

**GREEN BAY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION**

The regular meeting of the Commission was held in person and via Zoom videoconference on March 25, 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mainz, Antonneau, Danen, Tumpach, and Herrman.

ALSO PRESENT: N. Qualls, J. Smudde, E. Tietzen, P. Wescott, B. Clausen, L. Sarau, R. Bach, J. Valenta, B. Brown, B. Oldenburg, S. Thieszen, P. Smits, E. Houghton, G. Ashauer, J. Becken, C. Mueller, M. McGuire, M. Pelishek, S. Georgel, E. Brewer, S. Skalski, and J. Smies – Legal Counsel

Commission President Mainz called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

1) Welcome, new Commissioner, Ron Antonneau.

N. Qualls introduced the new Commissioner, Ron Antonneau.

2) Safety Moment.

N. Qualls gave a safety update on Workplace Eye Safety.

3) Approval of minutes of Commission meetings held February 25, 2026.

Motion #26-012

It was moved by Tumpach, and seconded by Danen, and unanimously agreed to approve the February 25, 2026, minutes as distributed.

4) Adopt Retirement Resolutions for Rob Reinhart and Mike Wells.

Motion #26-013

It was moved by Herrman, and seconded by Antonneau, and unanimously agreed to the approval of the Retirement Resolution for Rob Reinhart. (Resolution #2026-001)

Motion #26-014

It was moved by Danen, and seconded by Antonneau, and unanimously agreed to the approval of the Retirement Resolution of Mike Wells. (Resolution #2026-002)

5) Introductions of new employees, Shane Skalski and Eliza Brewer.

G. Ashauer and B. Brown introduced the Commission to new employees Shane Skalski and Eliza Brewer, who provided information on their education and employment backgrounds. The Commission wished them well in their careers here at NEW Water, the brand of the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District.

6) Request Commission approval to enter into the Agreement for Construction of Extension of the Ninth Street Interceptor – American Boulevard, De Pere, with the City of De Pere.

L. Sarau stated that the Ninth Street Interceptor (NSI) serves areas west of the Fox River and conveys flow to the NEW Water De Pere Facility. As part of the City of De Pere's American Boulevard extension, the NSI will be extended to the revised boundary with the Town of Lawrence. The City will construct the extension to NEW Water standards, and NEW Water will assume ownership upon completion.

The agreement with the City of De Pere outlines construction, capacity allocations, and payment requirements. An existing agreement with the Town of Lawrence will be revisited prior to connection due to the boundary revision.

Motion #26-015

It was moved by Herrman, and seconded by Antonneau, and unanimously agreed to enter into the Agreement for Construction of Extension of the Ninth Street Interceptor – American Boulevard, De Pere, with the City of De Pere, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

7) Sewer Plan Approvals.

- a) Village of Howard, Project #24003, GBMSD Request #2026-06.
- b) Village of Howard, Project #26008, GBMSD Request #2026-07.

Motion #26-016

It was moved by Herrman, and seconded by Tumpach, and unanimously agreed to the approval of the City of Green Bay, Village of Howard, and Town of Lawrence plans for the proposed sewers to serve land located within NEW Water. This approval is subject to favorable recommendations from Brown County Planning and final approval by the WDNR, with the City of Green Bay's approval subject to staff's technical review.

8) Convene in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Commission who is rendering oral or

written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Commission with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved:

- a) Potential litigation resulting from environmental testing by a significant industrial user.**

Motion #26-017

It was moved by Herrman, seconded by Tumpach, and unanimously agreed to convene in closed session under State Statute 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Commission who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Commission with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

- 9) Reconvene in open session.**

Motion #26-018

It was moved by Danen, seconded by Tumpach, and unanimously agreed to reconvene in open session.

- 10) Update of projects:**

a) East River Interceptor Renewal Project

M. McGuire reported that the CIPP lining and manhole rehabilitation work has been completed and reviewed. The temporary conveyance systems have been shut down and flushed with clear water. The contractors have completed roughly 50% of the abandonment work.

b) GBF Thickening Improvements Project.

T. Biese reported that the Gravity Belt Thickener 4 (GBT #4), associated pumps, and piping have been installed. The contractor is installing equipment control wiring to the GBT #4 and associated equipment. The team continues to review submittals, RFIs, shutdown requests, change order requests, payment applications, and other project-related documents. Start-up of the GBT #4 system is anticipated in April 2026.

- 11) South Plant Mixing Enhancement Study Program Presentation.**

T. Biese gave a presentation on the South Plant Mixing Enhancement Study Program, which included:

- Wastewater Treatment Fundamentals
- Project Background

- Project Timeline
- Demonstration Basin Improvements
- Project Conclusions and Recommendations
- Next Steps: Research to Address Solids Settling Issues

12) 2025 Pretreatment Program Enforcement Summary.

S. Georgel reported on the industries that were in noncompliance for 2025. NEW Water is required to annually publish all Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) that are in Significant Noncompliance.

13) 2025 Industrial Achievement Awards.

S. Georgel stated that this is the 15th year NEW Water has administered the Industrial Achievement Awards. Out of the 44 eligible SIUs, 24 of them received either gold, silver, or platinum awards, depending on the length of time they have met the requirements.

14) PFAS Monitoring Update

S. Thieszen gave a presentation on PFAS Monitoring, which included the following:

- What are PFAS
- Regulatory Status
- 2025 Monitoring Plan
- 2023-2025 Green Bay and De Pere Facilities Results
- 2025 Collection System Results
- Next Steps

15) January and February 2026 Financials.

C. Mueller reported that January's operating revenues were favorable to budget and February's operating revenues were unfavorable. Year to date, total operating revenues were unfavorable to budget.

January's operating expenses were favorable to budget due to fewer expenditures than budgeted in contracted services, salaries and benefits, and supplementary expenses. February's operating expenses were favorable to budget due to fewer expenditures than budgeted in contracted services, plant maintenance, and chemicals. Year to date, operating expenses were favorable to budget due to fewer expenditures than budgeted in contracted services, plant maintenance, and salaries and benefits.

16) February 2026 Operations Report.

P. Wescott reported that both facilities were in full compliance with all February effluent and air quality limits.

Wescott also stated that the combined WPDES permit for both facilities expires March 31, 2027. The WDNR requires that the renewal application materials be submitted no later than six months prior to the expiration date. NEW Water has retained SmithGroup and Black & Veatch to support the effort, with work underway following a February 23 kickoff meeting. Renewal activities will continue through much of 2026.

For the month, the solids processing facility generated 1,318 MWH of electricity. A total of 199,058 CCF of biogas was recovered, representing almost 92% of the total volume produced. The remaining volume was sent through the waste gas flare. NEW Water received 907,767 gallons of high-strength waste.

17) Executive Director's Report:

a) April Commission Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. via a hybrid meeting. This meeting will be held in the Building 310 Conference Room.

b) Strategic Plan Timeline.

N. Qualls provided the Commission with a tentative timeline for the Strategic Plan planning phase.

c) Municipal & Industrial Partner Meetings: 2026.

N. Qualls stated that NEW Water will again host quarterly update meetings with municipal and industrial partners this year. These meetings cover projects, costs, budget regulations, initiatives, and more, and provide an opportunity for open dialogue.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Secretary