

South County Sewer & Water Authority

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Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of Tues. June 24, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Board Chair John Speeter. Also in attendance were Board Vice Chair Randy Smith (Brady Charter Township Supervisor), Secretary and Treasurer, Don Ulsh (Schoolcraft Township Supervisor), Associate Member Tim Frisbie (Village of Vicksburg President) and Associate Member Joe Beck (Village of Schoolcraft Trustee). Also in attendance were SCSWA Executive Director Frank LaPierre and Attorney Rob Thall.

Review and Set Agenda-

Today's meeting agenda was presented for review. Motioned by Smith, seconded by Ulsh to approve the revised agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Review of Regular Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the May 27, 2025 regular meeting were presented for review. Motioned by Ulsh, seconded by Smit to approve the draft minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Hear those present- County Council representative John Gisler updated that the youth sports complex is being developed and will be located near 131 and Drake Ave. Gisler updated that the facility will help Kalamazoo compete with other popular sports facilities in cities such as Indianapolis. It will contain many sports venues including soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts and is scheduled to open in 2027.

General Correspondence- N/A

Active Project Status-

- Village of Schoolcraft Update- N/A

New Business-

- UV Avenue Emergency Repair Insurance and Project Update: LaPierre updated that he has not received any response to his emails to Consumers Power and Michigan Public Service commission. LaPierre also communicated with DIPRA and is working with Wightman to develop an action plan. LaPierre will review next steps with Thall.
- 2024/25 Audit Update: LaPierre updated that the audit will be presented in July or August.

Old Business-

- Maintenance Update- The GLSWA May 2025 O/M report was included for Board review. Smith requested that additional comments be added to update on the status of corrections to issues.

Financial Review- The General Operating and Payroll Expenses were presented as of June 13th, 2025. The SCSWA financial reports for May 2025 were presented. Motioned by Smith, seconded by Ulsh to approve the operating and payroll expenses and accept the financials as presented. **Motion carried.**

Recess: The audience was informed that the meeting will continue with a work session including the Village of Vicksburg.

Work Session with the Village of Vicksburg: Jim Mallery, Village Manager of Vicksburg joined the meeting. The purpose of the work session was to discuss the inspection and assessment of The shared force main portion that will be abandoned by Vicksburg, from E TU Avenue. LaPierre provided an overview of a TEAMS meeting that was held with LaPierre, Mallery, Crumb, Wightman and Prien in attendance. The engineers confirmed that the technology and process that is proposed to access, inspect and assess the condition of the force main is the appropriate process and should not cause damage to the force main. Mallery provided approval for SCSWA to execute the project and the findings would be reviewed by the engineers and the entire team. All agreed that the results on the condition of the force main and any of the costs to repair, if any, would be discussed during the review. Mallery predicted that if the condition of the shared force main was in good condition that the force main would be handed over to SCSWA for \$1, when Vicksburg abandons the force main. Mallery challenged that he did not feel that Vicksburg should share in the cost of the assessment.

Closing Comments- N/A

Meeting Adjourned- The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. Motioned by Smith, seconded by Ulsh to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 22nd, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at Pavilion Township.

Submitted for approval on: July 22, 2025 Approved by: Don Ulsh
Don Ulsh / Secretary