

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT (ECSO) NO. 2  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ray Ashton, Angela Horton, and Anna Knack

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Todd Dybdahl and Mayor Vincent George

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Baldwin and Joseph Fiegl

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Fiegl called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. As this is the first meeting in a new 2 year term, officers need to be nominated. He also informed the Board that Mr. Dybdahl was added as a new member for this term representing the Village of Angola.

a. Nomination of Board Officers

On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Supervisor Ashton, Ms. Knack was nominated to be the chair for the Board. The motion carried 3-0.

On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Ms. Knack, Mayor George was nominated to be the vice chair for the Board. The motion carried 3-0.

On a motion by Ms. Knack, seconded by Supervisor Ashton, Ms. Horton was nominated to be the secretary for the Board. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Supervisor Ashton, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2025 meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. 1465 Wisconsin Rd – Request to remain on septic (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board the 11/24/25 letter received from Travis and Lindsay Sipos, from 1465 Wisconsin Rd, Derby (Evans). The letter requested the continued use of their private sewage disposal system and not connecting to the public sanitary sewer at this time, noting that the private septic system is in good working condition and this would cause financial hardship. The Board members discussed allowing this to continue as long as a follow up letter is sent to Mr. & Mrs. Sipos stating they need to tap into the public sanitary sewer once the septic is in need of replacement. In addition, Ms. Horton will reach out to the Erie County Department of Health (DOH) to have a note placed in the file for this property that public sewer is available.

On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Ms. Knack, the Board voted to approve allowing 1465 Wisconsin Rd to remain on the private sewage disposal system. The motion carried 3-0.

#### ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

#### ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

#### ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### a. Operational Report

Mr. Baldwin provided the Board with an update on ECSD 2 activities since the last meeting. The collection system work consisted of flushing 29,362 feet and televising 22,141 feet of sewerline, completing 126 house inspections, and repairing 31 manholes. There were a total of 19 complaints responded to including 1 for a pumping station (PS), 4 for grinders, 11 sewerline related, 2 odor related, and 1 manhole that was hit by a plow.

At the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) staff replaced the south sand filter backwash pump, removed a section of sweep from the #3 clarifier for repairs, repaired a plant water line near the south secondary clarifier hose hydrant, removed ballasts and installed LED lighting in the digester blower building, installed 2 new transducers with a toggle switch in the influent wet wells, repaired cell media that was broken in the north sand filter, replaced the recirculation pump and flight drive motor after testing the floatation thickener, and finally put the Dissolved Aeration Floatation (DAF) thickener tank (Tank 2) that was coated back into service.

At the PS's staff performed maintenance at various locations including: replaced the thermostat and block heater on the Lotus Bay PS Genset, replaced the block heater on the Pontiac PS Genset, replaced pump 1 at the Evangola PS, made repairs and adjustments to the telemetry at various PS's, replaced pump 1 with a spare at the 18 mile PS, and replaced a muffin monster hydraulic motor at the Sweetland PS.

##### b. Construction Report

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board, the construction updates which included several contracts and design and evaluation updates.

- All Districts Contract 99 Sanitary Sewer Trunkline Inspection Service Contract – the Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) issued an additional scope of work to Red Zone Robotics under this multi-district service contract. In the original scope of work in this project, a 24-inch diameter asbestos cement pipe (ACP) sewer (6,000 LF) that extends from Delamater Road to Church Street was inspected last year. Additional scope of work issued in December included 7,895 linear feet of 24-inch diameter ACP sewer to the upstream, located along Delamater Road and Eden Evans Center Road. The work is anticipated to take place in February.

- All Districts Contract 101 - On Call Sewer Repair Contract (2026-2028). Bids were received through Purchasing on 11/14/25 for this 2-year multi-district on-call/emergency repair contract. The project was awarded to the low bidder, Visone Construction and contracts are being executed. A pre-construction meeting is anticipated to be held in the coming weeks. Sewer repair work orders will be assigned under this contract on an as needed basis.

