VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE
Board Meeting Minutes of
March 18, 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 March 18, 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, Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Stadler and Mr. Pirc. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Public Works Director Sean Smego, Public Works Team Lead Matt Lucas, Village Attorney Mr. Michael Stiff, Village Treasurer Steve Lucas, and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Wyke asked for a motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from March 3, 2026, as written. Mr. Scheidt made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

Mr. Wyke asked if the scheduled Visitor, Jim Serrato, was in attendance. He was not so there were no Visitors.

V. Bills and Claims.

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims. Mr. Pirc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts. Mr. Lorenc made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

A building permit for Sunbelt Retals remodel had been submitted for review.

Communications

There were none.

X. Old Business

Mr. Pirc asked about the soccer net that was proposed for purchase last year. He hoped progress would be made this year. Mr. Wyke thought it would be a great idea to revisit that again for this year.

XI. New Business

Mr. Wyke asked for new business. There was nothing to come before the Board, so he asked Mr. Stiff to address the next agenda item, which was The Business License Application review for JV Diaz Trucking, Inc. Owner Jose Diaz was present along with Attorney Joe Mazzone, who asked to address the Board. Mr. Mazzone represents the property owner, Joe Eaves. After introducing himself to the Board, Attorney Mazzone handed out several documents relating to the Diaz business, including the insurance and lease agreement. Mr. Stiff asked about the Business License Application and when it was submitted in relation to when the business started operating, which was prior to the application submission. Mr. Diaz, through attorney Mazzone indicated that the business is semi-truck repairs and had been operating for approximately three months without first having the business license. Mr. Wyke expressed concerns about the business operation what amounts to a “junkyard” and presented recent photographs of the property. The photos show trucks outside in various states of disrepair along with vehicle parts such as transmissions being out in the open. Another concern raised was whether Mr. Diaz is subletting the property to another business which is listed online at the same address. That other business is Valez & Sons. One of the Valez sons was in the gallery and a lengthy discussion ensued as to whether Valez & Sons was still operating at the location. Mr. Mazzone indicated that Valez & Sons had been purchased by Mr. Diaz and that he had also taken the Valez employees. Village Administrative Clerk Gayle Marchio indicated that Mr. Valez and a son came into the Village Hall asking for a business license application and that when calls are made to the Diaz business number someone answers “Valez & Sons.” Chief Dykstra verified that there seems to be another business operating at the location.

The conversation turned to Mr. Mazzone’s client and the property owner, Joe Eaves, and the lack of cooperation thus far in getting individual water meters installed on the property along with an updated map as to which businesses are located where on the property. In addition, the Village Engineer, Mr. Malinowski, has been trying to get Mr. Eaves to present detailed engineering plans regarding the recent acquisition of adjacent property and the grading work being done. In addition, there needs to be a professional fee agreement. Mr. Mazzone pledged to try to get his client’s cooperation and asked for the code citations for the violations and other items being requested by the Village.

The discussion continued with Village Engineer Malinowski stating that the Village needs a site plan or building permits submitted for the “remodeling” that has taken place at this site. Since the purchase of the adjacent property, much work has been done with permits or an approved site plan. Mr. Malinowski reminded the group that the property is in a flood plain which also demonstrates the importance of a site plan, which is required by the Village.

Mazzone agreed that Mr. Diaz can and will try to clean up and keep up the property and indicated that he would start at that right away. The Board agreed to come back either in two weeks or at a future meeting to check on the progress and to verify that there is only one business being operated at the location.

There was also discussion about noise complaints from heavy equipment as well as possible engjne idling from trucks. Mr. Diaz stated that his business hours were generally not into the late night unless there was a specific repair being made. It did not appear that the heavy equipment was noise from Mr. Diaz’s business.

Chief Dykstra advised that extended idling of trucks could be an ordinance violation. Mr. Diaz was told that late night noise from trucks would be unacceptable.

Following all of this, it was determined to meet before the next Board meeting to continue the discussion and to also give the parties involved time to have the code issues resolved.

