

**KINGSBURY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 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

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

Others Present

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
Jerry Sauerwein	Director of KPD
Kayla Curry	Recreation Programmer KPD

Citizen Input: None

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Nick Suess

to: ***Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting dated July 13, 2026.***

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck			X			
Amanda Wilkie			X			
Nick Suess	X				Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	3	0	2		X	

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Nick Suess

to: ***Approve the Warrant 654 and unpaid bills dated August 10, 2026.***

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck			X			
Amanda Wilkie			X			
Nick Suess	X				Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	3	0	2		X	

Curry reported that one bill for IGA had been signed but was not included in the Current Warrant. Curry also reported a correction to the number of ladders for which Mike Vohlken was paid. The quantity was corrected from seven to eight ladders; however, the total payment amount remained unchanged.

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Nick Suess

to: ***Approve the 2025 Audit***

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck			X			
Amanda Wilkie			X			
Nick Suess	X				Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	3	0	2		X	

Directors Report:

Jerry Sauerwein, Director of Parks and Recreation reported the following:

Bookkeeper

The District has hired Jaylynn Legault to fill the open bookkeeper position. Jaylynn has worked for the District since 2019 at the pool and has served as a pool manager since 2022.

Financial Statement

Sauerwein included the July financial statement in the packets.

Property Tax Check

The District has received the first property tax distribution from the County.

Breehne Park

Staff recently made several improvements at Breehne Park. A new sidewalk and concrete pad were installed to provide an ADA-accessible entrance from the parking lot to the playground. The concrete pad will also serve as the location for a blessing box donated by the Greenville Woman's Alliance. The pad was constructed large enough to accommodate the possible installation of a bench in the future. Staff also installed new playground fall material throughout the playground area.

Culvert at Dog Park

The District worked with the City of Greenville to install a culvert and rock along the west side of the dog park at William S. Wait Park. The new culvert runs along Ivy and will allow visitors to park off the street, providing safer and easier access to the dog park. The City purchased approximately 135 feet of culvert and 50 tons of rock for the project. The District's cost was approximately \$6,000 for materials only.

Jaycee Parking Lot Oil and Chip

The City of Greenville was unable to complete the planned oil-and-chip work on the Jaycee Park parking lot this season. City staff have indicated that they intend to include the project in next season's work schedule.

TIF Meeting

Sauerwein and Board President, Joellen Vohlken, attended the TIF Joint Review Board meeting on Wednesday, August 5. Based on the discussion at the meeting, it appears that Bond County Community Unit School District No. 2 is the only taxing district the City has contacted regarding the potential extension of the remaining three Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. Commissioner Suess concurred that TIF should not be used for residential development, as it increases the demand for services without generating a corresponding increase in tax revenue for every taxing body except the TIF District.

2027 Consolidated Election

The Kingsbury Park District will have three four-year Commissioner terms on the ballot for the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election.

The terms scheduled to expire are those currently held by:

- Joellen Vohlken
- William Schneck
- Nick Suess

Candidate packets will be available at the District Office. The first day candidates may begin circulating nomination petitions is August 25, 2026. Information regarding the upcoming election that will also be posted on the District's website has been included in the Board packet.

Pool

Chester Pools recently informed Sauerwein that they no longer do pool liners. They provided two other companies that can install the liner. IPARKS has indicated that the full liner replacement will be covered under the District's insurance claim.

Pool Pump

A complete report regarding the main pool pump failure has been included in the Board packet. All Commissioners were previously forwarded the email from Scott Crothers that was sent to kpdboard@kingsburyparkdistrict.com. A copy of that email has also been included with the pump report for the Board's reference.

Main Pool Pump Failure Report Prepared for 8-10-2026 Board Meeting

This report provides the Board of Commissioners with a timeline of the main pool pump issue, the actions taken by District staff, the temporary operational changes implemented following the pump failure, and information regarding whether the District should maintain a replacement pump and motor in inventory.

Timeline of Events

Approximately July 1, 2026

Staff noticed a change in the sound of the main pool pump. Kyle greased the motor to determine whether additional lubrication would reduce the noise.

