



Sewer and Water Commission Meeting Minutes

Union Grove Municipal Center 925 15th Avenue

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

1. **Call to Order** – Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call** - *Quorum present*

Commission Members	Staff Present
<i>Doug Nelson – Present</i>	<i>Michael McKinney, Administrator</i>
<i>Aaron Alby – Absent</i>	<i>Janine Carls, Clerk</i>
<i>Leo DeBrabander – Present</i>	<i>Nick Carriker, Public Works</i>
<i>Dan Maurice – Absent</i>	<i>Gary Hansen</i>
<i>Steve Nelson – Present</i>	

3. **Consent Agenda Approval** - Any item listed on the consent agenda for approval may be removed at the request of any member of the Commission. The request requires no second, is not discussed, and is not voted upon.

- April 21, 2026, Sewer and Water Commission meeting minutes
- Sewer Utility District financial reports
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- Sewer Utility District invoices
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- Wastewater treatment plant debt service payment in the amount of \$455,068.78

Motion (S. Nelson, DeBrabander) to approve the consent agenda as printed, Motion Carried (MC).

4. **Business** - Discussion and possible action on the following:

- Daniels Sharpsmart, Inc. solid waste disposal, storage or treatment permit application/conditional use request

McKinney outlined the details of the expansion request. Carriker and Hanson noted their concerns that effluent limits under the current permit have not been met consistently, calling it a “long-running battle to get compliance.” In addition, McKinney reported that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had received a complaint regarding waste materials found outside of the building. The Board discussed these concerns, along with methods to employ to ensure future compliance.

Motion: (S. Nelson / DeBrabander) to direct Village Attorney Tim Pruitt to draft a formal letter to Daniels Sharpsmart communicating the following directives:

- 1. Effluent Limits: Outline the specific effluent (wastewater discharge) limits required under their current Conditional Use Permit (CUP).*
- 2. Weekly Testing Requirement: Notify the company that the Village will now require weekly effluent testing, with all associated costs to be billed directly to Daniels Sharpsmart.*
- 3. Contract Extension: Advise that the Sewer and Water Commission recommends extending their current permit through August 30, 2026.*
- 4. Compliance Enforcement: Advise that if any future testing fails to comply with Village limits, the Village will consider the non-renewal of their permit.*

Motion Carried. (3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 2 absences)

- Resolution 2026-01 Adopting the findings of the 2025 Yorkville Sewer Utility District’s Compliance Maintenance Annual Report

Carriker noted that this report was tough on phosphorous grading: two months were barely over (.003) lowering the grade. He also called attention to arsenic levels in sludge being slightly above the limit (first year tested). Chloride and phosphorous limits remain the biggest challenge and future plant filtration improvements may be necessary.

Motion (S. Nelson, DeBrabander) to adopt Resolution2026-01, adopting the findings of the 2025 Yorkville Sewer Utility District's Compliance Maintenance Annual Report, MC.

5. Reports

- a. Engineer's Report – No report
- b. Public Works Manager's Report – Nick Carriker
 - i. *Carriker reported that a mini-split system that provides air conditioning to the electrical room had quit working, and Northern Mechanical is currently checking on the warranty status.*
 - ii. *Energenecs inspected both main lift station pumps and reported that they are in good condition. They replaced the float and reset the system. They also identified a surge arrestor that needs to be replaced, noting it likely performed its function during a past surge event.*
 - iii. *Carriker is waiting for Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) to provide a timeline for restoration. Likewise, the punch list work for Well #2 has not yet started, and current concerns include an open trench, debris, and a downed silt fence that is making mowing impossible. S. Nelson requested that this item be placed on a future agenda, including a discussion on any remaining retainage that could be applied to ensure proper restoration.*
- c. Administrator's Report – Mike McKinney
 - McKinney reported that T-Mobile will not be renewing its lease on the water tower when the contract ends in July 2027. This will result in a loss of municipal income of approximately \$2,000+ per month.*

6. Public Comments, Questions and Suggestions

Gary Hanson noted that he and Carriker are working on the phosphorous minimization report.

7. Adjournment

Motion (S. Nelson, DeBrabander) to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., MC.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Carls, Clerk

Sewer and Water Commission Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.