

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SANGAMON VALLEY PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 28TH, 2024
5:30 PM**

Held in Person at the SVPWD Water Treatment Plant

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cameron Wygant, Mark Reifsteck, Richard Eardley, William Jones, Dustin Skillings, Thomas Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Staci Baxley

GUESTS PRESENT: Terry Boyer (Donohue), Calvin Florey (Veolia), Brad Waller (REMCO Security)

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

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Present | Reifsteck: Present | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Present |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Present | Skillings: Present | |

6 Trustees Present, 1 Trustee Absent

3. APPROVE AGENDA:

MOTION by Reifsteck to approve the agenda and 2nd by Eardley to approve the agenda.

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

4. Public Comment: None

5. Appointment of Sangamon Valley PWD Board Treasurer – Lisa Lehnert

6. Oath of Office

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Secretary's Report

1. Approval of minutes for Open / Closed meetings November 2024

MOTION by Eardley 2nd by Reifsteck to approve the Secretary's Report

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

B. Financial Report

1. Approval of Accounts Payable Listing for January and February 2025
2. Review Veolia Limit Reports

MOTION by Reifsteck 2nd by Johnson to approve the Financial Report

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

8. BUSINESS:

A. Chairman's Report – Cameron Wygant

Chairman Wygant announced that the annual 10% rate increase will be implemented in the next billing cycle. He reported on his recent meeting with Representative Chapin Rose regarding the Mahomet Aquifer. The discussion centered on proposed CO2 projects and their potential connection to SVPWD's Northward Expansion Project. Representative Rose requested SVPWD Board Trustees to address the County Board on these matters. Chairman Wygant volunteered to speak and will extend the invitation to other trustees. During the meeting, funding was discussed, and the Chairman confirmed \$115,000 in remaining ARPA funds available for the Northward Expansion Project. Additionally, Chairman Wygant reported that Martin Hood will conduct the 2023 and 2024 audits in March and April 2025, working with previously appointed Board Treasurer Lisa Lehnert.

B. Donohue Project Status Report – Terry Boyer

1. **Briarcliff WMR Design** - Stark will monitor erosion control over the winter and finalize restorations in the spring. They have a 1-year warranty on all restoration work through fall of 2025. Donohue is working on Record Drawings.
2. **WWTP Improvements** - Construction is ongoing.
3. **Lake Of the Woods LS CRS** – Construction is ongoing
4. **WWTP Lagoon Dredge** - AQUAFIX treatment added to lagoons. Observing its impacts.
5. **Northward Expansion Design** – IEPA Permit received. Discussing constructing a “phase 1” project with Chapin Rose and Mary Miller’s offices. Need to complete easements negotiations.

C. Project Manager’s Report – Calvin Florey

WWTP Improvement Project:

He reported on the project's progression, noting that while the front lagoon remains empty, the other lagoons are approaching capacity. Water discharge will be necessary and, given recent progress, this operation should be feasible in the near future.

Crosswinds Estates Status:

Mr. Florey addressed recent issues with stand pipes and water leaks in Crosswinds Estates resulting from cold weather conditions. He noted that CWE management is actively working to resolve these weather-related problems.

D. REMCO Security Monitoring Service Presentation – Brad Waller

Mr. Waller presented his credentials and extensive background in the security industry. He outlined REMCO's proposed security services and associated costs for the district. During the subsequent Q&A session, board members' inquiries were thoroughly addressed to their satisfaction. Chairman Wygant appreciated Mr. Waller's presentation and indicated the board would follow up regarding their decision.

E. Due Date Extension for 2025 Budget – VOTE

MOTION by Reifsteck 2nd by Eardley to approve to Due Date Extension for 2025 Budget

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

F. Briarcliff Dr. Water Main Replacement Stark Pay Application 4 Approval – VOTE

MOTION by Reifsteck 2nd by Skillings to approve the Briarcliff Dr. Water Main Replacement Stark Pay Application 4

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

G. WWTP 2022 Improvements Pay Application 7 Approval – VOTE

MOTION by Skillings 2nd by Eardley to approve the WWTP 2022 Improvements Pay Application 7

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

9. TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Trustee Jones: inquired about the funding sources for the Northward Expansion Project. Mr. Boyer and Chairman Wygant confirmed that the project is being funded through ARPA grants, with Mr. Boyer providing a detailed explanation of the project's progress.

Trustee Eardley: sought clarification from District Attorney Munsterman regarding the statement of economic interest form requirements, which was provided.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Eardley 2nd by Johnson to enter into Executive Session

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

11. Ignite / Sangamon Valley PWD Settlement Agreement Approval - VOTE

MOTION by Skillings 2nd by Reifsteck to approve Ignite / Sangamon Valley PWD Settlement Agreement

Roll call Vote as follows:

Roll Call

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| Wygant: Yes | Reifsteck: Yes | Baxley: Absent | Jones: Yes |
| Johnson: Present | Eardley: Yes | Skillings: Yes | |

With a vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Johnson and 2nd by Jones to adjourn.
All members present vote yes, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya L Brock
Secretary, Board of Trustees