July 8, 2026

Kyle, Cameron, and I met at the pool to evaluate the pump because the sound had increased. Kyle contacted Industrial Motor Repair to arrange an inspection.

I also contacted Ryan Johnson, a former City of Greenville Sewer Plant Operator, because of his experience working with large commercial pumps. He visited the pool that afternoon and agreed with the staff's preliminary assessment that a bearing was beginning to fail.

July 9, 2026

Brad Leitschuh of Industrial Motor Repair conducted an on-site inspection. His assessment was also that a bearing was failing. He advised that the pump might continue operating through the end of the season, but there was an equal possibility that it could fail before then.

Mr. Leitschuh recorded the necessary pump and motor specifications and indicated that he would provide estimates for both a replacement pump and a rebuild.

July 13, 2026

Reported to the Board that there was an issue with the main pool pump and it was potentially losing a bearing.

July 14, 2026

While awaiting information from Industrial Motor Repair, I contacted The Pump Shop to obtain an additional proposal.

July 15, 2026

The Pump Shop provided its proposal.

I also contacted Sealing Specialists, a vendor listed on the pump manufacturer's website. Pump and motor specifications were provided to the company, and its salesperson agreed to prepare a proposal. The salesperson also consulted with Griswold pumps engineer to ensure that the new pump would match the flow rates needed operate the pool.

July 20, 2026

The District received the proposal from Sealing Specialists. Its price was \$1,464.50 less than the proposal from The Pump Shop. Sealing Specialists also estimated a delivery time of two to three weeks, compared with an estimated three to four weeks from The Pump Shop.

Based on the lower price and shorter anticipated delivery time, I immediately began the purchasing process. The required credit application was completed, and the District issued a check the following day. Sealing Specialists allowed the District to submit a photograph of the check so the order could be processed without waiting for the original check to arrive.

July 23, 2026

The main pool pump started leaking water and I had issues keeping water in the hair and lint strainer. The vibration from the bearing had increased.

I sent the Board the following email; I wanted to provide you with an update regarding the issues we have been experiencing with the main pool pump. Since my report at the July Board meeting, I have spoken with three different pump suppliers and have ordered a replacement pump. The current estimated lead time is two to three weeks, and I am waiting to receive a confirmed delivery date. After further diagnosing the problem, we have determined that the bearing between the pump and motor is failing. The condition has continued to deteriorate, and it is now evident that the existing pump will not remain operational through the scheduled pool closing date of August 9. To continue providing recreational opportunities for the community, we are making arrangements to configure the pool so that the splash pad can remain operational for the remainder of the season. This will be the same configuration that was successfully used during the 2020 COVID season. Under this plan, the splash pad, bathhouse, and shelter will remain available for public use through the end of the season. I will continue to keep the Board informed as additional information becomes available, including the anticipated delivery and installation schedule for the replacement pump.

I visited the pool at approximately 5 pm to assess the situation again. We made the decision around 5:30 pm to shut the main pump off for the season. Staff contacted everyone associated with the private pool party's that had been scheduled. They were offered the option to have a splash pad party or to cancel. We also provided an update to the public via Facebook.

July 24, 2026

The District reopened the facility for splash pad use only, with an admission fee of \$2 per person. Attendance under this arrangement was minimal. After the appropriate arrangements

were made at the pool regarding the reopening I sent the below update to the Board;

Commissioners

Late yesterday we made the decision to shut the main pool pump motor off for the season. I was not able to keep water in the strainer basket, and we were getting air into the system. We were also concerned about the amount of vibration the pump was creating.

We have contacted all the private pool rentals informing them of the closers and offering them the option of using the splash pad only. This morning we installed the fence to block off the main pool. We will open today for the splash pad only. The fee will be \$2 to enter. We will also offer two-hour private rentals for \$100 in district and \$120 out of district. Kayla posted a very nice message on Facebook last night as well to inform the public. Jeff Leidel was in this morning to do a story for WGEL.

We will be issuing a prorated credit to all of the passholders. Kayla also sent an email to all the passholders explaining the situations and credit.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

July 31, 2026

The District adjusted the splash pad admission program. Guests were permitted to enter by donating food to the Bond County Food Pantry. Staff contacted the Food Pantry and learned that it was experiencing a significant need for donated food.

