

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
September 15, 2025
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

Commissioners:

Present: Cindy Morris, Dave Johnson

Absent: Jim Roth

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

Stephen Bivin and Autumn Tibbs (SSWC), and Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering).

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Cindy Morris and roll was taken.

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin gave report and discussed highlights of the August 2025 report. The total gallons pumped from the well field was 54.5 million gallons of water and 44.5 million gallons in finished water. Sampling was within limits.

- Stephen reported on a lagoon excursion. Affluent sample limits were good.

- Stephen reported on the tree trimming that has been done.

- Stephen reported that one of the lagoon affluent pumps went out. The other pump is working. This pumps from the lagoon down the hill. The lagoons are gravity feeding right now. We're still working out all of the bugs.

- Stephen reported on EJ Water Connections. He received a call from the new manager at EJ asking if we wanted to take over their connections on Vignal Road, Bates Irish Road and Tolliver Road (26 houses total). Commissioners discussed why they would want to do this and if we'd need to buy their lines. The 26 houses would become our customers. We may want to consider asking them for their maintenance/repair records for these lines to ensure they're not in need of major repairs prior to making a decision. Stephen will reach out to EJ and ask them to send us a proposal.

- Stephen reported on the insurance claim for the 7/8/25 lightning strike. He found that Well #8 had shut down and the VFD quit working. Joe Lee came out and put a new VFD on it. He thinks the VFD burnt up because the motor went bad on Well #8. There is a new VFD on it which is fried and needs pulled and swapped out. This could all be from the lightning strike. Joe Lee updated his information and has sent it to our insurance adjuster. Max Middendorf agreed that it is probably from the lightning strike. Our insurance adjuster has already been out to the plant to observe known damages. She understands that we could be finding damages six months from now.

- Stephen reported that he has received the following quotes for 3 damaged flowmeters for Wells #8, 9 and 10 (regarding the 7/8/25 lightning strike insurance claim):

Brotcke: \$17,000 for flowmeter and installation (\$2,000/flowmeter and \$15,000/install)

This flowmeter price is the lowest we received. But, it's a flowmeter with a spool.

This quote was dated in 2023 and even though Stephen brought that to their attention and confirmed it would be honored, there is still concern that the price would go up.

Badger Meter: \$4,400 for flowmeter

EL Pruitt: \$6,800 for flowmeter and installation

EL Pruitt: \$4,500 for installation only

Stephen is leaning towards purchasing the flowmeters from Badger and have EL Pruitt do the installation.

Engineering Reports:

- Max Middendorf reported on our NPDES permit change with regard to discharge and brine hauling. He has reached out to the EPA. We are planning to have a meeting scheduled for 9/22/25 to start discussions. We're just waiting for confirmation from EPA on the date.

- Max reported on the possibility of us using water from the gravel pit. He spoke to the property owner and sent information to Chairman Roth. He will be scheduling a meeting to discuss in further. Stephen stated that if we're going to pull from the gravel pit, we'd need a clarifier.

- Max reported that he is working with Brotcke regarding the operating permit for Well #11. EPA is requesting a corrosion analysis. He has provided data to Brotcke. A "SEP" (Special Exception Permit) is always an option too. Brotcke has reached out to Stephen for information in regards to this also.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that August's financial report printouts were provided for review. There is nothing out of the ordinary to report. We are in the positive with our revenue being more than expenses thus far this fiscal year.

- Autumn provided information regarding quotes for trash service at the water plant. Commissioners had asked Autumn to follow up with Republic and Cleeton to get some more information and report back at this month's meeting. Republic will not match Cleeton's \$75/month quote. Republic's price of \$129.85/month is guaranteed for the first 12 months of our contract (Feb 2025-Jan 2026) only. If we cancel service with Republic before February 2028, we will owe approximately \$939 (6 months of services at \$779.10 and a container removal fee of \$160). Cleeton's quote of \$75/month is not guaranteed. Stephen will review the Republic contract for any language regarding cancelling service. Commissioners discussed but tabled this for next month's meeting.

- Autumn reported that New Berlin is past due paying for June and July water usage. Commissioner Morris took the specifics and will speak to appropriate person at New Berlin Village Hall.

- Autumn reported that we need to have an Executive Session to review and release any Executive Session minutes. It has been over a year since the Executive Session has met. We also need to approve Executive Session minutes from 7/15/24. We will plan to have an Executive Session at the end of our regular Board Meeting on 10/20/25.

Approval for Payment of Invoices:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that the vendor payable's printout was provided for review.

- Commissioners reviewed a list of payable items totaling \$90,222.10.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to approve payment of all invoices as listed.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Roth - absent Motion carried.

Approval for Prepayments:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that a list of prepayments made was provided for review. These are vendors that are not on the vendor payable's printout. They are not on the vendor payable's printout because (1) it is automatically deducted from our checking account every month and therefore no check is necessary or (2) it is a timing issue where the actual bill is not available until after our board meeting but it is due before our next board meeting.

- Commissioners reviewed a list of prepayments made 8/14/25 – 9/9/25 totaling \$179.85.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to approve payment of all prepayments as listed.

Roll call vote: Morris – yes Johnson – yes Roth – absent Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

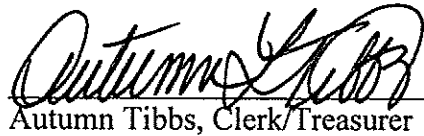
- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, October 20, 2025, at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Autumn Tibbs, Clerk/Treasurer