The next agenda item was also a Business License Application review for ACR Logistics, Inc. The owner, Alexandru Rusu was present. He was able to point out which building he proposes to occupy. This is one of the buildings which looks to be undergoing remodeling with new windows and a new garage door. Mr. Rusu confirmed that he was not yet occupying the building because the owner was making the renovations. Mr. Wyke asked why a permit had not been submitted for the work. Mr. Mazzone could not answer that question. Since there are additional issues between the Village and Mr. Eaves on this building, the Board made a motion to table both business license approvals until some of these issues can be resolved with Mr. Diaz and Mr. Eaves. Motion to table made by Mr. Stadler, with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next up, Mr. Stiff presented a Resolution Approving the February 13, 2026 Change Order to the Cornwell Engineering Lead and Copper OCCT Study Proposal increasing the budgeted amount by an additional $86,000.00 to a total of $456,000.00. Mr. Stiff provided the Board with a brief summary regarding the history of Cornwell Study and the reason for the delays associated with the pipe segments taking additional weeks to equilibrate. Following the summary, Mr. Stiff asked if the Board had any questions. There were none. The next resolution number was 871. A motion to approve Resolution 871 was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next item was a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to Strand Task Order No. 23-02 for additional engineering services related to the extended Cornwell Engineering CCT Demonstrative Study in the amount of $28,300 bringing the total Compensation to $87,000.00 and extending the schedule from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026. Mr. Stiff explained that in addition to the amendment to the Cornwell Agreement, Strand's Agreement to assist the Village with engineering analysis of the Cornwell study needed to be increased based on the delays previously mentioned with the pipe segments equilibrating. Mr. Stiff asked if the Board had any questions. There were none. The next resolution number was 872. A motion to approve Resolution number 872 was made by Mr. Scheidt with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the purchase of a spare Hydromatic Pump for the Mound Road Lift Station from Metropolitan Pump Company in the amount of $27,815.00. Mr. Smego, Director of Public Works, provided the technical description of the operations of the lift station which helped to explain the need for an extra discharge pump. With all lift stations, pumps sometimes go down for repair. The lift station has three pumps. When one pump is out of service for maintenance or repair, there are only two pumps operational, which is an ineffective means of moving the high volumes of water. Therefore, having a spare pump will allow the lift station to continue to have three pumps in operation while one is down for repair. Because of the cost of the pump, Mr. Stiff recommended that the Board waive competitive bidding. That motion was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent. The motion to approve the purchase of the pump motor at the cost of $27,815.00 was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

XII. Department Business

Public Works Director, Mr. Smego, reported that Austin Tyler has commenced work on the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project. The work is going smoothly and on schedule to be working in the area near the school during spring break. This of course avoids potential conflicts with students arriving and leaving school.

Mr. Lorenc asked when the flashing light stop signs will be installed. Mr. Smego indicated that it will be after completion of the water main work. Mr. Califello asked about the Lead Service Line Replacement Project work being done by Stip Brothers. Mr. Pirc asked about the street sweeper repair. Mr. Smego and Matt Lucas reported that the replacement parts arrived today with repairs being made this week. The equipment has seen better days and there was discussion about having to purchase a new sweeper in the near future. Mr. Smego and his crew are doing their best to continue preventive maintenance to extend the life of Village equipment.

Next, Chief Dykstra provided the Rockdale Police handout with the call list and nothing more to report other than to point out the interesting mug shot from Hayden Holton.

Mr. Malinowski provided a handout. He has been keeping an eye on the IDOT project working near Kinsey Ave. The IDOT submittal of the Moen Ave project information is presently being reviewed. He is expecting a decision shortly. If there is not a decision, there may be additional comments or questions which would require additional meetings Mr. Malinowski reminded the Board that the tenant going into the Euro Trucking property still needs to submit plans. Schwarz Logistics is still looking at issues with their plan, specifically floodplain issues and studies to determine what they can do to get their building constructed.

Mr. Stiff reported that he is presently working on continued compliance matters regarding 617 Howard. Since it was boarded up by the Village, the property owner wants to sell to a property owner adjacent to the 617 Howard property. He is dealing with the attorney of the person who wants to purchase the property. There are issues which remain involving both the Village and the property owner with the requests to sell the property.

XIII. Public Comment

Mr. Wyke opened public comment. Ms. Webber asked about the new water main locations and the repairing of the road after the project is completed.

XIV. Special Business

None

XV. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Wyke reminded everyone about the Easter Egg hunt at the Baseball Diamond on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 10:00 am. Mr. Wyke then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Cooling with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday April 7, 2026.