Response to Public Comments

The Board received an email from Scott Crothers regarding the pump failure. The email stated that the pump had been making excessive noise throughout the summer and for several months. Based on the timeline above, that statement is not consistent with staff observations or the documented response.

Staff first noticed a change in the pump's sound at approximately the beginning of July. As the noise increased, staff promptly sought evaluations from individuals with relevant pump and motor experience and began obtaining replacement and repair proposals.

The pump and motor began the 2026 season operating in the same manner as they had during prior seasons. There was no indication before July that a failure was imminent. Once staff became aware of a potential mechanical issue, the matter was investigated and addressed without unnecessary delay.

The email also characterized District staff as incompetent and dishonest. I do not believe those characterizations are supported by the facts.

The term "unexpected failure" was used because the District did not anticipate that the pump would fail during the 2026 season. Had there been evidence that the pump was likely to fail, staff would have completing the repair or replacement before the pool opened.

Consideration of Maintaining Spare Equipment

The broader policy question raised by the pump failure is whether the District should purchase and maintain a spare pump or motor for future emergencies. To evaluate this issue, I contacted several other park districts and municipal park departments. Several agencies have experienced pool pump or motor problems this season, they did not have replacement equipment immediately available.

Highland was the only agency contacted that maintains spare pumps or motors. Those units were not purchased **new** for emergency inventory. They were retained after **previous failures** at Highland's indoor pool and are now kept as used backup equipment.

I also contacted Midwest Pool and Capri Pools regarding practices among their clients. Capri Pools reported that one client keeps smaller-horsepower pumps and motors in inventory because that facility has experienced repeated equipment problems. However, the vendors indicated that public pool operators generally do not maintain large three-phase pumps and motors as spare equipment.

The pump manufacturer also does not routinely maintain this type of equipment in stock, which contributes to the lead time required for manufacturing and delivery.

Maintaining a **new** spare unit would require the District to consider several factors:

- The purchase price of a large commercial pump or motor.
- Appropriate storage space.
- The weight of the equipment, estimated by the vendor at approximately 600 to 700 pounds.
- Protection from chlorine and other corrosive conditions, which would prevent storage in the pool mechanical area.
- The possibility that the manufacturer's warranty could expire before the equipment is ever placed into service.
- Whether the District should also maintain other critical pool components that could result in a closure if they failed, including filters, chlorination equipment, valves, and related mechanical systems.

Maintaining replacement equipment for every component capable of causing a facility closure would require a substantial investment and significant storage capacity. The Board may wish to consider whether purchasing selected emergency equipment is financially and operationally justified, but the information gathered indicates that maintaining a new large commercial pump or motor as a spare is not a standard practice among comparable public recreation agencies.

Pool Water and Startup Procedures

The District has continued to maintain water in the main pool while awaiting delivery of the replacement equipment. Keeping the pool filled will allow staff to install the new pump, circulate the water, and verify that the pump and related systems are operating correctly.

If the pool were drained immediately, the District would be unable to fully test the replacement pump under operating conditions until the pool was refilled for the 2027 season. Maintaining the water therefore allows the District to identify and address any installation or operational issues before winter and before the next pool season begins.

Conclusion

The available information demonstrates that District staff responded promptly after identifying a change in the pump's operation. Multiple qualified individuals evaluated the equipment, competing proposals were requested, and the District selected the lower-cost proposal with the shorter anticipated delivery period. The subsequent failure of the pump was unfortunate and affected the final weeks of the pool season. However, the failure was not the result of staff ignoring a known issue or failing to take reasonable action. Staff will continue coordinating with the vendor, maintaining the pool water, and preparing for installation and testing of the replacement equipment upon delivery.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry A Sauerwein Jr.

Kpdboard@kingsburyparkdistrict.com Email

Sauerwein was asked about the kpdboard@kingsburyparkdistrict.com email address after Crothers sent the email to this address. This address is listed on the District's website as the public email address for contacting the Board. State law requires the District to provide an email address through which members of the public may contact the Board.

