

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
April 20, 2026
Water Plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester IL

Commissioners:

Present: Jim Roth (Chairman), Dave Johnson

Absent: Cindy Morris

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

Stephen Bivin and Autumn Tibbs (SSWC), Randy Segatto (Barber, Segatto, et. al.),
Max Middendorf (MECO Engineering) and Jacob Shasteen and Beth Piester (AJ Gallagher).

Proceedings:

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

Insurance Presentation:

- Jacob Shasteen, AJ Gallagher, presented quotes for insurance policies that renew on 5/1/26.
Commercial/Umbrella Policy; \$61,728.00 (Cincinnati Insurance Company)
Automobile Policy; \$1,542.00 (Cincinnati Insurance Company)
Executive Package Policy; \$2,231.00 (Cincinnati Insurance Company)
Cyber Liability Policy; \$2,974.00 (BCS Insurance Company)
Worker's Compensation Policy; \$8,401.00 (Illinois Public Risk Fund)

- Jacob reported that premiums are up about 5% due to 5% inflation factor. The property deductible was increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000. There was discussion regarding how much we could save if we increased it to \$10,000. There is no wind/hail deductible this year but this will probably change next year.

- Jacob reported that they work with a company that does independent property valuations. There would be a cost associated with having it done. Chairman Jim Roth advised that he'd like to do that next year.

MOTION by Roth, seconded by Johnson approving and accepting the following insurance policies that renew on 5/1/26 and go through 5/1/27:

Commercial/Umbrella Policy; \$61,728.00 (Cincinnati Insurance Company)
Automobile Policy; \$1,542.00 (Cincinnati Insurance Company)
Executive Package Policy; \$2,231.00 (Cincinnati Insurance Company)
Cyber Liability Policy; \$2,974.00 (BCS Insurance Company)
and Agency Bill Administration Fee; \$100.00 (BCS Insurance Company)

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

We will plan to sign the Resolution with regard to these insurance policies next month.

MOTION by Roth, seconded by Johnson approving and accepting the following insurance policy that renews on 5/1/26 and goes through 5/1/27:

Worker's Compensation Policy; \$8,401.00 (Illinois Public Risk Fund; #P1610-2026)

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

We will plan to sign the Resolution with regard to this insurance policy next month.

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin gave report and discussed highlights of the March 2026 report. During the month of March, the plant pumped 42.418 million gallons from the well field and 34.968 million gallons of finished water. Sampling was within limits.
- Stephen reported that there was one emergency call-out in March due to an air line that went out.
- Stephen reported that Cahoy (not Brotcke or Layne) is cleaning wells #2, 5 and 6. They matched Brotcke's quote. They've got one done already and are working on the second.
- Stephen reported on issues we're having with lagoon effluent pumps. Joe Lee (Lee Electric) thinks they are going out due to overamping. Joe Lee provided an estimate of \$9,900 to replace one effluent pump (\$16,800 to replace two).

MOTION by Roth, seconded by Johnson approving and accepting the \$16,800 quote from Lee Electric to replace two effluent pumps.

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

- Stephen reported that we received an easement request from Szymanski/Nichols. Attorney Segatto advised that the original easement was granted because of a request from the federal government (with regard to CRP compliance) and may have only been utilized once a year. He does not recommend granting the new request. He spoke with the listing agent at Worrell Auctions regarding their need to explore other options.

Engineering Report:

- Max Middendorf reported on the NPDES permit change. There is no update. He will reach out to Allison Price (mussel field biologist with the Natural History Survey). We're hoping that she might perform the mussel survey we need done.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes (Public Hearing):

MOTION by Roth, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 public hearing meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes (Regular Meeting):

MOTION by Roth, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that March's financial report printouts were provided for review. We are in the positive with our revenue being more than expenses thus far this fiscal year.

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 \$86,626.34.

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

Roll call vote: Morris – Absent 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 3/12/26 – 4/15/26 totaling \$521.50.

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

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

Old Business:

- Attorney Segatto gave an update regarding the Consent Order with the EPA. It has not been filed with the court yet. He will forward the file-stamped copy once he receives. The settlement amount (fine) is \$5,265.00 and is included in Consent Order. We'll need to cut them a check upon receiving information regarding who/where to send payment.

- 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. Autumn reached out to Pat McCarthy (Chatham's Village Manager) but didn't hear back. Chairman Roth will reach out to him as well. Commissioner Johnson suggested a small building off of the Chatham square that used to be a tax business. Max Middendorf suggested Kevin Kuhn (Kuhn & Trello) may have or know of something. Autumn will follow-up on those options.

- Stephen Bivin gave an update regarding the Compliance Commitment Agreement (CCA) and the lagoon excursion and manganese. There was discussion regarding getting a roll-off from Republic. Republic is asking for more sampling. He will get pricing and bring to next month's meeting.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, May 18, 2026, at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Roth to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Autumn Tibbs, Clerk/Treasurer