



**Board Meeting
April 16, 2026**

The Northern Illinois Municipal Power Agency (NIMPA) held a Board Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 10:30am, at the City of Batavia Government Center, 100 N. Island Avenue, Batavia, IL.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

President Aaron Holton called the meeting to order at 10:30am

NIMPA Members present at the meeting:

Aaron Holton, City of Geneva
Andrea Podraza, City of Batavia
Steve Allen, City of Batavia
Blake Toliver, City of Rochelle

Present via teleconference:

Rich Babica, City of Geneva
David Niles, Avant Energy
Noah Hansen, Avant Energy
Trevor Smith, Avant Energy
Joe Fulliero, Avant Energy
Kevin Carpenter, Avant Energy
Chad Kustermann, Avant Energy
Dominick Lanzito, Brentwood Consulting, LLC
Abby Dobson, Forvis Mazars
Elizabeth Zrelak, Administrative Support

2. Approval of March 19, 2026 NIMPA Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 19, 2026, meeting were presented for review. A correction was noted to the attendance record to accurately reflect Mr. Jay Mulholland as a City of Rochelle member participant rather than an Avant representative. Upon motion and second, the minutes of the March 19 meeting were approved, as amended.

Approval of Regular Session NIMPA Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2026, as amended

MOTION: To approve the general session NIMPA meeting minutes from March 19, 2026, as amended

MAKER: Steve Allen

SECOND: Blake Toliver

AYES: 3 (Allen, Toliver, Holton)

NAYS: 0

The motion passed

3. Forvis Mazars 2025 NIMPA Audit Presentation

Before turning over the presentation to Ms. Dobson, Mr. Niles introduced and thanked Avant's Controller, Mr. Trevor Smith, for his diligence on the day to day accounting support for NIMPA and his thorough preparation on the 2025 NIMPA audit.

Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Dobson and noted that the current audit process went smoothly and that communication between Avant and Forvis was well aligned.

Ms. Dobson thanked the NIMPA and Avant teams and reviewed audited documentation:

a. 2025 NIMPA Audit Financial Statements

Ms. Dobson presented the 2025 Audit, noting that NIMPA received a clean, unmodified opinion. She highlighted that the financial statements and related footnote disclosures are materially correct and prepared in accordance with GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles).

Key financial results included a nearly \$3M increase in net position and a healthy positive cash flow in 2025.

Ms. Dobson directed NIMPA members to review the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), which is required supplementary information under GASB accounting principles, for additional narrative and detail for the periods ending December 31, 2024, and December 31, 2025. Additional clarity and required disclosures can be found in the footnotes.

<https://www.nimpaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/2025-NIMPA-Financial-Statements-Final.pdf>

President Holton provided two updates/clarifications:

Build America Bonds update: NIMPA has received the payment, which has been forwarded to the trustee and deposited.

Illinois EPA Permit Clarification: Prairie State is currently operating under a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit, a PSD Permit, not a Title V or county level permit. President Holton provided a clarification for the record regarding the Prairie State permit status. He further noted that the process for obtaining a Title V permit is ongoing. This information was provided for informational purposes to ensure the accuracy of the regulatory record.

b. 2025 NIMPA Audit Communications Letter

Ms. Dobson continued her review of the 2025 NIMPA Audited Communications Letter, which provides a roadmap for the audit's high points. Key highlights included:

- i. The audit is performed utilizing a scoping, or sampling, approach to determine material accuracy rather than an individual review of every transaction.
- ii. The majority of the document is owned by management and governance and is their responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements, while the auditor's responsibility is to independently verify and report on the accuracy of those statements.
- iii. Adoption of GASB Statement #102, a disclosure only standard, which required further evaluation but resulted in no change to the financial statements. Ms. Dobson did indicate that there are several new GASB accounting standards forthcoming that may be impactful to NIMPA in the years ahead.
- iv. Utility plant lifespans and cost amortization require management estimates. She confirmed these were evaluated during the audit and found to be consistent with industry standards.
- v. Audit Results: No audit adjustments or uncorrected items, noting that no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified, reflecting the diligence of the Avant team throughout the year.

<https://www.nimpaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/2025-NIMPA-Audit-Communication-Letter-FINAL.pdf>

Ms. Dobson exits the meeting

Acceptance of NIMPA's 2025 Audit by Forvis Mazars

MOTION: To accept NIMPA's 2025 audit by Forvis Mazars, as presented
MAKER: Aaron Holton
SECOND: Steve Allen
AYES: 3 (Holton, Allen, Toliver)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

4. Brentwood Consulting, LLC Update

Attorney Lanzito provided an update on pending legislation, which he has been monitoring, ahead of the April 24, 2026, deadline. He cautioned that late stage trailer bills could still expand the scope of covered entities, although NIMPA's operations do not currently meet the thresholds established in the latest proposed language. He highlighted current legislative trends regarding solar and renewable energy implementation, which seek to limit regulation at the local level.