The Board discussed management of this email address in 2022. At that time, no individual Board member wished to assume responsibility for regularly monitoring the account, so that responsibility remained with District staff. The Board also discussed establishing individual District email addresses for Commissioners, similar to the system used by the City of Greenville. The Board did not move forward with that option.

Sauerwein reported he currently attempts to check the Board email account at least once each week. He is trying to monitor it more frequently as recently; a Freedom of Information Act request was submitted to the Board email address. This is not the District's designated email address for FOIA requests. He informed the sender of the correct FOIA email address, forwarded the request to the proper account, and subsequently responded with the requested information. The request was not submitted by an individual resident but was part of a broad media information request

Marketing Proposal and Jaycee OSLAD

Sauerwein received an update from Site Design on July 31 regarding the Jaycee Park project. He anticipates a meeting with Site Design during the week of August 10 to discuss the project and the next steps associated with the Jaycee Park OSLAD development.

Health Insurance-Related Refunds

The District has received two health insurance-related payments this year.

The first payment resulted from a Blue Cross Blue Shield class action lawsuit. Sauerwein completed and submitted the required claim paperwork on November 4, 2021.

The District received \$1,081.50 from the settlement.

During the period in which the District was enrolled in Blue Cross Blue Shield, Sauerwein's employee contribution represented approximately 24% of the total premium. Based on that percentage, approximately \$260.46 of the settlement relates to employee-paid contributions. The second payment was received from Aetna and relates to the coverage period from December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025. This payment resulted from a surplus under the District's insurance arrangement. Under the terms of the contract, the District received 50% of the surplus, while the remaining 50% was retained by Aetna as a deferred administrative fee. The District received \$2,256.61.

A portion of the premiums associated with this surplus were paid through payroll deductions. Sauerwein's employee-paid portion represents approximately 16.82% of the amount received, or \$379.50.

Solar Project

Sauerwein reported that the District may still be eligible for their solar projects at Wait Park and the office Location. He received an email after the Board packets went out gauging to see if the District would still be interested in the projects. Sauerwein reported that the refunds/rebates were slightly better and more information would be forthcoming.

Aquatics & Recreation Report

Kayla Curry, Recreation Programmer, reported the following:

Kickball

Kickball registration is up. WGEL just ran a story on the new program and registrations are coming in.

Tumbling

Tumbling is back with Coach Emily Peper. Current offerings are beginner, intermediate, and bars and beam class scheduled. Peper & Curry will be working together to offer other options such as a toddler class or a parent/tot class as Peper's schedule allows.

Flag Football

Flag Football kicks off August 25. Curry is still looking for 1 PeeWee coach and a referee for the season.

Upcoming Programs & Indoor Fun

Curry stated she will be working on our upcoming School Day Out programs and getting the word out more about our Nerf Parties and other indoor recreation party options. Before the pool closed, she spoke with several staff members about helping to work these activities during the fall and winter.

Curry reported she is also working through logistics for a Glow-in-the-Dark Pickleball event later this fall.

Pool Wrap-Up

Curry reported that staff were able to wrap up swimming lessons and hold the FNB Community Pool Party before the unexpected pool closure.

Curry commended staff for helping reach out to private rentals as soon as the pump failed.

With the pool closing unexpectedly, lifeguards lost hours they had planned on working. Curry Reported the District is trying to plug them into other areas whenever they can.

SIPRA Meeting

Curry mentioned that the Kingsbury Park District will be hosting the Southern Illinois Parks and Recreation Association meeting this Friday.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Commissioner Ulmer stated that an electric box on the Southeast corner of the Pickleball courts was totally off. Sauerwein stated he or the Maintenance staff will look at it. Ulmer questioned if All Weather Courts (AWC) has been down recently to check the courts and when the courts would need resurfacing. Sauerwein stated that AWC came down mid-summer and checked the courts and saw no issues and the courts would need to be re-surfaced every 5-7 years as the district was previously told during court construction. Ulmer reported that there was a hole in the Northeast Court that needed further inspection. Sauerwein responded that he would look at it and contact AWC if needed.

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

to: ***Adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.***

All present signified with Aye.