VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
February 3, 2026

I. Call to Order

Village President Mr. Wyke called to order the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 2026, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wyke asked for a roll call. Trustee Mr. Califello was present along with Mr. Cooling, Mr. Lorenc, and Mr. Scheidt. Mr. Stadler and Mr. Pirc were absent. Also present in person were Deputy Police Chief Mr. Robert Baikie, Public Works Director Sean Smego, Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas, Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff, Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski and Village Treasurer Steve Lucas.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from January 20, 2026, as written. A motion was made by Mr. Scheidt to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

IV. Visitors

None

V. Bills and Claims.

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Lorenc had several questions about the bills but had them answered by Deputy Chief Baikie and the Village Clerk. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Lorenc asked Deputy Chief Baikie whether the RedSpeed cameras had been reinstalled following the IDOT work. DC Baikie indicated that the cameras are still not operational. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts from the January 20, 2026 meeting. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts for February 3rd, 2026. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the January 20, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the February 3, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

IX. Building Permits

None.

Communications

There were none.

X. Old Business

There was none.

XI. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked for new business. There was none.

The first agenda item is a presentation by Chris Ulm of Strand Engineering regarding the Well #8 project. The Village has submitted information to the IEPA to show as much readiness as possible as far as permits, ordinances, filling out applications and forms for the projects for which the Village is seeking funding from the IEPA. The funding window of opportunity has been adjusted with the Village moving down the list of available funding opportunities from the list of many municipalities the IEPA deemed ready or scored higher in the IEPA scoring system. The Village is in a special category for emerging contaminants which best describes the Village score. Because the Village had PFAS in a couple of the wells and filed litigation for PFAS puts the Village into this special category. So that is a distinct pot of money that can be available. .

Last April, the Village sent an application for the new well and storage tank for the treated finished water. After those two projects are complete, the water treatment plant will be constructed along with a pumping station and transmission mains. Because those projects are not ready to go this year, the Village now has to get the well water first before finalizing the design of the water treatment plant. The Village did get full principal forgiveness for the storage tank construction with the $1.1 million in grant money. The hope is that grant money covers it all. If not, the Village would have to find means of financing the remaining cost. Mr. Ulm continued the presentation with the honest fact there are no guarantees to finalize the complete funding opportunities which presents the Board with some hard choices financially. Mr. Wyke asked about the financial risks along with Mr. Lorenc asking about monthly operating costs the Village experiences for a normal operating cycle. June of 2026 is a month where decisions have to be made from a scheduling point of view. Mr. Cooling expressed his concern about the risks. Mr. Scheidt brought up the risks involved if funding is delayed or denied. The plan is to move forward with the tank project because it has been funded and also to continue with the bidding of the Well #8 project and then see how the Village scores with the next round of funding. Mr. Stiff mentioned that Bond Counsel, Chapman and Cutler is preparing a second bond ordinance for the February 17 meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an approval of Pay Request #1 from Austin Tyler with direction to send it to the IEPA for approval and disbursement in the total amount of $10,192.50. This is the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement project which was supposed to commence this year but has been delayed by

Nicor. There has been pre-construction staging and a pre-construction video which documents current conditions. This is the first pay request which has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Strand. The project will begin in earnest in March. The engineering, both design and construction engineering related to this project, is included in the loan. This loan had roughly $2 million in principal forgiveness of the $3 million total cost of the project. Mr. Stiff asked for a motion to approve Pay Request #1 was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, reported there were two water main breaks within hours of each other. This was challenging to our water supply system but the Public Works crew was able to handle the task. Mr. Smego handed out photos of the Village well houses showing the recent painting and housekeeping which was a dramatic improvement. In addition, the Public Works building bathroom was also painted and deep cleaned. Mr. Cooling also thank the PW crew for the recent road patching in the Village.

Deputy Chief Baikie provided the PD handout with the call list. Some of the highlights covered were a woman stabbing her boyfriend. The charges were eventually dropped due to a lack of cooperation by the victim. The PD is currently waiting on the background check results for the newest police officer candidate. Mr. Stiff asked about the Icops contract with Deputy Chief Baikie having nothing to report other than hearing from the officers that they were generally in favor of the Village proposal. There has been no formal response from the union.

Mr. Malinowski updated the Board about the latest on the Moen Ave project close-out. Again, nothing has changed other than Willett Hoffman has provided IDOT with all the necessary information on the unit price discussion for the non-special waste and the compensable delay claim. Mr. Lorenc asked about the potential costs of each item. Mr. Malinowski gave him the potential costs which could affect the Village. Mr. Stiff asked about the appeal process, and Mr. Malinowski indicated that IDOT is the final decision maker and that there likely would be no formal "hearing" with the Village and P.T. Ferro represented.

Mr. Scheidt asked about the drainage issues adjacent to the I-80 construction and Mr. Malinowski assured him that IDOT is well-aware of the Village's concern in that area.

Mr. Stiff referenced several compliance letters that have been sent. He hopes that compliance can be gained without the need for further enforcement action. He also mentioned that he is waiting for the ICOPS response to the Village counter proposal sent last week. The hope would be that the final details can be ironed out with a new CBA to be approved at the next meeting.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Ms. Webber asked about the progress of the corner store and plans to re-open following the fire that occurred more than a year ago. There is still no formal word, but the Village believes that the owner plans to re-open. She also asked about the next water rate increase, which is scheduled for June 1, 2026.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Before closing, Mr. Wyke mentioned that he wants to move forward with demolition of the building at 200 Midland Avenue to make way for the new water tank and treatment plant. He advised the Board that he planned on having a proposal for that work for consideration on the next agenda.

Mr. Wyke then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday February 17, 2026.