

# Meeting of the Commissioners of the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 8 a.m.  
In Person/Hybrid Meeting

**Present:** Commissioner Beth Bookland  
Commissioner Ken Clark  
Commissioner Greg Fries  
Commissioner Tom Hovel  
Commissioner Badri Lankella  
Commissioner Ezra Meyer  
Commissioner Brad Murphy  
Commissioner Daniel Paltz  
Commissioner Patrick Lytle

## Commission Meeting

### 1. Opening

- A. Call to Order at 8:00 a.m.
- B. Welcome Guests
- C. Virtual Meeting Guidance
- D. Announcements

### 2. Appearances by the Public

### 3. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of 3-26-2026 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Cash Statement – Capital Fund  
Cash Statement Summary:  
The capital fund shows an available balance through check #11121 in the amount of \$115,097.11; subsequent receipts totaling \$5,973,935.82 less disbursement of \$5,878,126.84; with a resulting cash balance of \$210,906.09.
- C. Approval of Expedited Boundary Annexation: 5979 Siggelkow Road, Village of McFarland
- D. Review and Approval of Sanitary Sewer Extension Plans
  - Southeast Interceptor Rehabilitation: Stoughton - Madison, Exchange St to Larson Beach Rd, USH 51, MMSD
  - Nine Springs Valley Interceptor - Capacity Improvements Phase 2, MMSD
- E. Authorization of Increased Total Project Cost: Dryer and Seeding Modifications
- F. Review of Proposals and Award of Contract: Northeast Interceptor Truax Extension Rehabilitation
- G. Review of Proposal and Award of Contract: IT Quality Assurance Tester
- H. Review of Proposal and Award of Contract: Nutanix License Renewal

#### Consent Calendar Summary:

The meeting minutes from 3-26-2026; capital fund cash statement; Approval of Expedited Boundary Annexation: 5979 Siggelkow Road, Village of McFarland Resolution #2026-04-16-R1; Southeast Interceptor Rehabilitation: Stoughton - Madison, Exchange St to Larson Beach Rd, USH 51, MMSD Resolution #2026-04-16-R2; Nine Springs Valley Interceptor - Capacity Improvements Phase 2, MMSD Resolution #2026-04-16-R3; Authorization of Increased Total Project Cost: Dryer and Seeding Modifications Resolution #2026-04-16-R4; Review of Proposals and Award of Contract: Northeast Interceptor Truax Extension Rehabilitation Resolution #2026-04-16-R5; Review of Proposal and

Award of Contract: IT Quality Assurance Tester Resolution #2026-04-16-R6; Review of Proposal and Award of Contract: Nutanix License Renewal Resolution #2026-04-16-R7; were reviewed and placed on file.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Lytle, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, to approve the Consent Calendar items A through H. Commissioner Bookland abstained from the vote due to being absent from the last meeting. Motion carried.

#### 4. Topics

##### A. Study Session: Deliberation and Direction on the District Strategic Plan

**Presenters:** Eric Dundee, Executive Director

**Description:** The Commission was asked to provide direction to staff on the first half of the District Strategic Plan (e.g., purpose, mission, values, vision, performance areas, and key performance indicators).

**Discussion:** The Commission shared its feedback on the District Strategic Plan. Some Commissioners indicated that they wanted to come back to discuss sustainability, how to define it for the District, and whether it should be included in the Strategic Plan or elsewhere.

**Action:** None.

#### 5. Reports

##### A. Executive Director Update

**Summary:** Executive Director, Eric Dundee, provided the following updates to the Commission.

- Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) – CARPC held a general discussion on the Badger Mill Creek project framework. No action was taken. CARPC and District staff will continue to work on the framework.
- WPDES permit – The District received its new permit, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Commission will receive an overview of the new permit at a future Commission meeting.
- Treatment facility overflows (TFOs):
  - TFO #1 occurred on March 30<sup>th</sup>. 100 gallons of influent overflowed from the grit tanks. No environmental concerns.
  - TFO #2 occurred on April 6<sup>th</sup>. One gallon of sludge overflowed from a sample digester port. No environmental concerns.
- Storm damage update – Damage to Struvite Harvesting Building and primary tanks.
- Wisconsin DNR Laboratory of the Year – The District’s lab staff received the Wisconsin DNR Laboratory of the Year Award.

##### B. Committee Reports

- Executive Director Performance Review Subcommittee

**Summary:** Subcommittee Chair Commissioner Meyer informed the Commission that the subcommittee will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, with the consultants developing the new performance review process. The proposal for the new process is likely to be brought to the Commission in May.
- Finance Committee

**Summary:** Committee Chair Commissioner Fries updated the Commission on recent committee efforts. The Finance Committee met on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The committee reviewed and approved the 2025 year-end financial report. It will not be brought to the full Commission. Commissioners are welcome to attend any Finance Committee meeting. The committee’s next project is with the District’s financial advisors, PFM, to determine how to invest the reserve funds awaiting use. The finance department will draft an investment policy for the committee to review.

##### C. Regulatory and Legal Report

Summary: Legal Counsel to the District, Vanessa Wishart, updated the Commission on recent legal efforts.

**D. Future Meeting Schedule**

Summary: None.

**6. Closed Session**

- A. Convene in Closed Session in Accordance with 19.85(1)c of the Wisconsin Statutes to Consider Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee Over Which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility: Executive Director Performance Review**

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Bookland, to enter into closed session. Motion carried.

<b>Roll Call:</b> Commissioner Beth Bookland – aye Commissioner Ken Clark – aye Commissioner Greg Fries – aye Commissioner Tom Hovel – aye	Commissioner Badri Lankella – aye Commissioner Ezra Meyer – aye Commissioner Brad Murphy – aye Commissioner Daniel Paltz – aye Commissioner Patrick Lytle – aye
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- B. Reconvene in Open Session**

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Fries, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to return to open session. Motion carried.

<b>Roll Call:</b> Commissioner Beth Bookland – aye Commissioner Ken Clark – aye Commissioner Greg Fries – aye Commissioner Tom Hovel – aye	Commissioner Badri Lankella – aye Commissioner Ezra Meyer – aye Commissioner Brad Murphy – aye Commissioner Daniel Paltz – aye Commissioner Patrick Lytle – aye
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- C. Discussion or Actions, if any, Related to Items Discussed in Closed Session**

Summary: The Commission, as part of its standard practice, had a quarterly review of the Executive Director and found his performance to date satisfactory.

**7. Future Agenda Topics**

Summary: Policy efforts regarding artificial intelligence (AI) at the District will be brought to the Commission in a future meeting as part of a work plan item or budget request.

**8. Other Business Allowed by Law**

**9. Adjournment**

**Action:** Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Fries, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Regular Meeting of the Commissioners  
(April 16, 2026)

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Bradley Murphy, Secretary

**Future Meetings:**

April 30, 2026

May 14, 2026

May 28, 2026