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 OCTOBER 20, 2025.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Trustee Wagner at 6:01 p.m.: Trustee Sullivan Called Role: Present: Trustees, Robert Wagner, Ann Marie Testa & William Sullivan. Also, present: General Manager Ray Hoving, Superintendent Steve Moore, Engineer Darryl Carstensen and Attorney John Wise.

<u>Minutes Approved:</u> Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2025. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion Carried.

<u>Bill Listing:</u> Review and discussion ensued. Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the bill listing dated October 20, 2025, in the amount of \$311,271.66 and to pay when funds are available prior to their due date. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion Carried.

Water Shut Off List: General Manager Hoving presented a list of delinquent accounts dated October 20, 2025. The list represented a total amount due to the district of \$20,169.34. Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the water shut off list dated October 20, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion Carried.

<u>Reconciliation Report – September 2025:</u> Mr. Hoving presented the September Reconciliation report for review and discussion. Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the Reconciliation report for September 2025 as presented. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion Carried.

<u>2026 Health Insurance Renewal</u>: General Manager Hoving presented the 2026 health insurance renewal proposal. The proposal and market analysis were provided by the district's broker, Alera Group. The proposal has an approximately 15% increase in premiums compared to 2025. Mr. Hoving said that along with the increase in premiums there will also be additions/subtractions/changes to employee coverage during open enrollment. Discussion ensued. Trustee Testa made a motion to approve the 2026 health insurance renewal with Blue Cross/Blue shield of Illinois: seconded by Trustee Sullivan. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion Carried.

DCEO Grant Update: Mr. Hoving reported that the district received an update from the State of Illinois on the status of the DCEO grant for the Phase 6 construction project, specifically the canopy structure over the UV system. He said the district was notified that the grant was approved for \$50,000. The district will need to pay the portion out of the improvement fund and submit proof of payment to the state to be reimbursed. Trustee Wagner asked about the usefulness/effectiveness of the canopy in protecting the equipment from the elements. Superintendent Moore and Engineer Carstensen reported that the canopy protects the equipment and employees during weather events.

<u>Water shut-off Procedures:</u> Manager Hoving asked for a discussion on the procedures for water shut-off due to non-payment. He presented the current inter-governmental agreement with the village and what is required to terminate customer water service. Discussion ensued on ways to make the process more efficient yet fair to customers.

2025 IAWA Conference: Mr. Hoving reported that he attended the 2025 Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies conference in Champaign and gave a summary of the topics presented including new technologies, nutrient removal, PFAS and loan funding.

<u>Community Solar:</u> Mr. Hoving handed out literature from Satori Energy regarding community solar. Mr. Hoving asked if this was something the board would be interested in pursuing or getting more information on. Trustee Wagner stated that he heard about the program but thought it was beneficial for individual property owners. He did not know if it would apply to the district.

<u>Waubonsee Community College Wastewater Program:</u> General Manage Hoving said that he had been in contact with the program lead at Waubonsee C.C. regarding their wastewater program and their need for internship opportunities in the spring and summer of 2026. He said that he would gather more information to see if there was an opportunity for the district.

<u>Ordinance 577:</u> Attorney John Wise presented Ordinance #577 – an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus property owned by the district including miscellaneous office furniture. The ordinance authorizes staff to auction the property on govdeals.com as they have done for previous sales of property. Trustee Testa made a motion; seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve Ordinance #577. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion carried.

Engineers Report:

Engineer Darryl Carstensen updated the board on the various projects at the district, including the Phase 6 construction project and Phase 7 design and possible funding sources for the streambank stabilization. Trustee Wagner asked about bypass funding for phase 7. Mr. Carstensen stated that the size of the project is detrimental to the district receiving the bypass funding.

<u>Superintendents Report – September 2025:</u> Superintendent Moore presented his report for the month of September which included a draft of the emergency response plan. Trustee Testa made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the Manager's Report for September 2025 and place it on file. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion Carried.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Testa: Trustee Testa asked for General Manager Hoving to add the year to the title of the monthly board packet

Trustee Sullivan: No report

Trustee Wagner: Trustee Wagner reported that he attended the IAWA meeting with GM Hoving including a roundtable discussion with trustees from other districts. He spoke with Stephen McCracken from the Conservation Foundation and DuPage River/Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW) about the Chicago River. He noted that he would be attending the next DRSCW meeting on October 29 and the District 88 intergovernmental meeting is scheduled for April.

Meeting Adjourned

Trustee Testa made a motion; seconded by Trustee Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Ayes: Sullivan, Testa & Wagner. Motion Carried

APPROVED \[

Robert J Wagner / President

ATTEST

William J Śullivan, Clerk

Prepared by: Ray Hoving – General Manager