WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT
Fred C. Hohnke Community Center
Regular Board Meeting
February 17, 2026

President Cohen called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m.

Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were
Present: Cohen, Perry, Venouziou
Absent: Coleman, Mahoney

Staff present: Knitter, Ritter, Webber, Bordewick, Karesh, Blaugh, Romano, Esquivel
Absent: None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
President Bill Cohen asked whether there were any staff recommendations or Commissioner requests to add, delete, or revise the agenda for February 17, 2026. There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
President Cohen updated staff on current events coming up. Executive Director Knitter asked if any commissioner was interested in joining staff at the IAPD Parks Day. President Cohen accepted.

STAFF REPORTS

Business Services
Superintendent of Business Services Chris Webber opened his board report with an action item,

Staff recommended that the Board authorize staff to purchase office furniture in an amount not to exceed $14,431.99 from miscellaneous capital development funds, CDP #26-02c.

Commissioner Venouziou asked what type of furniture would staff be purchasing and Deputy Director Webber answered with desks/file cabinets/storage.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to purchase office furniture in an amount not to exceed $14,431.99 from miscellaneous capital development funds, CDP #26-02c.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Next, Webber continued his report, mentioning that the auditors will be out next week and shared the Balloons & Applause emails that are going out weekly to staff. He also updated the board on current positions that are being filled at the District. Webber closed his report sharing the new IT project called KnowBe4 which is a security awareness training and simulated phishing platform that helps the District train employees to recognize and resist cyber threats such as phishing, ransomware, and social engineering, thereby strengthening the human element of a company's defense. The next IT project to be implemented will be the migration of the current Microsoft Exchange to Exchange Online (Microsoft 365).

Planning & Development

Superintendent of Planning & Development Ryan Bordewick opened his board report with an action item, staff requests Board authorization to bid the 2026 Spring Bid Projects Summerhill Park Site Improvements Project, ADA #26-02c and Janes Avenue Park Site Improvements Project, ADA #26-03c.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to authorize to bid the 2026 Spring Bid Projects Summerhill Park Site Improvements Project, ADA #26-02c and Janes Avenue Park Site Improvements Project, ADA #26-03c.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry, and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Bordewick continued with his next action item, staff recommends the Board consider accepting Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder based on the contractor's base bid total and approve a contract in the amount of $73,921.63 for the Ide's Grove East Park Site Improvements, ADA #26-01c.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to accept Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder based on the contractor's base bid total and approve a contract in the amount of $73,921.63 for the Ide's Grove East Park Site Improvements, ADA #26-01c.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Bordewick continued with his next action item, staff recommends the Board consider accepting the RVi proposal dated January 23, 2026, for professional design services and approve an agreement on a time rate basis in an amount not to exceed $29,800.00 for the Jubilee Point Park Challenge Course – Design Services, CA #26-01ca.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to accept the RVi proposal dated January 23, 2026, for professional design services and approve an agreement on a time rate basis in an amount not to exceed $29,800.00 for the Jubilee Point Park Challenge Course – Design Services, CA #26-01ca.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Bordewick continued with his next action item, staff recommends the Board consider accepting ComEd's proposal dated February 13, 2026, and approve a contract in the amount of $17,009.14 for the establishment and installation of new electrical service at Jubilee Point Park.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to accept ComEd's proposal dated February 13, 2026, and approve a contract in the amount of $17,009.14 for the establishment and installation of new electrical service at Jubilee Point Park.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Perry asked why this electrical work was not budgeted and Knitter replied that staff had to wait on ComEd and that usually contingency funds always go towards electrical work because they never know until they start the project if they will have to install a new service or not.

