

South Sangamon Water Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
August 17, 2026
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 Adam Withee (Zumbahlen et. al.).

Proceedings:

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

FY26 Audit:

- Our auditor, Adam Withee (Zumbahlen et. al.) presented our FY26 Audit report. The FY26 Audit report expresses a clean opinion on the financial statements and did not disclose any material weaknesses in internal controls. There are some adjusting journal entries that we need to enter.

Operating Report:

- Stephen Bivin gave report and discussed highlights of the July 2026 report. During the month of July, the plant pumped 32.444 million gallons from the well field and 29.120 million gallons of finished water. Sampling was within limits. We were offline for a few days in July (over the 4th of July weekend) due to a backwash drain line that blew off.

- Stephen reported that Lee Electric has received the parts for replacing two lagoon effluent pumps.

- Stephen gave an update regarding pricing for two new check valves for lagoon pump pit. He received a quote of \$10,000/each. Stephen and Max discussed since it is for non-potable water, we don't need NSF. That said, he was able to get them for \$600/each. Commissioners suggested purchasing more to keep on hand.

- Stephen gave an update regarding how HF Scientific's system for CL17 is working. It has been installed, is up and running and working good. We have two CL17's but would be ideal to have three. Stephen would like to have two HACH system's and one HF. Stephen provided a quote from HACH (with 20% discount, thru 9/30/26) for \$10,923.60.

MOTION by Morris, seconded by Roth to approve purchasing CL17 system from HACH not to exceed \$11,000.

Roll call vote: Morris – Yes Johnson – Yes Roth - Yes

Motion carried.

- Chairman Roth recommended we consider purchasing an updated turbidimeter. This would check for color/cloudiness and monitors what is actually going out the door to customers. Stephen advised that these cost approximately \$8,000.

MOTION by Roth, seconded by Morris to approve purchasing new turbidimeter.

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

Engineering Report:

- Max Middendorf was not present.

- Chairman Roth gave an update regarding Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) proposal for lime softening system. They had a meeting at the SSWC plant and discovered that it may be more expensive than originally thought. We were hoping to only need one clarifier but the EPA requires two. There is also a question in regards to pressure filters. We're still exploring options to move forward with this project. Autumn does not need to reach out to anyone at CMT regarding financials/EPA loan documents at this time.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Roth to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026 regular meeting as presented.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Autumn Tibbs reported that July'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. Our water sales revenue is down a little due to Chatham receiving water from CWLP for a few days in June and July.

- Chairman Roth inquired how much we are spending on chemicals. He asked that we bring a breakdown of costs for each chemical purchased to next month's meeting. Stephen and Autumn will work together on this.

- Commissioners discussed the \$15,000 that the New City Greenhouse still owes us. We do have a judgment in place but unsure about a lien. Attorney Segatto will look into.

- Autumn gave an update regarding Illinois Public Risk Fund conducting their yearly audit of our worker's compensation insurance. We still do not have results or any additional premium due but do anticipate an additional amount being due. That will probably be included in next month's vendor payables.

- Autumn provided the recent IL Funds newsletter that provides current interest rates paid.

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 \$80,880.09.

MOTION by Roth, seconded 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 7/15/26 – 8/11/26 totaling \$557.05.

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

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

Old Business:

- 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.

New Business:

- Stephen Bivin reported that he has been having issues with the copier at the plant. Watts Copy Systems has been out numerous times this year and has replaced parts. Watts advised that the copier we're using is very outdated and they recommend we replace it. Our current contract is good thru December 2027 at \$79/month. The copier they recommend is \$88/month. Commissioners would like to explore the possibility of getting a new copier but at the current \$79/month rate thru the end of our current contract (December 2027). Stephen will inquire and report back next month.

- Stephen Bivin reported that the air conditioners in the MCC room are not working. MB Heating provided a quote to replace both air conditioners for \$39,000. Stephen will call around for better quotes. Attorney Segatto stated we need to get bids.

- Attorney Segatto informed the Commissioners that he is thinking about retiring in the next year or so. And he would like to start bringing his associate (Skylar Frazier) with him to our meetings. This would not be an additional cost to us and would help in the transition when he does decide to retire.

Adjournment:

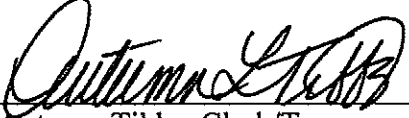
- The next regular meeting of the South Sangamon Water Commission would be held Monday, September 21, 2026, at the water plant, 9199 Buckhart Road, Rochester, Illinois at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Roth, seconded by Morris to adjourn.

Voice vote: Motion carried.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Autumn Tibbs, Clerk/Treasurer