

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SALT CREEK SANITARY
DISTRICT HELD AT 201 S. ROUTE 83, VILLA PARK, IL ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2026.**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Wagner at 6:00 p.m.: Trustee Wagner called roll. Present: Trustees Robert Wagner – President, Ann Marie Testa – Vice President, William Sullivan – Clerk.

Also present: General Manager Darryl Carstensen, Superintendent Steve Moore, and Attorney John Wise (Montana & Welch).

Public Participation: There were no members of the public present.

Consent Agenda at 6:01 pm: Trustee Testa made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Sullivan. Ayes: Wagner, Testa and Sullivan. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: The consent agenda included the minutes of the August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.

August Bill Listing Approved: The consent agenda included the bill listing in the amount of \$242,837.90.

Water Shut Off List: General Manager Darryl Carstensen presented a list of delinquent accounts within the consent agenda. The list represented a total amount due to the district of \$12,626.90.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendents Report – August 2026: Superintendent Steve Moore presented his report for the month of August 2026. The operators successfully continued to meet permitted effluent quality with the plant in August 2026. Staff replaced a UV flame sensor on a digester sludge heater boiler, repaired a leak in the boiler expansion tank, and replaced the electric motor on tertiary filter No. 4. Annual calibration of the plant’s flow meters was completed by Vortex Technologies. Several staff members attended the Fox Valley Operators Association Annual Conference. All operations staff members completed the annual online safety training program provided by Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF).

Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the Superintendent’s Report for July 2026 and place it on file. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa and Wagner. Motion Carried.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Reconciliation Report – September 2026: General Manager Darryl Carstensen presented the September 2026 Reconciliation report for review and discussion. Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan, to approve the Reconciliation report for September 2026 as presented. Ayes: Wagner, Sullivan and Testa. Motion Carried.

Investment Recommendation: General Manager Carstensen presented a summary of current fund positions in the Corporate Fund, Improvement Fund, and Debt Service Fund identifying the balances in checking, money market, and investments (CDs & T-Bills) within each. He also presented projected revenues and expenditures for each fund over the next 3- and 6-month periods and recommended the District target checking and money market balances each totaling the next 3 months of expenditures within each fund with the remainder of each fund invested in CDs and T-Bills with staggered maturity dates. He recommended that \$175,000 of the \$415,000 received from CDs to be matured on October 1 & 6, 2026 in the Corporate Fund be invested in the Illinois Funds money market and the remainder in T-Bills with no greater than a 12-month maturity. Mr. Carstensen recommended that \$500,000 of the Debt Service Fund checking balance be invested in the Illinois Funds money market and \$500,000 of billing revenues slated for the Debt Service Fund be transferred to the Improvement Fund over the next 3 months. Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan, to

direct the General Manager to invest funds as recommended. Ayes: Wagner, Sullivan and Testa. Motion Carried.

Capital Projects Update: General Manager Carstensen noted that he and staff have continued developing a Fiscal Sustainability and Capital Improvement Plan (FSCIP) to identify appropriate sequencing of capital improvement projects and funding needs over the long term to sustain District services. He recommended a *2027 Improvements Project* include procurement and installation of a new diesel emergency backup generator, a new WAS pumping system, and extensive buried utility piping improvements. He recommended the project utilize the HUD EDI grant funds (\$850,000) awarded from FY26 CDS as nominated by Rep. Sean Casten. Mr. Carstensen estimates the grant funds will cover about half the construction cost of the project.

Mr. Carstensen recommended that design and permitting of Streambank Stabilization for the west bank of Salt Creek at the District be completed due to the deteriorating condition of the streambank which threatens District infrastructure.

Mr. Carstensen received qualifications packages from Speer Financial and Columbia Capital for municipal advisor services. He plans to seek advice of a qualified municipal advisor to assist with planning the financing of capital project needs identified in the FSCIP.

Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the General Manager's Report for August 2026 and place it on file. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa and Wagner. Motion Carried.

Meetings and Conferences: General Manager Carstensen he and/or other staff plan attended several meetings over the past month weeks including the Fox Valley Operators Association (FVOA) Annual Conference, the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW) general membership meeting, the Caselle Seminar, the Illinois Water Environment Association (IWEA) Nutrient Removal and Recovery Workshop, and the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies (IAWA) annual conference. Mr. Carstensen plans to attend the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association (IGFOA) annual conference at the end of September.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney's Report: Attorney John Wise reported the findings of Montana & Welch regarding the policies of other nearby municipalities and districts for retiree medical insurance benefits. Most require the retiree to be between 55 and 60 years old with varying amounts of service time logged with the municipality to be eligible to have insurance premiums paid for by their former employer in retirement. There is no state-mandated requirement for sanitary districts to provide such coverage. Discussion ensued resulting in a consensus that the District's current policy of requiring a retiree to be 60 years old with 20 years of employment at the District at the time of retirement to be eligible for the District to cover the insurance premium for that retiree. It was thought that this benefit will be utilized in fewer cases for future employees due to the retirement age requirements under IMRF Tier 2, as those employees are more likely to retire only after reaching Medicare eligibility.

TRUSTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Wagner reported that he attended the DRSCW general membership meeting and the IAWA Annual Conference. He and GM Carstensen represented the District at Villa Fest and provided public outreach materials and were available for discussion with community members.

NEW BUSINESS

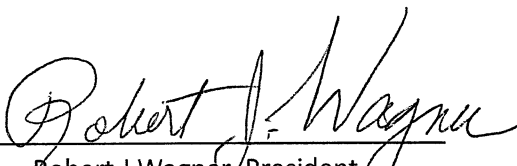
2027 Improvements Project: General Manager Carstensen presented a contract for design engineering services from Fehr Graham Engineering for the 2027 Improvements Project in the amount of \$93,000. Trustee Testa made a motion at 7:23 pm, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to direct the GM to enter into the

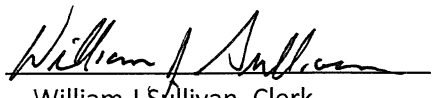
agreement pending review of the terms and conditions by Attorney John Wise. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa and Wagner. Motion Carried.

Streambank Stabilization Project: General Manager Carstensen presented a contract for design engineering services from Fehr Graham Engineering for the Streambank Stabilization Project in the amount of \$147,000. Trustee Testa made a motion at 7:24 pm, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to direct the GM to enter into the agreement pending review of the terms and conditions by Attorney John Wise. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa and Wagner. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Testa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm; seconded by Trustee Wagner. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa and Wagner. Motion Carried

APPROVED 
Robert J Wagner, President

ATTEST 
William J Sullivan, Clerk

Prepared by: Darryl Carstensen – General Manager