



Southwater Municipal Utility Authority

**Regular Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
8:30 a.m.**

**451 State Street
Algonac, MI 48001**

Meeting Called to Order

Vice Chair Jim Endres called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Endres; Ira Twp and Chuck Bayly; City of Algonac

Others Present: WWTP Supervisor; Brian Roy, Beverly Rose Secretary/Treasurer Lance Surdey; Clay Twp, Chris Hiltunen; Ira Twp and Artie Bryson; City of Algonac

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Sandra Simmons spoke about grants prior to bond for upgrades

Alan Schoenherr spoke about the location of the meeting

Maureen Boury spoke about applying for grants before bond, grants cannot be obtained after a bond, and many questioning the urgency, also spoke about the history of the wastewater treatment plant.

James Greene spoke about getting the bond, and his biggest worry is billing increasing.

Lisa Wisniewski spoke about not applying for grants first and cannot pay off a bond with grant money.

Paul Cassidy spoke about reaching out the Lisa McClain's office regarding grants and by not applying for grants it will put a burden on the community. Reiterated that bonds cannot be paid for with grants.

Approve Minutes

a- Regular Meeting- January 20, 2026

Motion by, Lance Surdey supported by Chris Hiltunen to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026.

Motion carried.

New Business

a-Approve Budget Amendment 2025-2026, miscellaneous equipment needs to be replaced, Motion to approve by Chuck Bayly, second by Vice Chair Endres.

Motion carried.

b-Purchase Agreement 453 State Street, \$200,000. Authorize Chair Jon DeBoyer to sign. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Endres, second by Lance Surdey.

Motion carried.

c- Monthly report Fishbeck Engineering. Discussion regarding conflicts. Motion to receive and file by Vice Chair Endres, second by Chuck Bayly.

Motion carried.

d- Receive and File Monthly Department Report
No Motion Needed.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Chuck Bayly second by Lance Surdey to approve account payable in the amount of \$29,893.34

Motion carried.

Board Comments

City Manager Artie Bryson discussed the grant he is applying for, and possibility of breaking this into 2 phases. Discussed the lesser amount available for grants, however discussions started about 3 weeks ago in applying.

Vice Chair Endres discussed that grants are being applied for once they open, and grants are being applied for prior to bonding the project. Each community will be paying the cost of the engineering upfront. Grant opportunities are there and the board is applying for them when they open up.

Adjournment

Motioned by Jim Enders supported by Chuck Bayly to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly J. Rose, Secretary.

Motion by _____ Support by _____ to approve February 18, 2026, minutes on this day _____.