

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
February 17, 2026
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

Commissioners:

Present: Cindy Morris, Dave Johnson

Absent: Jim Roth (Chairman)

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

Stephen Bivin and Autumn Tibbs (SSWC)

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 January 2026 report. During the month of January, the plant pumped 44.478 million gallons from the well field and 36.636 million gallons of finished water. Sampling was within limits.

- Stephen reported that we did have two emergency call-outs in January. One was due to a customer leak but the leak ended up being on the customer's end. The second was due to a power outage.

- Stephen reported on some programming issues with the CIP skid. We've been working through it and have got most of it taken care of.

- Stephen reported on the Compliance Commitment Agreement (CCA) and last year's violation for manganese and chloride. We are signing the Resolution regarding the CCA tonight to ensure EPA that it won't happen again.

- Stephen reported that he received a letter from the EPA regarding a public notification for SSWC being out of compliance for failing to sample chloridane during our (every 3 year testing) 2023 inorganic chemical sampling. He spoke to both PACE and EPA to figure out what happened. The EPA claims that they didn't get information regarding chloridane from PACE. PACE claims they did include chloridane results in the report. Per PACE's report, there was no chloridane found in 2023 sampling; the EPA just didn't receive the results. We still have to post a notice regarding SSWC being out of compliance on our website and on our CCR.

- Stephen reported on issues we're having with lagoon effluent pumps. We have two but one went down at the end of 2025. We can gravity-feed out of the lagoon. It has been working but its not ideal. Joe Lee thinks they are going out due to overamping. Joe Lee did provide an estimate of \$9,900 to replace one effluent pump. We will not vote on this tonight but will plan to discuss at next month's meeting.

- Stephen reported that we did have a power outage in January and the generator did kick on. But, some things in the plant were not working as they should. Once the power came back on, and the generator shut off, everything in the plant was working as it should again. He called Cummins to come and check out our generator and do periodic maintenance (total cost \$3,382.55). Cummins does not offer maintenance agreements.

Engineering Reports:

- Max Middendorf was not able to attend tonight's meeting. But, he did provide Pay Application #6/Final on Well #11 project to pay Brotcke Well & Pump their balance due of \$21,317.20.

- Commissioners reviewed Pay Application #6/Final.

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Morris to approve payment of \$21,317.20 to Brotcke Well & Pump.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Morris, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

- Autumn provided a copy of the FY2027 Budget draft to all present. We will not vote on this tonight but will plan to have Public Hearing to discuss/vote at next month's meeting.

- Discussion was had regarding our budget for brine hauling. Our contract agreement with KAT Express may need updated soon.

- Autumn provided an updated copy of the Customer Application with Attorney Segatto's recommended changes. Commissioners did discuss but did not vote to approve it. We will plan to discuss and approve at next month's meeting, when Attorney Segatto is in attendance.

- Autumn reminded Commissioners that Statements of Economic Interest for 2026 are due 5/1/26. They should receive an email with directions on how to complete online.

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 \$141,256.56.

MOTION by Morris, seconded by Johnson 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.
- Commissioners reviewed a list of prepayments made 1/7/26 – 2/11/26 totaling \$501.13

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

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

Approval of Resolution 26-01:

- Commissioners discussed Resolution 26-01 regarding approving the Compliance Commitment Agreement with the IEPA W-2025-50190.

MOTION by Morris, seconded by Johnson to approve the Compliance Commitment Agreement.

Voice Vote: Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Stephen Bivin gave an update regarding the Lynn Strawn connection. Their plumber is working with them to explore options.

- Stephen gave an update regarding EJ Water's connections and their proposal. We have not heard anything from EJ. Stephen will reach out to them.

- Stephen gave an update regarding the insurance claim for the 7/8/25 lightning strike. We received Lee Electric's bill. We are waiting on bill from EL Pruitt. We may have a bill from SCADAware as well. Then we should be able to finish up the claim and receive reimbursement for damages.

- Stephen reported that there is no update regarding the NPDES permit change.

- Autumn Tibbs gave an update regarding the building that the SSWC Business Office is located in. The building is still for sale; not sold yet. Our lease with the current landlord/owner is month-to-month. Once it is sold, we may have to relocate within 30 days. Commissioners asked Autumn to speak to the current landlord/owner and inquire if they'd consider renewing our lease for 12 months.

- Commissioners discussed the potential purchase of Builder's Sand and Gravel. Chairman Roth had informed last month that the owners did get back to him and they are not interested in selling at this time. Discussion was had regarding whether they'd be interested in leasing water rights to us.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

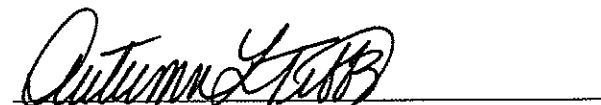
- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, March 16, 2026, at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Morris to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Autumn Tibbs, Clerk/Treasurer