KINGSBURY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 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 Joellen Vohlken at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Name	*Present*	*Absent*	*Arrival Time if Present after Roll Call*
Joellen Vohlken	X		
William Schneck	X		
Amanda Wilkie	X		
Lynn Ulmer	X		
Nick Suess		X	

Others Present

Name	*Title*
Jerry Sauerwein	Director of KPD
Jaylynn Legault	Recording Secretary

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Amanda Wilkie

to: ***Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting dated August 10, 2026.***

Vote:

Name	*Yes*	*No*	*Absent*	*Abstain*		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck	X					
Amanda Wilkie	X					
Nick Suess			X		Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
Total	4	0	1	0	X	

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Joellen Vohlken

to: Approve the Warrant 655 and unpaid bills dated September 14, 2026.

Vote:

Name	*Yes*	*No*	*Absent*	*Abstain*		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck	X					
Amanda Wilkie	X					
Nick Suess			X		Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
Total	4	0	1	0	X	

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	William Schneck

to: *Approve the 2025 Annual Financial Report.*

Vote:

Name	*Yes*	*No*	*Absent*	*Abstain*		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck	X					
Amanda Wilkie	X					
Nick Suess			X		Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
Total	4	0	1	0	X	

Directors Report:

Financial Statement
Sauerwein included the August financial statement in the packets.

Culvert at Dog Park
The invoice for the work completed in cooperation with the City of Greenville to install a culvert and rock along the west side of the dog park at William S. Wait Park was included on the September warrant. The total cost of the project was $5,400.

2027 Consolidated Election
The Kingsbury Park District will have three four-year Commissioner terms on the ballot for the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election. Candidate packets are available at the District Office.

Pool Liner
Sauerwein has contacted the contractor which Chester Pools referred him to. Sauerwein is still working with them on the quote. Sauerwein has also contacted Attorney Mc Ginley as the quote will exceed the bid limit of $30,000.

Pool Pump
The replacement pool pump was received on Friday, August 14, and installed on Tuesday, August 18. After installation, the pump was tested by circulating the pool water. Once Sauerwein and staff confirmed that the pump was operating properly, it was also used to assist with draining the pool.

Jaycee OSLAD
Sauerwein and Curry met with Site Design on August 26 to discuss the project and the next steps associated with the Jaycee Park OSLAD development. Site Design provided the District with a preliminary design and is currently developing an estimated project cost.
Sauerwein and Curry have continued to make adjustments to the playground layout as part of the design process. They are scheduled to meet again to review the estimated costs and continue refining the project.

Solar
At the August 10 Board meeting, Sauerwein reported that he had received an email late Friday, after the Board packets had been distributed, indicating that the District might again be eligible for the Illinois Solar for All Program. Sauerwein indicated that the District would remain interested in moving forward if the incentives were comparable to those previously offered. Sauerwein was informed that one of the incentives was slightly more favorable during this cycle. However, in a follow-up email received Tuesday, August 11, Sauerwein was informed that the Illinois Power Agency would not reconsider the District's eligibility because the District is now located outside the program's eligible map area. If the eligibility area is expanded to include Greenville in the future, they indicated that they will contact the District.

Pickleball Courts

Following up on comments made under Unfinished Business at the August meeting, Sauerwein inspected the electrical box located at the south end of the pickleball courts. This is the same box that experienced issues earlier in the season. Sauerwein reported players have been squeezing through the fence to retrieve balls from the adjacent courts and, in doing so, have knocked the exterior cover off the electrical box. Replacement parts were ordered, and the cover has been repaired.

Sauerwein also looked at the courts regarding the reported for "hole" in the court. This is the same area that was previously reported to AWC. As Sauerwein reported earlier this year after AWC's visit they did not have concerns about a crack or hole in the court. AWC explained that any of these issues we have seen up to this point will be rectified when the courts are resurfaced. The resurfacing will need to occur every 5 to 7 years, so between 2029 and 2031, based upon the use of the courts. Staff will continue to monitor these areas on the courts. If they worsen after the winter, Sauerwein will continue to document them and contact AWC. Sauerwein also stated that he contacted Aaron Christ with Christ Brothers Asphalt. They were the contractor that did the asphalt for the courts. Aaron will be scheduling a visit to look at the courts.

Disc Golf Course

One of the baskets on the disc golf course was damaged during a previous storm. Sauerwein contacted Gateway Disc Golf regarding repair of the damaged basket.
Owner David McCormack, who designed the course in 2015, met with staff on September 2. Drainage conditions within the park have changed since the course was originally designed, and Sauerwein and McCormack discussed possible remedies for some of the drainage issues we have experienced, particularly during the spring.
Mr. McCormack will be providing the District with a proposal for potential improvements.

