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 MAY 18, 2026.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Wagner at 6:03 p.m.: Trustee Wagner called roll. Present: Trustees Robert Wagner – President, Ann Marie Testa – Vice President. Not Present: Willie Sullivan – Clerk

Also present: General Manager Darryl Carstensen, Superintendent Steve Moore, and Attorney John Wise.

Election of Officers for FY 2026-27 at 6:05 p.m.:

President - Trustee Testa motioned to nominate Trustee Wagner as president. Trustee Wagner seconded the motion. Trustees Wagner and Testa voted Aye (2). Motion carried.

Vice President - Trustee Wagner motioned to nominate Trustee Testa as vice president. Trustee Testa seconded the motion. Trustees Testa and Wagner voted Aye (2). Motion carried.

Clerk - Trustee Testa motioned to nominate Trustee Sullivan as clerk. Trustee Wagner seconded the motion. Trustees Wagner and Testa voted Aye (2). Motion carried.

District Appointments for FY 2026-27:

District Engineer: Trustee Testa motioned to appoint Darryl Carstensen, PE as District Engineer. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. Ayes: Wagner and Testa. Nayes: None.

District Attorney: Trustee Testa motioned to appoint John Wise as District Attorney. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. Ayes: Wagner and Testa. Nayes: None.

Assistant Clerk: Trustee Testa motioned to appoint Darryl Carstensen as Assistant Clerk. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. Ayes: Wagner and Testa. Nayes: None.

FOIA Officer: Trustee Testa motioned to appoint Teresa Buscemi as FOIA Officer. Motion seconded by Trustee Wagner. Ayes: Wagner and Testa. Nayes: None.

Roll Call of Officers for FY 2026-27.: Trustee Wagner called roll. Present: Trustees Robert Wagner – President and Ann Marie Testa – Vice President.

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

Consent Agenda at 6:14 pm: Trustee Wagner requested the May Bill Listing be removed for discussion. Trustee Wagner made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Testa. Ayes: Testa and Wagner. Motion carried.

> **Minutes Approved:** The consent agenda included the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting.
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> **Water Shut Off List:** General Manager Darryl Carstensen presented a list of delinquent accounts dated May 14, 2026 within the consent agenda. The list represented a total amount due to the district of $9,159.83.

Bill Listing: The bill listing dated May 18, 2026, in the amount of $82,274.04 was removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Trustee Wagner inquired about the District paying to vaccinate employees against hepatitis B and about the type of weed killer the District uses. Charges for both were included in the bill listing. General Manager Carstensen advised that it is common practice in the industry and District policy to offer employees the option to receive the hepatitis B vaccine, paid for by the District. Superintendent Moore noted that the type of weed killer used at the District is not RoundUp (i.e. glyphosphate). Trustee Wagner made a motion to approve the bill listing, seconded by Trustee Testa. Ayes: Wagner and Testa. Motion carried.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Reconciliation Report – April 2026: General Manager Darryl Carstensen presented the April 2026 Reconciliation report for review and discussion. Trustee Testa made a motion at 6:28 pm, seconded by Trustee Wagner, to approve the Reconciliation report for April 2026 as presented. Ayes: Wagner and Testa. Motion Carried.

Insurance Renewals: General Manager Carstensen reported that the dental policy from Delta Dental of Illinois and the vision policy from VSP which cover District employees are scheduled to renew on July 1, 2026 with no change to the premiums. Both policies are still within a 2-year rate-lock and are to be renewed. Mr. Carstensen reported that the MetLife life insurance policy provided by the District to employees was quoted to renew on July 1, 2026 with no change in the premiums. Mr. Carstensen recommended renewal of the policy.

RV Waste Receiving: General Manager Carstensen reported that he and Superintendent Moore assessed potential RV waste receiving locations at the plant and deemed it infeasible due to the slope of pavement near the headworks building and challenges with traffic routes through the plant. RV waste receiving may be revisited in upcoming capital improvement projects.

Phase 6 Improvements DCEO Grant: General Manager Carstensen noted that DCEO approved the final reports for the grant awarded for the Phase 6 Improvements project but payment of the $50,000 grant had not yet arrived from DCEO.

Phase 7 Improvements Update:

CDS Appropriation: General Manager Carstensen noted that Rep. Sean Casten secured an $850,000 congressionally directed spending (CDS) appropriation for the Phase 7 Improvements project through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) grant program. Mr. Carstensen contacted Chloe Hunt (Chief of Staff for Rep. Casten) and Jovita Donahue (Senior CPD Representative at US HUD Chicago Field Office) and was awaiting further information regarding the grant.

WPCLP Funding: Mr. Carstensen noted that a current Funding Nomination Form (FNF) for the upcoming state fiscal year was filed with the IEPA in February 2026. The project had previously secured planning approval and will again be scored for the Water Pollution Control Loan Program (WPCLP). Mr. Carstensen also submitted to the IEPA in May 2026 a revised project plan which added an emergency diesel generator and primary sludge pump station to the scope of work and provided an updated cost estimate. The next steps to secure funding and begin construction under the WPCLP, should the project be included on the Intended Funding List (IFL) under the program for the upcoming state FY, are to submit a complete loan application and finalize the plans and specifications to be ready to bid upon receipt of an approved loan or Letter of Commitment (LOC).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney's Report: Attorney John Wise had nothing to report

SUPERINTENDENT's REPORT

Superintendents Report – April 2026: Superintendent Steve Moore presented his report for the month of April 2026. Mr. Moore noted that upon further review, he determined the permit excursions reported the previous month for total pounds per day of effluent ammonia were based on an incorrect calculation within the reporting software. After correcting the calculation, there was no permit excursion.

Mr. Moore reported that the operators started the UV disinfection system in April and it is performing well. A backwash pump repair on tertiary filter #2 estimated to cost $6,130 is planned within the upcoming weeks. The operations team repaired bearings on an electric motor drive mechanism for Primary Clarifier Tank #4 in-house at a cost of just over $800 in parts. Mr. Moore reported that we will no longer staff an operator on duty on Sundays beginning May 3, made possible by the automation improvements he implemented for the primary clarifiers and primary sludge pumps.

The operators successfully continued to meet permitted effluent quality with the plant in April 2026.

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

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Testa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm; seconded by Trustee Wagner. Ayes: Testa and Wagner. Motion Carried

APPROVED Robert J Wagner
Robert J Wagner, President

ATTEST William J Sullivan
William J Sullivan, Clerk

Prepared by: Darryl Carstensen – General Manager