

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SANGAMON VALLEY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2023  
5:30 PM**

Held in Person at the SVPWD Water Treatment Plant

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cameron Wygant, Thomas Johnson, Mark Reifsteck, Richard Eardley, William Jones, Staci Baxley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Terry Boyer, Ed Flynn

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Wygant called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Jones to approve the agenda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baxley to approve the agenda.

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Vacant	

**With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Absent, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jim Filkowski, and Angela Palivos

**A. Filkowski:** Mr. Filkowski asked that the board begin recording and posting the board meeting on YouTube.

**B. Ms. Palivos:** Ms. Palivos also asked that the board begin recording and posting the board meeting on YouTube, stating that several members of the district are homebound but would still like to be able to see the meetings. Ms. Palivos also brought to the board's attention that a link regarding the June 2019 Methane testing was not working correctly and needed attention.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Secretary's Report** – No minutes scheduled to be approved

**B. Financial Report**

1. Approval of Accounts Payable Listing for December 2023, and January 2024
2. Review Veolia Limit Reports

**MOTION** by Reifsteck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eardley to approve the Financial Report

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Vacant	

**With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Absent, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**5. BUSINESS:**

**A. Chairman’s Report – Cameron Wygant**

Chairman Wygant shared that he had a productive meeting with Chris Doenitz, the Mahomet Township Road Commissioner. They discussed resolving disagreements regarding the Lagoon Dredging Project through a road use agreement. Chairman Wygant reminded Mr. Doenitz that any such agreement would have to be brought to the board and voted on. Chairman Wygant then thanked all the staff for all their dedication and hard work throughout 2023.

**B. Donohue Project Status Report – Terry Boyer**

1. Briarcliff WMR Design - Donohue has received review comments from the Village and are working on responses to the comments. Plan to bid the project in winter of 2024.
2. Mahomet LS CRS - Control panel ship date delayed again to January. They will install the pumps once the control panel arrives on site.
3. WWTP Lagoon Dredge - Project is on hold while we work through issues with access to local roads and weight limits.
4. Charter Oaks WMR - Construction is substantially complete, surface restoration will happen in Spring.
5. WWTP Improvements - Working to secure bond to fund remaining budget for the project.
6. Lake Of the Woods LS - Working to secure bond to fund remaining budget for the project.
7. Northward Expansion Design - Will be submitting project to IEPA soon for permitting both water mains and booster pump station. Working to determine path forward for funding. Once funding is determined, proceed with easement acquisition.

**C. Local Debt Recovery Program - Vote**

1. Sonya Brock gave a brief review of the materials provided by LDRP for the board’s review at the Nov. 2023 board meeting before the vote.

**MOTION** by Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eardley to approve the Local Debt Recovery Program

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Vacant	

**With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Absent, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**D. 2024 Annual Budget - Vote**

Chairman Wygant presented the proposed 2024 Annual Budget and answered trustee questions regarding the funds for IMRF, and other line items. The Board Secretary, Sonya Brock, and the district's attorney, Ed Flynn, also provided additional details about the budget numbers. Discussion was had concerning whether the budget was reflective of the upcoming rate increase being approved.

**MOTION** by Reifsteck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to approve the 2024 Annual Budget

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: No	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Vacant	

**With a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Absent, and 1 Nays, the motion carries.**

**E. 3 Year 10% Rate Increase - Vote**

Chairman Wygant presented the proposed 3 Year 10% Rate Increase and answered trustee questions regarding the previous rate and proposed rate increase.

**MOTION** by Reifsteck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson to approve the 2024 Annual Budget

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Vacant	

**With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Absent, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A. Personnel Discussion/Litigation – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(11)**

**MOTION** by Eardley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones to go into Executive Session at 6:25 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel & potential litigation **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)/(11)**.

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Vacant	

**With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Absent, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

**MOTION** by Reifsteck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baxley to go back into Open Session at 7:11 pm.

Roll call Vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Wygant: Yes	Reifsteck: Yes	Baxley: Yes	Jones: Yes
Johnson: Yes	Eardley: Yes	Vacant	

**With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Absent, and 0 Nays, the motion carries.**

Upon reconvening the open session, Trustee Eardley asked Mr. Flynn to provide recommendations for appointing a suitable treasurer for the SVPWD Board.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baxley to adjourn.

All members present vote yes, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya L Brock  
Secretary, Board of Trustees