

Richland Wilkin Joint Powers Authority

Board Meeting

April 14, 2026, at 8:30 AM

Richland County Courthouse

Members Present: Eric Klindt, Jon Braton, Nathan Berseth, and Perry Miller

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Fred Strege, Amy Clark, Shawn Paczkowski, Steve Dale

1. Review/Approve of 3/19/26 Meeting Minutes: Miller made a motion to approve the March 19, 2026, meeting minutes, and Klindt seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Review/Approve of Sarah Erickson's 3/31/26 Financial Reports: Klindt made a motion to approve Sarah Erickson's March 31, 2026, financial reports, and Braton seconded. The motion carried.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Updates:
 - i. Housing Program Updates. Berseth summarized the status of JPA homes available for sale. Only one Burchill home is remaining in Breckenridge. Two Silver Line homes in Colfax are pending. One Burchill home in Colfax recently closed, and another recently fell through. Discussion occurred regarding the status of the Hohenstein twin homes in Wahpeton.
 - ii. Other Project Updates. Berseth gave an update on the JPA's purchase of the bank building. The bank building closed yesterday, and the plan is to either rent or sell the property to Richland County. Paczkowski will take care of getting insurance on the building.
4. New Business:
 - a. Cristaldo – Rothsay Loan Extension. Clark noted that the loan for Cristaldo's house in Rothsay comes due on April 22, 2026, and that Cristaldo has requested an extension. Klindt made a motion to extend the note by 6 months, and Braton seconded. The motion carried.
 - b. Cristaldo – Red House Extension. Clark noted that the loan for Cristaldo's red house project in Wahpeton comes due on May 9, 2026, and that Cristaldo has requested an extension. Miller made a motion to extend the note by 6 months, and Braton seconded. The motion carried.
 - c. Cristaldo – Edgewood Park Twin Home Application. Cristaldo submitted a request for financing twin homes to be built in Edgewood Park Subdivision in Wahpeton. The Board expressed enthusiasm for the project, but don't wish to proceed with a new project until the Red House project is finished. No action was taken.

- d. Appointments to Subcommittee. Clark informed the Board that John Shockley has requested appointments to a new subcommittee of the Diversion Authority. The new subcommittee will review and make recommendations regarding debris removal and cleanup plans after project operations pursuant to Section 19.02 of the Settlement Agreement. The board members discussed potential nominees. No action was taken.
 - e. Richland County Taxes. Clark informed the Board that Richland County provided a list of JPA properties and taxes owed. Strege requested an approval from the Board to pay the property taxes. Miller made a motion to pay the Richland County property taxes for JPA properties, Klindt seconded the motion, and the motion carried pursuant to a unanimous roll call vote.
 - f. Application for Senior Citizens Center. The Wyndmere Senior Citizens Club submitted an application to receive \$100K of funding from the JPA over a period of 10 years. Berseth informed the Board that the Senior Citizens Center already has \$130K of funding for construction of a new senior citizens center, and they are working with Bob Wurl from Lincoln State Bank to secure a loan for the remaining \$100K cost, which the JPA funds would service. Miller made a motion to approve the request as a forgivable loan on the following terms: (a) the loan will be forgiven after a period of 10 years so long as the Wyndmere Senior Citizens Club retains ownership of the building; (b) the old building is transferred to the JPA upon completion of the new building; and (c) title work being completed. Klindt seconded the motion, and the motion carried pursuant to a unanimous roll call vote.
 - g. Misc.: Strege gave an update on the Bois de Sioux golf course project. The funding source changed. Instead of issuing bonds, the City will pay for the project with its own funds and charge the Bois de Sioux Golf Course 2% interest. The total project cost is now \$1.305M, including drainage work and irrigation work. The City Finance meeting occurred yesterday, and this financing passed unanimously. Strege expects the City Council to approve it next Monday or Tuesday, and all will be done for necessary City approvals.
5. Approve Bills: The Board reviewed the current RWJPA bills. Klindt made a motion to approve and pay the bills, and Braton seconded. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Thereafter the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Clark