

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
November 17, 2025
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

Commissioners:

Present: Jim Roth (Chairman), Cindy Morris, Dave Johnson

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

Stephen Bivin and Autumn Tibbs (SSWC), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto et al) and Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering).

Proceedings:

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

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin gave report and discussed highlights of the October 2025 report. The total gallons pumped from the well field was 48.937 million gallons of water and 40.1 million gallons in finished water. Sampling was within limits.

- Stephen reported on a violation notice regarding outfall discharge with chloride and manganese. We sampled and one was high due to an issue with a pump.

- Stephen reported on the Lynn Strawn connection. In 2010, our main went through their property on Pawnee Road and crops were affected. Back then, when this would happen, we would offer them a free tap instead of paying for crops. He is now requesting a tap but we cannot locate any written easement agreement. We could pay him now for the corn that was removed. Or we could install 4" line and tap for an estimated \$10,000. An inter-connect with Otter Lake Water or an easement with CWLP may be options too. Stephen has been in communication with Steve Ray Plumbing because Mr. Strawn contacted them directly for the tap. Stephen will make some more calls and report back next month.

- Stephen gave an update on EJ Water's proposal to sell us 25 customers/connections for \$100,000 (\$4,000/each). Stephen provided a spreadsheet he received from EJ that reflects gallons used at each of the 25 connections for the last 12 months. Stephen will forward to Autumn and she will revise to include monetary figures. This should help us determine how much each connection would earn us. Autumn will provide the updated spreadsheet at next month's meeting.

- Stephen gave an update on the insurance claim for the 7/8/25 lightning strike. The correct size (6") flowmeters arrived and EL Pruitt will be installing soon. Joe Lee is holding all of his invoices in regards to this and will submit all at once. Well #8 motor was bad but has been fixed and cost will be included in the claim. Well #8 cleaning was done at the same time but is not part of the claim.

Engineering Reports:

- Max Middendorf gave an update on our NPDES permit change with regard to discharge and brine hauling. He is still trying to reach Darrin Lacrone (EPA).

- Max reported on the violation. He is hopeful that when we explain what happened the EPA will give us feedback but back off on the violation.

- Max gave an update regarding Well #11. We are sampling data. We are waiting on lab data, regarding aluminum, magnesium, etc., for the corrosion analysis.

- Discussion was had regarding page 11 of the Operating Report. IDNR came out for a CRP survey and noticed agricultural encroachment on SSWC land. Max reported that we are finalizing the plat and have located the pins. He suggests including easements for each well. This should be included in the deed and recorded.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that October'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 reported that our insurance agent is recommending a change to our Commercial/Umbrella policy and our Public Official's policy. Our current Public Official's policy has a \$2M coverage limit. They are suggesting to add this to the \$5M currently on our Commercial/Umbrella policy giving us \$7M in total limits. The additional premium is \$608 for 8/3/25-5/1/26.

MOTION by Johnson, second by Morris to approve the above insurance change for \$608.

Roll call vote: Morris – Yes Johnson – Yes Roth – Yes Motion carried.

- Discussion was had regarding Board Meeting dates for 2026. We would typically meet on Monday, January 19, 2026 but that is Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Dave Johnson shared that he will be unavailable the entire month of January. Our January meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026. Our February meeting would typically be on Monday, February 16, 2026 but that is President's Day holiday. Our February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Randy will prepare the Resolution to sign at next month's meeting.

- Autumn reported that the new PC for the Business Office has been installed and upgraded.

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 \$81,320.99.

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

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

Approval for Prepayments:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that a list of prepayments made was provided for review.

- Commissioners reviewed a list of prepayments made 10/16/25 – 11/11/25 totaling \$83.21.

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

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

Old Business:

- Chairman Roth gave an update regarding his 11/3/25 meeting with the owners (Bonnie Wright and Ms. Watts) of Builder's Sand and Gravel. He gave them a lot of information to digest. They seem to understand that we are interested in obtaining water from them up to and including buying the property. He hasn't heard back from them yet. He has talked to an appraiser and was told it would cost approximately \$3,500-4,500 for an appraisal of their property. He also talked to an engineering firm that can conduct a hydrographic survey of the lake (approximately 300 acres) to determine the volume of water. That could run us approximately \$10,000. We may also want to consider testing the water.

New Business:

- Stephen reported that our one-year contract with USIC Locating Services will be up for renewal in January 2026. USIC is having issues locating properly and he is considering not renewing with them. He will look into Stake Center's locating services.

Adjournment:

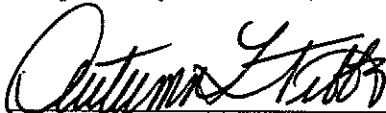
- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, December 15, 2025, at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Morris, second by Johnson to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Autumn Tibbs, Clerk/Treasurer