Tumbling Room

When the District originally ordered tumbling mats in 2015, the first shipment was damaged during shipping. Sauerwein reported the damage to the manufacturer, and a replacement order was shipped. At that time, Sauerwein was able to negotiate an agreement allowing the District to retain the damaged mats at no additional cost. As a result, the District effectively received two sets of mats for the price of one. The original purchase price was $5,852.50.
Completion of the new tumbling room required the use of one full mat and one partial mat from the additional mats the District had retained. Sauerwein and staff had enough matting remaining to use the balance as wall padding in the new room.
For comparison, the District received a quote of $9,341, not including shipping or installation, to purchase wall padding for the recreation room. Sauerwein commended Kyle and Cameron on an excellent job customizing the existing mats and installing them as wall padding. Their work allowed the District to make productive use of materials already on hand while avoiding the cost of purchasing new wall padding.

Propane Contract

The District will need to pre-buy propane this year in order to secure a fixed price of $1.75 per gallon, compared with the pay-as-you-go price of $1.90 per gallon.

The District currently has two propane tanks: one at the Nature Preserve and one at the Patriots Park Caretakers House. The cost of propane used at the Nature Preserve is deducted from Sauerwein's paycheck to reimburse the District for that usage.
The propane pre-payment of $2,887 is included on the September warrant.

Directors Contract
In accordance with Sauerwein's employment contract, Sauerwein is required to notify the Board of the pending expiration of the agreement not less than 180 days and no more than 210 days before expiration, and again not less than 90 days and no more than 120 days before expiration. As of the upcoming meeting on September 14, there are 109 days remaining before the contract expires. This report serves as the second required notification.

Sauerwein attached a copy of the evaluation that was done in 2025.

Curry's September Recreation Report

Recreation Report – September 2026
Youth Kickball
The first youth kickball season begins September 14, with 28 participants. There are two teams this season, the Cosmic Crushers and the Kickin' Comets.

Flag Football
Flag Football officially began last week after a one-week delay due to excessive heat. Staff felt delaying the start of the season was the safest option for our players, coaches, and officials. Games are now underway at the Athletic Field at William S. Wait Park. Sauerwein added that the District has contacted Marq Pannell with Greenville University. He is the coach of the new women's flag football program. The District is exploring a possible partnership similar to one already in place with the GU men's soccer team.

Barn Quilt Classes
Barn Quilt classes will return at the end of September. They will be held in our newly renovated recreation space. Curry extended a big thank you to the Bond County Senior Center for allowing the District to use their space for
classes while our recreation area was being renovated. Their generosity allowed us to offer this popular program and create a barn quilt fan base.

Tumbling & Recreation Space
Tumbling programming is returning to our renovated recreation space as we continue expanding the programs we can offer indoors. The completion of this space gives us additional opportunities for youth programming, classes, and special activities throughout the fall and winter months.

Upcoming Indoor Programming
With the recreation space completed, we are working on additional fall and winter programming.

Plans include Drop-In Play, giving parents and young children an affordable indoor option to get out of the house, play, and stay active during the colder months.

Staff Training & Administrative Projects
We have begun training Jaylynn Legault on the bookkeeping and administrative side. This includes learning more of the day-to-day financial processes and behind-the-scenes responsibilities that keep our programs and operations running smoothly. Jaylynn was also instrumental in getting our recreation room clean and ready for our tumbling classes. Additionally, Curry has been working with Sauerwein on the site design for Jaycee Park. This has included looking at how the site can best be laid out and utilized as we plan for the future of the park.

Looking Ahead to Spring & Summer 2027
While many people may think things slow down for the Park District during the fall and winter months, planning is already well underway for next spring and summer.
Curry has reached out to Taylor Hill and the Bond County Law Enforcement Association about partnering with the District on a reinvention of the traditional fishing derby, tentatively called Cops & Bobbers. The event would be a free, family-friendly fishing event at Patriots Park designed to bring children, families, and local law enforcement together in a positive and relaxed outdoor setting. Officers would have the opportunity to fish alongside participants, help kids with basic fishing skills, and interact with families outside of a traditional law-enforcement setting. The goal is to combine recreation, community engagement, and positive relationship-building while bringing back a longtime Park District event with a new twist. Curry intends to apply for a grant to cover the costs of this event.

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

to: ***Adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6:14pm.***

All present signified with Aye.