

**KINGSBURY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 12, 2026
Kingsbury Park District Office
712 Franklin Avenue
GREENVILLE, ILLINOIS**

The regular Board Meeting of the Kingsbury Park District was called to order by President Barb Smith at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Arrival Time if Present after Roll Call</i>
Barb Smith	X		
William Schneck	X		
Joellen Vohlken	X		
Lynn Ulmer		X	
Amanda Wilkie	X		

Others Present

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
Jerry Sauerwein	Director of KPD
Carrie Dunn	Recording Secretary
Jeff Leidel	WGEL

Citizen Input: None

A motion was made by	Joellen Vohlken
And seconded by	William Schneck

to: *Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting dated December 08, 2025.*

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Motion</i>	
Barb Smith	X					
William Schneck	X					
Joellen Vohlken	X					
Lynn Ulmer			X			
Amanda Wilkie	X				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	4	-	1	-	X	-

A motion was made by	Joellen Vohlken
And seconded by	William Schneck

to: *Approve the Warrant #647 and unpaid bills dated January 12, 2026.*

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Motion</i>	
Barb Smith	X					
William Schneck	X					
Joellen Vohlken	X					
Lynn Ulmer			X			
Amanda Wilkie	X				Approved	Not Approved
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Check for payment cut after warrant: \$165 to Advance Turf for Penta Turf, \$120 to White Sanitation for portable toilet at Patriot’s Park.

Directors Report:

Director Sauerwein updated the board members on the following:

Economic Interest Statements

The county has the statements in digital form this year. Kayla will email the link to each member. The member’s information from last year will already be on the digital form. Sauerwein or Curry will assist and Commissioners if there are any questions.

Levy

The Levy has been filed.

Property Tax Distribution

The District received the third property tax distribution from the County on December 10, 2025. A copy of the distribution statement was included in the meeting packet for Board review.

Pool

Chester Pools was originally scheduled to visit the pool on November 25th; however, they

canceled that appointment. The visit was rescheduled for December 17th. Sauerwein sent a follow-up email, but no response has been received to date. Chester Pool representative met with Sauerwein and the maintenance crew regarding the reason for the issue. The pool has a void under the pool floor due to material being removed during the renovations and not replaced.

Soccer Program – Greenville University

Curry and Sauerwein have met with Chris Swift, Greenville University Men's Soccer Coach. After consulting with all Commissioners, the District plans to move forward with partnering with Greenville University Soccer, as has been done in previous years. Registration will open and flyers will be distributed to schools by January 15th.

Front Office Furnace

The furnace in the front office is not functioning properly. Paul Neely with Fire and Ice has been contacted. Sauerwein provided a quote for the replacement of the existing unit. Sauerwein would like to move forward with the replacement at a cost of \$13,675 which includes installation. Sauerwein will contact Ameren to see if there is any incentives for the replacement furnace.

Solar Proposals – Office and WBD Pool

Sauerwein went with electric furnace as he is currently working with a local company to obtain proposals for potential solar installations at the office and the Pool location. The solar would be run through the Solar For All program.

Conference Information

The IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference will be held January 29–31, 2026. Commissioners Ulmer and Vohlken have been registered

Nature Preserve Trail Policy

Greenville University has not yet followed up on the proposal submitted prior to September meeting.

Financial Reports

The November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025 Financial Statement were provided to the members in their meeting packet for review.

Office, Bathroom Facility, and ADA Ramp Construction

Robinson Construction has been working on the building updates and started putting up the FRP panels. RP Lumber had some issues with getting the FRP panels. New material has been delivered to RP Lumber. The previous order was only a partial.

Dewey Street Construction Project

The Dewey Street project is on hold until spring. Sauerwein is working with the City crew to get the parking lot at Jaycee Park oiled and chipped.

OSLAD Grant – William S. Wait Park

The District has received the final reimbursement payment from the IDNR. The OSLAD project for William S Wait Park is complete.