Bordewick continued with his next action item, staff recommends the Board consider accepting ComEd's proposal dated February 13, 2026, and approve a contract in the amount of $57,839.74 for the burial of existing overhead electrical service lines at Jubilee Point Park.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to accept ComEd's proposal dated February 13, 2026, and approve a contract in the amount of $57,839.74 for the burial of existing overhead electrical service lines at Jubilee Point Park.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Bordewick continued with his next action item, staff recommends the Board consider accepting Comcast's proposal dated February 3, 2026, and approve a contract in the amount of $5,680.49 for the burial of existing overhead Comcast cable lines at Jubilee Point Park.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to accept ComEd's proposal dated February 13, 2026, and accept Staff recommends the Board consider accepting Comcast's proposal dated February 3, 2026, and approve a contract in the amount of $5,680.49 for the burial of existing overhead Comcast cable lines at Jubilee Point Park.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Bordewick continued with his last action item, staff recommends the Board consider approving Resolution No. 26-4, A Resolution Authorizing a Change Order in Regard to the Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c-01 Involving an Increase in the Contract Price in Excess of $10,000.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to approve Resolution No. 26-4, A Resolution Authorizing a Change Order in Regard to the Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c-01 Involving an Increase in the Contract Price in Excess of $10,000.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Bordewick closed his report updating the board with current grants. In January, staff were notified that the project's OSLAD grant term had been extended by 12-months, through April 30, 2027. Staff requested and received reimbursement of $300,0000 in grant-funded expenditures; this was the first reimbursement request submitted to date. Also, since the beginning of construction, the district has received quarterly reimbursement of the grant-funded expenditures. DCEO notified staff on January 23rd that the quarterly request ($82,973.30) had been approved. To date, the District has received $176,513 of the $225,000 awarded grant funds. He also updated the board that the position of Park Planner was posted on January 30th and they are currently interviewing.

Parks

Parks Maintenance Manager Chris Blaugh opened his report with an action item, staff recommends the Board consider rejecting Lawn Squads proposal due to their lack of experience maintain natural areas.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to reject Lawn Squads proposal due to their lack of experience maintain natural areas.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Blaugh continued his report with an action item, staff consider accepting the proposal dated February 2nd, 2026 from Integrated Lakes Management and award a contract in the amount of $19,462.85. for the Natural Area Weed Control project, MSP #26-03pc.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to accept the proposal dated February 2nd, 2026 from Integrated Lakes Management and award a contract in the amount of $19,462.85. for the Natural Area Weed Control project, MSP #26-03pc.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Blaugh continued his report with an action item, staff consider accepting National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 Super Duty 4wd pickup truck in the amount of $51,720.00 to include the recommended purchase options per the Capital Replacement Program.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 Super Duty 4wd pickup truck in the amount of $51,720.00 to include the recommended purchase options per the Capital Replacement Program.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Blaugh continued his report with an action item, staff consider accepting National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F550 Super Duty 4wd dump truck in the amount of $60,629.32 to include the recommended purchase options per the Capital Replacement Program.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to accept National Auto Fleet Group as the lowest responsible bidder secured through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Program, and approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F550 Super Duty 4wd dump truck in the amount of $60,629.32 to include the recommended purchase options per the Capital Replacement Program.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Blaugh continued his report with an action item, staff consider accepting Burris Equipment as the sole source supplier, and approve the purchase order for an EA-600 Aera-Vator with Roller and Seeder Box for the existing Ventrac in the amount of $11,644.00.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to accept Burris Equipment as the sole source supplier, and approve the purchase order for an EA-600 Aera-Vator with Roller and Seeder Box for the existing Ventrac in the amount of $11,644.00.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Facility Maintenance & Risk Management

Superintendent of Facility Maintenance & Risk Management John Karesh opened his report with an action item, Staff recommends the Board consider authorization to bid the ARC High Dusting Project, MSP #26-03c.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to authorize to bid the ARC High Dusting Project, MSP #26-03c.

AYES: Venouziou, Perry, and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Karesh continued his report updating the board on the coil replacement project. He also gave kudos to Eric and Kevin for updating all of the non-functional tube lighting at the ARC facility. Karesh closed his report mentioning on January 30, PDRMA formally initiated the 2026 Risk Management Review (RMR) process. Staff participated in the annual Kick-off webinar to review program requirements and are currently completing the required 2026 Kick-off documentation. Upon submission of the paperwork, staff will meet with PDRMA representatives to evaluate 2025 performance and identify opportunities for improvement. This collaborative review will result in the establishment of clear, measurable goals for 2026 aimed at strengthening and enhancing organizational safety protocols.

