials November
3. Presentation of Bills Payable November
4. Mayor Bailey Project Update
5. Update on Kankakee County Museum Agreement
6. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Report
7. Superintendent of Recreation Report
8. Superintendent of Revenue Facilities Report
9. Executive Director Report
10. Committee Reports
11. Commissioner Forum

Respectfully submitted: Ariana Padilla