

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROCK RIVER WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rock River Water Reclamation District convened at 6:00 p.m. at the Hoffman House Restaurant, 7550 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois. The following Trustees were present:

Lloyd Hawks	Vice President
Donald Kerestes	Clerk/Treasurer
Elmer Jones	Trustee
Rick Pollack	Trustee

Staff members present: Steve Graceffa, District Director; Dana Carroll, Engineering Manager; Larry McFall, Plant Operations Manager; David Cook, Supporting Services Manager; Frank Papke, Business Manager; Michael Robertson, Information and Technology Services Supervisor; and Deborah Lyons, Executive Services Coordinator.

Others present: Attorney William Howard, Attorney Robert Torbert, Linda Graceffa, Colleen Carroll, Pam McFall, Kathy Cook, Lorri Papke, Elizabeth Robertson, and Glen Lyons.

Trustee Kerestes stated the meeting was being held in honor of the retiring District Director, Steve Graceffa.

Trustee Kerestes stated the Board appreciates Steve Graceffa's many years of service to the District. The District has run well and smoothly since he became Director in 2005.

Trustee Kerestes presented a plaque to Steve with the following inscription:

*The Rock River Water Reclamation  
District Board of Trustees  
In Recognition and  
Grateful Appreciation Honors  
Steven Graceffa  
For 46 Years Diligent, Faithful,  
And Conscientious Service  
11 Years as District Director  
January 2016*

Trustee Kerestes presented a watch to Steve as a personal gift from the Trustees as an expression of the Board's appreciation for Steve's contributions at the District over the years and especially since becoming Director.

District Director Graceffa thanked the Board for the gifts and dinner. He stated the years at the District have been very rewarding.

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Steve Graceffa stated that in 1970, all prospective District employees went before a judge to be hired. Some of the jobs they were given to do in the early days were somewhat unusual and out of the ordinary. One of such jobs was to tear down a barn; another time the job was to take a windmill out of service. In those days, the District often paid for an easement in ways that didn't require money.

Director Graceffa stated that the people that worked at the District soon became like family to his family as well as to himself.

Supporting Services Manager Cook stated Steve Graceffa was the best boss he had ever had and had taught him a lot. He will miss Steve.

Engineering Manager Carroll stated Steve Graceffa was the best boss he ever had and thanked Steve for the opportunity to come back to the District as a Manager.

Attorney Howard stated it has been great working with Steve Graceffa; Steve handled a variety of situations in a very professional manner.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Clerk