IML (Illinois Municipal League Lobby Days) – April 29, 2026: Attorney Lanzito encouraged individual municipality members to participate and to engage with legislators during Lobby Days. To ensure strict compliance with OMA (Open Meetings Act), he advised that any interested members should contact him directly to facilitate one on one introductions. The NIMPA Board confirmed they would review their respective municipal schedules and take the current legislative tracking spreadsheet format under advisement for future feedback.

Attorney Lanzito exits the meeting

5. Financial Report – Review of February 2026 Financials

- a. Mr. Niles reported that 2026 marks the final year of a three year contract cycle with Forvis Mazars. The 2025 financial statements are the tenth overall audit that Forvis Mazars has performed for NIMPA, and three years ago, the Board discussed a preference for rotating auditors at the end of this contract. An agenda item will be added to a future NIMPA Board Meeting to determine next steps for the next audit cycle.
- b. Mr. Niles indicated that NIMPA's rate to members was \$0.22/MWh higher than budget for February. This variance was the result of higher than budgeted transmission and maintenance costs, partially offset by lower than budgeted purchase power, fuel production, and other operating expense.
- c. At the end of February, NIMPA had a \$15M credit facility with PNC Bank, a \$4.5M letter of credit with PJM is outstanding, leaving \$10.5M of the credit facility unused.
- d. The ECA payable to members decreased by \$14,000 in February due to a combination of a budgeted ECA increase of \$280,000, higher cost than budget of \$18,000, and the return of \$276,000 of ECA funds to members. At the end of February, the ECA balance was \$6.7M.
- e. Capital Adder Fund:
NIMPA's Capital Adder Fund had a balance of approximately \$11.3M at the end of February. The fund balance continues to represent more than four years of NIMPA's share of projected capital costs based on Prairie State's projected capital expenditures over the next five years.
- f. Cash Investment Report:
NIMPA has a total of \$74.6M of cash and investments of which \$40.5M is related to debt service reserves and debt service. NIMPA's operating account balance was \$9M at the end of February.
- g. IRS Update: All Build America Bonds Subsidy Payments for the January 1, 2026, bond payment date have been received and deposited with the bond trustee. The request for the subsidy due for the July 2026 payment was sent via UPS to the IRS on April 6, 2026.

All members agree that prior government shutdowns have resulted in significant administrative backlogs at the IRS, leading to concerns regarding the timeliness of future subsidy processing.

President Holton and Mr. Niles discussed the five year capital budget projections (2026 – 2030), and if the upcoming anticipated turbine maintenance at the plant is included in those figures. Mr. Niles responded that NIMPA's share is approximately \$10M and should include the turbine maintenance within the 5 year look ahead, but he will doublecheck specific scheduling in the formal budget to confirm. President Holton's recollection is that this work is to be completed in 2027.

MOTION: To approve NIMPA monthly financials from February 2026
MAKER: Blake Toliver
SECOND: Steve Allen
AYES: 3 (Toliver, Allen, Holton)
NAYS: 0
The motion passed

6. Refunding of Series 2016A Bonds – Underwriter RFP Summary

Mr. Niles reported that the RFP for NIMPA's 2026 contemplated bond issue was released to nine underwriting firms on March 19, 2026, immediately following the March NIMPA Board Meeting. Mr. Niles and Mr. Carpenter independently reviewed and scored the responding seven firms against five criteria: approach to financing, distribution and underwriting capabilities, experience with public power and Prairie State, proposed personnel, and fees and costs. Following this evaluation, the top two highest scoring firms were identified, Bank of America and RBC, to be considered for the role of Senior Manager.

The interviewing team will be comprised of NIMPA's General Counsel, the Avant team, and a NIMPA representative. The goal is to bring a formal recommendation for the senior manager and co-managers to the NIMPA Board at the May 21, 2026, Board meeting.

Virtual interviews are tentatively scheduled for sometime between April 27 and May 5, 2026.

7. Management and Operations Report: February 2026

Mr. Hansen reviewed the February operations results:

NIMPA's share of Prairie State generated approximately 69,200 MWh for the month for approximately \$3.95M in revenue in PJM. Prairie State also generated approximately 96 MWh in net generation in MISO for the month of February to cover station service with a net revenue of approximately \$30,000. NIMPA actively ramped down in the month of February based on real time LMPs. NIMPA ramped approximately 1,500 MWh for additional benefit. The overall capacity factor for the month at Prairie State was 84.5%.

