

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SANGAMON VALLEY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 5TH, 2023  
8:00 PM**

Held in Person at the SVPWD Water Treatment Plant

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Buchanan, Monte Cherry, Meghan Hennesy, Colleen Schultz, Michael Melton.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michelle Grindley

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Kelly Irving

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Hennesy called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA:** Chairman Hennesy asked if everyone had a chance to look at the agenda.

**MOTION** by Hennesy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schultz to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION** by Buchanan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melton to amend the agenda replace Line Item 5 with Line Item 3 and moving the Veolia Contract vote to 4/24/23 meeting agenda.

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Hennesy: No	Melton: Yes	Schultz: No	Grindley: Absent
Buchanan: Yes	Cherry: No		

**With a vote of 2 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 1 Absent motion failed.**

**MOTION** by Hennesy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schultz to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Hennesy: Yes	Melton: Yes	Schultz: Yes	Grindley: Absent
Buchanan: No	Cherry: Yes		

**With a vote of 4 Ayes, 1 Nays, and 1 Absent motion carries.**

**3. VEOLIA CONTRACT:**

**MOTION** by Hennesy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cherry to approve the Veolia Contract.

Chairman Hennesy opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Buchanan raised concerns and stated that he felt we had other options available assist in the interim while working to filling the open General Managers position. Mr. Buchanan stated that he trusts Mr. Cherry’s decision making but doesn’t feel the board has tried everything that needs to be tried or fair to the newly elected board. Mr. Buchanan stated that he was opposed to the 5year Veolia Contract to run the Operations and Maintenance of the plant. Mr. Melton stated that he felt the newly elected oncoming board should make the decision on the Veolia Contract. Chairman Hennesy stated that the other options that Mr. Buchanan mentioned were not qualified to operated the plant and that due to EPA restrictions the board had a 15 day time restriction to place a qualified General Manager. Chairman Hennesy stated that the Veolia Contract was actually less than the district had budgeted for 2023 and the district would be spending less money entering into the contract with Veolia. Mr. Cherry stated that he had anguished over this decision and felt that voting for the Veolia Contract was best for the district. That if there were qualified candidates available they would have answered the statement of qualifications. Ms Schultz stated that she agreed with Chairman Hennesy and Mr. Cherry, that the contract would save the district money would be a good option for the district.

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Hennesy: Yes	Melton: No	Schultz: Yes	Grindley: Absent
Buchanan: No	Cherry: Yes		

**With a vote of 3 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 1 Absent motion carries.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Richard Eardsley, Cameron Wygant, Constance Musick, and Mark Reifsteak all expressed as newly elected board members they felt that the Veolia Contract Vote should have done once the elected board was seated.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Cherry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hennesy to adjourn at 8:20 pm.  
All present members voting yes, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya L Brock  
Secretary, Board of Trustees