Credit Card Fees

Following the discussion at the December Board Meeting, registration through Team Sideline will remain unchanged and credit card fees will not be passed on to customers. Discussion was had on changing the pool system to a pass-through model. This would be only for transaction taking place on site at the pool. These include concessions, daily admissions, some private lessons and pool parties. All of these transactions are not run through the registration software.

2026 Budget

Work is underway on the 2026 budget. A draft budget will be provided to the Board prior to the next meeting via email. The 2025 and 2024 comparative year-end fund balance and expenditure report has been included in the packet. The budget must be approved by the end of March and will be prepared in draft form for a minimum of 30 days for public inspection prior to adoption. The bond will expire in 2026. Sauerwein is currently working on a capital purchase list for the next bond series. One purchase will be to upgrade one of the mowers.

The recreation report will also be presented at the February meeting for members to review.

Recreation Report

Curry Report:

January Recreation Update

January is off to a busy start for the Kingsbury Park District as we prepare for upcoming programs and navigate some significant changes.

Swim Team Update

The swim conference has folded, creating major challenges for the program. At the end of the season, Waterloo approached the Clippers Swim Team about the possibility of joining forces for the upcoming season. After follow-up discussions, that offer was unfortunately rescinded with no explanation. Currently, barring an unforeseen opportunity, we do not see the Clippers being able to continue.

Based on last year's numbers (22 swimmers), our team is considered too small to fill the meet events. Other teams were willing to host us at their locations, but when it was our turn to host a meet, most canceled due to our low participation numbers. These low numbers have also made it difficult to find a new conference willing to accept us. After speaking with our swim team coach, it appears that a roster of 45–60 swimmers would make us a more desirable opponent; however, I do not anticipate our numbers reaching that level in 2026 or in the foreseeable future our numbers have been steadily trending downward.

We have met with Head Coach Emily Peper and are reaching out to swim families to explain how and why we have come to this conclusion.

Dance Program

Our dance classes may be small, but they continue to be strong and well received. Kayla met with our instructor, Kara Zbinden, and classes are planned through the end of May. Registration will be available by January 13th.

Barn Quilt Classes

Barn Quilt classes continue to be extremely popular. Our current class sold out in less than 24 hours, and we still have community members calling to be added to the waitlist. Registration for the February class will be opening soon.

Administrative Updates

W-2s are currently in the mail, and 1099s have been submitted to the IRS.

Pool and Recreation Report

The pool and recreation report will be discussed at the February meeting along with presenting cost and fee projections for the 2026 pool season.

Scheduling Note

Curry will be attending the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference January 28 – 31, 2026.

Appreciation

Curry would like to thank Jerry for his understanding and support as my family and I manage multiple doctor appointments for my father, which at times require me to step out of the office, both planned and unexpectedly.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

A motion was made by	William Schneck
And seconded by	Joellen Vohlken

to: Enter Closed Session for personnel contract/decisions/dismissal Section 2(C)(1); of the Illinois Open Meetings Act ILCS 120 at 6:25 pm.

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
Barb Smith	X					
William Schneck	X					
Joellen Vohlken	X					
Lynn Ulmer			X		Motion	
Amanda Wilkie	X				Approved	Not Approved
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A motion was made by	Joellen Vohlken
And seconded by	Amanda Wilkie

to: Exit Closed Session for personnel decisions/dismissal Section 2(C)(1); of the Illinois Open Meetings Act ILCS 120 at 7:02 pm.

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
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William Schneck	X					
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And seconded by	Joellen Vohlken

to: In consideration of the favorable performance evaluation and in light of the significant savings associated with not using a general contractor for the OSLAD grant which we just received our final disbursement. I make a motion to Offer Jerry Sauerwein a 5% salary increase along with a \$3,000 bonus.

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A motion was made by	Joellen Vohlken
And seconded by	Amanda Wilkie

to: Adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:05 pm.

All present signified with Aye.