Unit 1 had a 6 day outage for a boiler tube leak and approximately a 1½ - 2 day outage for an air heater issue on its return to service from the tube leak repair. Unit 2 performed well and had zero availability issues. According to Prairie State, NIMPA's EFOR for February was 13.3%. Total generation for the month, including PJM and MISO at Prairie State was less than, or unfavorable to budget, by approximately 4,600 MWh, or approximately 6.3% less than budget, on a volume basis. The budget has assumed an 8% EFOR. Despite the lower than budgeted volumes, NIMPA's Prairie State generation revenues were greater than budgeted margin by approximately \$650,000, due to higher than budgeted Prairie State LMPs. Prairie State's average LMP/MWh of generation was \$57.03, compared to a budget of \$44.51. Higher LMPs were due to the continuation of cold weather early in the month and higher commodity prices that were the result of January's Winter Storm Fern, which contributed to stronger market prices.

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NIMPA's delivery costs to members in February, however, came in lower than budget. For February NIMPA's delivery costs to members was just over \$2.8M. A \$579,500 favorable variance to budget, as member delivery LMPs came in at \$35.04, compared to a budget of \$42.22. The spread between Prairie State and the member deliveries was much larger than actual, as compared to the budget, due to the impacts along the MISO PJM border where Prairie State received a premium LMP, relative to the ComEd delivery areas. As a result, NIMPA's FTRs had a loss in the month of February of \$1.1M. With Prairie State prices being substantially higher than the member city delivery points, resulting in FTR daily costs for the delivered path to the member cities.

ISO miscellaneous charges in PJM were a revenue of approximately \$16,800.

RPM auction revenues were \$722,000 for February.

Overall, NIMPA had a PJM ISO revenue of \$730,000 for the month of February, which is approximately \$68,000 favorable compared to budget, which assumed a PJM ISO revenue of \$560,000. The favorable variance was due to greater generation resource revenues, due to higher than budgeted Prairie State LMPs, and lower than budgeted member energy delivery costs, which were partially offset by FTRs.

MISO congestion costs in February were a revenue of \$134,000, which is \$183,000 favorable compared to budget. Loss costs were at cost to NIMPA of \$124,000, which is \$48,000 unfavorable compared to budget.

ARRs – Revenue of \$42,000.

ISO miscellaneous costs in MISO were \$15,700.

MISO - NIMPA had an overall revenue for February of \$67,000, compared to the budgeted net cost of \$103,000, a \$170,000 favorable variance compared to budget on the MISO side.

PJM and MISO – NIMPA had a total ISO revenue for the month of February of \$797,000, compared to the budgeted net revenue of \$560,000, a favorable variance to budget of \$238,000.

2026 YTD: For the first two months of 2026, NIMPA had an overall favorable variance to budget of just over \$322,000. Overall generation volumes are nearly aligned with budget on a total volume basis, approximately 0.8% greater than budget. NIMPA is 575 MW greater than budgeted on the PJM side and approximately 550 MW greater on the MISO side. Correspondingly, the EFOR is 8.24% YTD, compared to the budgeted EFOR of 8.0%. NIMPA has a favorable variance in generation resource revenues of approximately \$4.2M. This significant variance for the first two months is due to LMPs coming in substantially greater than budget in January and February as a result of Winter Storm Fern and its lagging impacts into February. The 2026 generation weighted LMP for the first two months averaged \$76.40/MWh compared to \$49.27/MWh of Prairie State generation. Delivery costs to members are unfavorable to budget by approximately \$1.45M due to those higher than budgeted LMPs. Overall FTRs have been unfavorable to budget by \$2.7M, which performed as designed and aligned the basis between Prairie State and member delivery nodal prices, due to Prairie State prices being greater than member delivery prices on average. While the budget assumed a \$2.00 premium of generation at Prairie State over member delivery prices, the actual nodal premium has averaged \$21.00 at the resource. The portfolio is performing as designed, and as long as the unit maintains good performance, these excess revenues received by Prairie State are effectively offset by the FTRs.

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Overall, PJM ISO activities have had a favorable variance to budget of \$119,000. On the MISO side, congestion costs are favorable to budget by \$250,000, loss costs are over budget and unfavorable to budget by \$78,000. MISO activities have had a total favorable variance of \$203,000, which results in a total favorable variance of approximately \$322,000 for NIMPA during the initial two months of 2026.

8. **Old Business:** Mr. Hansen updated the group on annual certifications, stating that all required documentation has been submitted for NIMPA, and Avant is awaiting confirmation from PJM. President Holton shared that moving forward, Avant will be responsible for compiling and coordinating any updates for NIMPA's annual recertifications, which will be reviewed and signed off by an officer.
9. **New Business:** None
10. **Comments:** President Holton thanked Avant for their continued good work.
11. **Motion to adjourn:**
 - MOTION: To adjourn the NIMPA April 2026 Board Meeting
@ 11:20am
 - MAKER: Aaron Holton
 - SECOND: Blake Toliver
 - VOICE VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Zrelak