

Rensselaer County Sewer District No. 1

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2026

I. Call to order

Chairman Miner called the regular meeting of the Rensselaer County Sewer District No. 1 to order on February 25, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Rensselaer County Legislature Conference Room.

II. Roll call

Chairman Miner conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Dambrose, Dolgin, Lewandusky, Lourinia, Mainello, Masone, Poletto. Commissioner Bott arrived at 5:35pm. Others present: Harry Tutunjian, Jaime Thomas, Jared Kline and Jason Wheeler.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Masone led the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30pm.

IV. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Commissioner Masone motioned to approve the January 28, 2026 meeting minutes followed by a second from Commissioner Poletto. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Reports

Staff Issues –

1. One of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's has resigned their position.
2. A Processing Technician II has been recruited and is set to start on 3/2/26.
3. Multiple interviews have been conducted for Instrumentation, Controls & Electrical Technician. RCSD is still searching for the right candidate.
4. RCSD is currently recruiting for the following openings:
 - Instrumentation, Controls & Electrical Technician (\$78,654)
 - Assistant Maintenance Supervisor (\$73,392)
 - Wastewater Plant Operator (\$66,184)

Aeration and Miscellaneous Projects – The District has forwarded a change order proposal from AMAHA Electrical to the Legislature for consideration at the upcoming

March 10, 2026 regular scheduled meeting. The change order will fund the replacement of the plant medium voltage feeder conduit. The approximate costs of the proposal come to \$500,000.

The aeration blowers for tanks # 3 and #4 were energized on February 18, 2026 and are currently undergoing performance test commissioning.

Dryer & Misc. Project Update – Construction is nearing completion of the west thickened sludge pumping station. Currently awaiting concrete pads for the pumps and final electrical connections. Once the west side is completed, work on the east side will begin.

Skimmings Decant Tank bypass piping is currently scheduled for installation during the week of March 2, 2026. The bypass piping will allow skimmings to be pumped directly to the blended sludge tanks, until a skimmings decant tank is installed. Siemens has advised that another meeting is required to further discuss the Skimmings Decant Tank replacement. The meeting is to take place on Friday, 02/27/2025 at 9am, and discussions are expected to involve replacing the delivered 4,300 gallon tank with the 6,000 gallon tank originally agreed to per the contract.

Skimmings building equipment replacement is anticipated to commence upon the receipt of new valves. The valves are expected to be received in March.

Siemens Piping Project – Received ductile iron piping for interior construction regarding the thickener overflow piping. Siemens would like to further discuss the valving and sensors related to this project. Mr. Wheeler elaborated on the valving and sensors, adding that they would be used to maintain use of the original gravity thickener overflow line should restrictions arise in the new line. Commissioner Lourinia questioned whether the new gravity thickener overflow line was the result of a design error, or a communication error, and if we have to accept it. Mr. Wheeler stated that he believed CDM Smith had ordered the new line while under the impression that it met the specifications. Mr. Wheeler continued on, adding that he would like to see the new line operate for some time before accepting and signing off on it.

2025 Budget Performance Report – A budget performance report had been prepared for each Commissioner.

VI. Old Business- None.

VII. New Business- None.

VIII. Open Discussion- None.

- IX. Next meeting:** March 25, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Rensselaer County Office Building 99 Troy Rd. 2nd floor Conference room.

- X. Adjournment-** Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:52pm following a motion from Commissioner Bott and a second by Commissioner Lewendusky.

Minutes submitted by: Jared Kline