Immanuel Lutheran Church & School–Wentzville
Special Voters Meeting Minutes
08.30.2026

Attendance: 97 total (79 voting stewards, 18 non-voting stewards and guests)

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School-Wentzville (ILCSW) Board of Directors (BOD) Chair Tom Guenzler called the Special Voters Meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Tom Guenzler welcomed all those in attendance and recognized former BOD Chair Becky Hoskins and Board members Kevin Henneghen and Grant Goris for their service to the Board.

Tom Guenzler stated the May 26, 2026, Voters Meeting Minutes and the August 30, 2026, Special Voters Meeting Minutes will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Voters Meeting.

Pastor Jason Auringer opened the meeting with a reading from and comments on the New Testament book of 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 that speaks to the Apostle Paul's encouragement to the Macedonian churches who lived with generosity, giving according to their means, even when life was seemingly falling apart around them. The history of Immanuel Lutheran Church-Wentzville is one of striving for excellence in faith and constantly growing outward and excelling in giving in both the message of Jesus Christ and financially.

Approval of Easement Request Relative to Land Acquisition – Tom Guenzler introduced Tom Ruff, chair of ILCSW's Long-Term Planning Committee (LTP). Tom presented information relating to the following three (3) easements and one (1) temporary license that will enable new utility and traffic access to the ILCSW-Wentzville Campus, including the extension of Perry Cate Boulevard and sanitary sewer connections:

- Sanitary connection – Easement to Duckett Creek Sanitary District
- Storm water connection – Easement to St. Charles County
- Right of way dedication – Easement to St. Charles County for Perry Cate Boulevard extension, a permanent dedication of approximately 7000 sq. ft., or 0.16 acres, located at the southwest corner of ILCSW-Wentzville Campus property
- License to DCM Trailside, LLC – Temporary license to allow contractor to come on ILCSW- Wentzville Campus property to complete construction

Questions from the floor:
Tom Modde – As it relates to the current retention pond, will a run-off area for water collection still be needed on the ILCSW property? Answer: Yes, for now, until it is determined that all is working properly.

Linda Waller – What is the time frame for a second sewer coming through? Answer: Timing is unknown.

LeRoy Peterson – What is the location of the ILCSW-Wentzville Campus access to Perry Cate Boulevard? Answer: Plans are in development.

Graeme Garvey – What will ILCSW receive in exchange for giving .16 acres of land for right-of-way dedication? Answer: An offset in the purchase price of land acquisition that ILCSW is considering for campus expansion.

Joel Mueller: Will ILCSW receive compensation if proposed land acquisition does not go through? Answer: No other compensation if ILCSW does not purchase the property.

Graeme Garvey: If a land purchase does not materialize, could ILCSW receive an offset in added property itself? Answer: That conversation has not taken place.

Joel Mueller: Who will pay for approach to Perry Cate Boulevard? Answer: Developer will provide the approach as long as direction is received from ILCSW.

Jeff Schneider: Where will the driveway onto Perry Cate Boulevard be located? Plans are being developed with consideration for worship services and school traffic.

Amy Schuldt: Does the planned Capital Campaign give consideration in total dollars for costs incurred in this project? Answer: As best as possible. Capital Campaign includes costs of connecting the ILCSW sewer line to the Duckett Creek sewer extension.

Graeme Garvey: Is the proposed land acquisition that ILCSW is considering otherwise zoned as commercial? Where does the price of the lot stand? Answer: Yes, the land acquisition that ILCSW is considering will otherwise be zoned commercial. Land price is in negotiations, with plans to close soon.

BOD Chair Tom Guenzler asked for a motion regarding three (3) easements and one (1) license.

ACTION: Kevin Heneghen made the motion to approve the request for three (3) easements and to grant one (1) temporary license as presented by LTP Chair Tom Ruff. Brian Parker seconded motion. Motion approved with two opposed.

Reassign Reserved Fund: Russ Hoppe presented information regarding reallocation of a Reserved Fund.

- September 2022 – ILCSW voters set aside $60,000 toward hiring a leadership staff member.
- July 2023 – ILCSW voters approved the fiscal budget adding an additional $20,000 to the fund.
- May 2024 – Russ Hoppe hired for a six-month engagement as Interim Executive Director
- May 2025 – ILCSW voters approved a fiscal budget including the expected salary of the Executive Director

On August 30, 2026, ILCSW asks that voters remove the Leadership/Executive Director restriction in the Reserved Fund described so that dollars can be utilized to fill positions that arise between budget cycles.

Questions from the floor:
Amy Schuldt: Suggested not naming a future position to allow for hiring needed general staff personnel.

Mike Schlipp: Clarified current balance of the Reserved Fund account. Answer: $79,500

ACTION: Les Blalock made the motion to remove the Leadership/Executive Director restriction on the Reserved Fund and move funds into the fiscal budget to allow for hiring of staff as needed. Brian Parker seconded the motion.

Executive Director of Finance Dan Ebert recommended not moving the fund dollars into the budget but remove the restriction and place funds into a General Staff Needs Account to be used for hiring staff as needed.

ACTION: Les Blalock revised his motion to read removing the Leadership/Executive Director restriction on the Reserved Fund and placing the funds into a General Staff Needs Account for use in hiring staff as needed.

Becky Hoskins recommended adding the fund dollar amount into the motion, i.e., $79,500.

ACTION: Les Blalock revised his motion to read: Removing the Leadership/Executive Director restriction on the Reserved Fund and placing the $79,500 in funds into a General Staff Needs account for use in hiring staff as needed. Brian Parker seconded the revised motion.

QUESTION: Graeme Garvey confirmed that these funds are in totality and not an annual allocation. Answer: Correct, a one-time $79,500 amount.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

With no additional questions or comments from the floor, Tom Ruff made the motion to adjourn the Special Voters Meeting. Kevin Henghan seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Attendees closed the meeting with singing of The Doxology.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Handouts:

- Special Voters Meeting Agenda, August 30, 2026