

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
December 15, 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 November 2025 report. The total gallons pumped from the well field was 42.381 million gallons of water and 34.674 million gallons in finished water. Sampling was within limits except chlorine which we are working on. It was a busy month, nothing major but busy.

- Stephen provided copies of the HACH quote for a 1-year (December 2025-December 2026) service contract for \$14,695.00.

MOTION by Roth, second by Morris to approve and accept the HACH contract for \$14,695.00.

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

- Stephen provided copies of a HACH quote for CL17 for \$12,744.00. These will be considered obsolete at the end of this year. They will service for another year but won't do any repairs. We currently have two but would like to have three. No decision needs to be made now.

- Stephen gave an update on the Lynn Strawn connection. Stephen has been in communication with Steve Ray Plumbing (because Mr. Strawn contacted them directly for the tap). Steve Ray Plumbing is looking into options and what he might be able to do to help the situation. Discussion was had regarding us providing the tap but not extending the main.

- Stephen gave an update on the insurance claim for the 7/8/25 lightning strike. Most of the repairs have been done but the flowmeters still need installed.

Engineering Reports:

- Max Middendorf gave an update on our NPDES permit change with regard to discharge and brine hauling. He was able to get an in-person meeting scheduled with the EPA for 12/18/25.
- Max gave an update regarding Well #11. We received the operating permit. That was the final piece that Sangamon County Floodplain needed for their sign-off. We are approved to start using Well #11.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Johnson, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that November'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 gave an update on EJ Water's proposal to sell us 25 customers/connections for \$100,000 (\$4,000/each). Autumn provided copies of the revised spreadsheet that includes monetary figures and determines how much each connection would earn us. If we kept these customers at the current EJ pricing structure, it would take us approximately 4 years to recoup the \$100,000. At current SSWC retail pricing structure, it would take us approximately 8 years to recoup. Stephen reported that the \$100,000 is negotiable. We may have an Ordinance in place requiring us to charge all retail customers the same. EJ does utilize the same meters as us. Discussion was had regarding countering (their \$100,000 offer) at \$25,000.
- Autumn reported that our bond payment is due on 12/28/25. She has reached out to Jodi Baker at Warren-Boynton State Bank to arrange for the wire transfer. Chairman Roth and Autumn will both go to the bank this week to sign the wire transfer documents.
- Autumn reported that our IMRF rate for 2026 has been established at 7.51% (as compared to 6.99% in 2025 and 7.14% in 2024).
- Autumn reported that our EMMA (Electronic Municipal Market Access) report was filed on 11/19/25. This report is in regards to our bonds and is due every November. Bernardi Securities, along with Chapman & Cutler, prepared this report for us and filed it before the 11/26/25 deadline.

- Autumn reported that she and Stephen have met and discussed the FY27 draft budget. We will be scheduling a meeting with Chairman Roth to discuss in further detail.

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 \$115,452.31.

MOTION by Roth, second by Morris 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 11/12/25 – 12/10/25 totaling \$179.85.

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.

Approval of Resolution 25-6:

- Commissioners discussed Resolution 25-6 regarding abating the direct annual real estate tax in the amount of \$2,050,000.00 for the year 2025 levied pursuant to Ordinance 2020-05.

MOTION by Roth, second by Johnson approving the tax abatement.

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

Approval of Resolution 25-7:

- Commissioners discussed Resolution 25-7 regarding establishing regular meeting dates for 2026.

MOTION by Roth, second by Johnson approving the 2026 Board Meeting dates.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Chairman Roth gave an update regarding the potential purchase of Builder's Sand and Gravel. He has not heard back from the owners (Bonnie Wright and Ms. Watts). He will reach out to them after the first of the year.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, January 12, 2026, 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 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Autumn Tibbs", written over a horizontal line.

Autumn Tibbs, Clerk/Treasurer