- All Districts Contract 87 - On Call Sewer Repair Contract (CATCO). This contract for on-call/emergency sewer repairs expired in December 2025 and is in the process of closeout.
- All Districts Contract 95 - CIPPL Term Contract (USI & Kenyon Pipeline). Kenyon Pipeline was issued WO 17K which includes 11,381 linear feet of 8-inch diameter vitrified clay tile pipe (VTP) and ACP sewers in the Town of Evans, including work on the following streets: Herr Road, Adams Ave, Harrison St, Jefferson Ave, Madison Ave, Monroe Ave, Ivanhoe St, Sycamore St, Orange St, Lemon St, Peach St, and Fairview St. Prep work is anticipated to start this winter/spring.
- Contract 99 Big Sister Creek WRRF DAF Thickener Tank 2 Interior Coating. Camden Group cleaned and blasted the DAF tank 2 and applied an interior coating to make the tank watertight in November. It was successfully water tested in December and the contract is in the process of close out. Contingency money was not used, so the final contract price was \$50,752.96.
- Contract 104 North Creek PS Backup Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - MORS Service Group LLC installed a Viridi 3 phase, 208V, 150 kWh BESS in place of the old generator that failed. We now have a real time online monitoring for the power outage and the battery level. Work was completed in November and the project is in close out. A presentation about this project was picked for the upcoming Greater Buffalo Environmental Conference (GBEC) and a press release will be going out this month.
- Contract 103 Big Sister Creek WRRF Secondary Aeration Blower Intake Hoods Replacement. Work was substantially completed by Quackenbush, Co. Inc. for this project to replace two (2) blower intake hoods and filter media to prevent freezing during the winter months. The project also includes other minor improvements including interior and exterior air piping insulation, and installation of chain wheel valve operators to service two (2) butterfly valves installed in the previous project. A few work items related to exterior air piping insulation remain and have been delayed to due to winter weather conditions. Work is anticipated to be completed in the coming months.
- Ramboll provided the DSM with a final evaluation report for the Wide Beach and Lotus Bay forcemains and pump stations. The DSM is anticipating issuing a request for proposals for design phase services in 2026 pursuant to the recommendations in the report.
- AECOM was issued a work order to provide engineering services to develop a draft work plan for draining, cleaning, and inspecting the Big Sister Creek WRRF aeration basins. AECOM has performed a site visit and reviewed available data and drawings and the draft work plan is in development. A deliverable is anticipated in spring 2026.
- In 2025 the DSM received approvals from the NYSDOT to perform open cut excavation work on a project to eliminate 2 existing blind tee connections/sanitary sewer road crossings on North Main Street in the Town of Eden through a replacement project. The DSM is awaiting project review and approval from the NYSDEC. Pending approval, the DSM is anticipating 2026 bid and construction.

c. Payments (Handout)

Ms. Horton conveyed to the Board that payments were made to Brown and Caldwell for the Big Sister Creek WRRF whole effluent toxicity (WET) Testing; to MORS for the North Creek PS Battery, to Nussbaumer & Clarke for construction inspection; to Wendel for the Big Sister Creek WRRF Blower

System; to Redzone Robotics for sanitary sewer inspection; to Camden Group for manhole rehab; to AECOM for the Big Sister Creek WRRF Aeration tanks; and to Quackenbush for the Big Sister Creek WRRF Aeration Blower Intake Hoods.

d. Draft NYSDEC Division of Water Technical & Operational Guidance – Multiple Discharge Variance (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl reviewed with the Board the 11/21/25 letter sent to the NYSDEC in regard to mercury regulatory guidance documents and permitting changes. Mr. Fiegl explained the purposed of the NYSDEC’s program, noting that an unintended consequence could be some of the NYSDEC’s proposals leading to permit violations outside the WRRF’s control. Mr. Fiegl stated the DSM had a follow up meeting with the NYSDEC at the end of January to discuss these concerns.

e. State Environmental Quality Review – Updates/Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl commented that all seven (7) ECSD Boards of Managers previously approved updates to the “Rules and Regulations for Erie County Sewer Districts”. Those updates have completed County Attorney review and the final step before requesting approval by the County Legislature is SEQRA. The SEQRA comment period will be open until March 2, 2026.

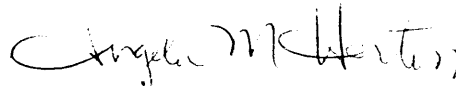
Ms. Knack moved, seconded by Ms. Horton to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 3-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Knack, seconded by Supervisor Ashton, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 09:32 am. The motion carried 3-0.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Angela M. Horton, P.E., Secretary  
ECSD 2 Board of Managers

Approval of Minutes:

Motioned By: Supervisor Ashton

Seconded By: Mayor George

Approved/Disapproved: 4/0

Date: 4/16/2026

Signed: Angela M. Horton