Recreation & Aquatics

Superintendent of Recreation Don Ritter opened his report sharing the FYIs. He shared that the annual special events were rescheduled because of the parking lot resealing project. He stated Jess Tompkins is resigning from her current position as Recreation Coordinator for the Kidz Squad Before and After School program and Summer Camp programs. The district has begun interviewing for her position and planning to fill it by April 1st. Ritter closed his report sharing with the board that the District needs site directors typically college age students. He will make sure more information is sent to the board directly.

Marketing & Community Engagement ("MCE")
Superintendent of Marketing & Community Engagement, Megan Romano opened her report with a board action item,
Staff recommends the Board consider accepting Paulson Press as the lowest responsible bidder and approve a contract in the amount of $17,500.00 for the 2026 Printing Projects, MSP #26-01c.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to accept Paulson Press as the lowest responsible bidder and approve a contract in the amount of $17,500.00 for the 2026 Printing Projects, MSP #26-01c.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED.

Romano went on to share the full marketing campaign that was implemented for the new Groovin' with my Grown-Up event on March 20 including website graphics, social media posts, printed and digital graphics and sidewalk decals. Additionally, a WPD logo's backdrop was ordered to be used for the new event and any other events. She mentioned that two new sponsors have committed to partnering with the District this year which are Duly Health and Grand Appliance. Romano closed her report with a reminder to try out the Agents of Discovery app with the new missions.

Administration
No report

CONSENT AGENDA

F.1-7 President Cohen asked if any Commissioner had requested to remove any agenda item from the consent agenda for separate consideration and action. There were none.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Perry to approve Consent Agenda Item #1 for Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 20, 2026, Consent Agenda Item #2 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Board Meeting held January 20, 2026, and Agenda Items #3 through #7 for Vendor Payment, Payroll Ratification, and Program Refunds for a total amount $926,327.67.

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes ..... January 20, 2026
2. Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes ..... January 20, 2026
3. Vendor Payment & Payroll Ratification Report (1/16/26 – 2/12/26) $926,327.67
4. Eco Clean Maintenance, Inc., ARC Facility Janitorial Services, MSP #24-01c, Payout #24 ..... $4,020.00
5. Schwartz Construction Group, Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c-01, Payout #9 ..... $188,057.61
6. Speer Financial, Inc., Bond Issuance ..... ……..$5,500.00
7. Village of Woodridge, Town Centre Land Acquisition Debt Service P&I $509,037.50

President Cohen requested a roll call vote to approve consent agenda items #1 through #7.

Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Perry, Venouziou, and Cohen.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Coleman, Mahoney

MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Jenny Knitter opened up the Executive Director's board report with a board action item,

Knitter recommended the Board approve a license agreement dated February 17, 2026, with Woodridge Rotary for the use of park district property located at the Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park parking lot.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Venouziou to approve a license agreement dated February 17, 2026, with Woodridge Rotary for use of park district property located at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park parking lot.

AYES: Perry, Venouziou and Cohen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mahoney, Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

Knitter continued her report, noting staff is looking to finalize the 2026 realistic project completion plan. Staff is finalizing the timeline and will have options for the board end of July/early August. She updated the board stating that staff participated in the Joint Review Board (JRB) Meeting held on February 2, 2026 as one of 14 taxing District's a part of the JRB. At this meeting, during public comment, several residents spoke regarding concerns about the TIF and the posting of this meeting's notice. As such, a motion was passed to continue the meeting to Thursday, February 5, 2026. On February 5th at 7pm, the Village of Woodridge Board of Trustees voted in favor of the TIF 6 votes to none. Therefore, the TIF District was approved. Knitter concluded her report, stating Megan Romano and Lauren Clancy have been attending Chamber of Commerce meetings, 1-2 a month, making connections, and already receiving sponsorship money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEASPAR

Knitter referred the Board to the report and had no further comments.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Plan Commission

Knitter referred the Board to the report, noting the Village of Woodridge Monthly Development Projects Report was included.

Chamber of Commerce

No Report

Affiliated Athletic Associations

No Report

BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD)

None

BOARD NEW BUSINESS
None

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was requested. MOTION by Perry, seconded by Venouziou, to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:46 p.m. President Cohen requested a voice vote to adjourn the regular board meeting of February 17, 2026.

Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were
Present: Cohen, Perry, Venouziou
Absent: Coleman, Mahoney

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted.



Jack Mahoney, Secretary