

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 18, 2025 AT THE AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The following were present: Chairman Ronald Petillo, Vice Chairman John Drake, Commissioners Karl Meyer, Thomas Madsen Andrea Cocula, Wayne Dietz, John Wesley, John Finkeldie, Mario Poggi, Executive Director Joseph Sesto, Comptroller Timothy Day, Solid Waste Superintendent Jonathan Morris, Wastewater Superintendent Timothy Phillips, WRWMG Director Nathaniel Sajdak, General Counsel John Napolitano, Special Counsel Thomas Prol, and Recording Secretary Tara Kronski

2. PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING SUNSHINE LAW

Chairman Petillo stated that the meeting has been duly advertised, and notice given thereof, as required by P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

3. OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Petillo opened the meeting to public comment. No public comment. Chairman Petillo closed the meeting to public comment.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Petillo requested approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Drake moved to approve the Final Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Madsen. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Madsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Finkeldie. No discussions requested. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

6. MINUTES

Chairman Petillo requested a motion to approve/acknowledge the email distribution of the June 4, 2025 Pending Action Summary Sheets (PASS) to the County Commissioner Board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14B-14(e). Commissioner Dietz moved the PASS, seconded by Commissioner Wesley. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion carried.

There were no minutes up for approval at this meeting.

The Open and Closed Minutes from both the May 21, 2025 and June 4, 2025 Authority Meetings were emailed to the Commissioners for their review.

7. BUSINESS

a. Executive Session

At 3:02 p.m. Commissioner Finkeldie moved the adoption of the following resolution authorizing a Closed Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Poggi. On voice vote: Ayes (9), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo noted the Closed Executive Session should be approximately five (5) minutes and discussions shall include: Upper Wallkill Nitrate Project and Personnel Matters.

#25-096 RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:18 p.m. Commissioner Finkeldie moved to close Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Wesley. On voice vote: Ayes (9), Nays (0). The motion carried.

Chairman Petillo confirmed discussions held as specifically set forth in the resolution authorizing Closed Executive Session included: Upper Walkkill Nitrate Project and Personnel Matters.

b. Wastewater Program

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Phillips reported that the bid opening for Contract #25-05 for Delivery of Ferric Chloride was held on June 17, 2025. The low bidder was Coyne Chemical Company from Croyden, PA. at \$2.9395/gallon. The contract award is for one (1) year and a contract award resolution was prepared. Commissioner Drake moved the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cocula. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution passed.

#25-097 RESOLUTION RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 25-05 FOR FERRIC CHLORIDE SOLUTION DELIVERY TO COYNE CHEMICAL CO.

Watershed Director's Report

Mr. Sajdak reported that the WRWMG hosted seven (7) grant managers from the NJDEP to tour multiple watershed project sites around the County. These sites included grant funded rain gardens, porous pavement projects, rain barrel installation, etc. Mr. Sajdak noted Kristine Rogers, Watershed Outreach Coordinator and the current Watershed Ambassador, conducted a rain barrel workshop to ten (10) participants.

c. Solid Waste Program

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Morris reported on the recent Household Hazardous Waste Event held on June 7, 2025. The Vendor, MXI, and SCMUA Staff serviced 623 vehicles and collected 15.79 tons of Hazardous Waste. He indicated that the total cost for the event was \$45,245.42.

d. General Authority Business - None

e. Personnel Matters

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sesto reviewed a resolution for a salary adjustment for Michael Gould for additional responsibilities associated with the acting Convenience Center / Recycling Center Supervisor role, as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Madsen moved the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Drake. On roll call: Ayes (9) Commissioners Meyer, Madsen, Cocula, Dietz, Petillo, Drake, Wesley, Finkeldie, Poggi; Nays (0); Abstain (0). The resolution passed.

#25-098 RESOLUTION RE: SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND PROMOTION FOR MICHAEL GOULD

8. Financial Transactions

a. Payment of Bills

FINANCIAL CONSENT AGENDA – Chairman Petillo asked for a motion to approve the Financial Consent Agenda (FCA). On roll call:

Res #25-099 Financial Consent Agenda						
Commissioner	1st	2nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
MEYER			x			
MADSEN			x			
COCULA			x			
DIETZ					x	
PETILLO			x			
DRAKE			x			
WESLEY			x			
FINKELDIE	x		x			
POGGI		x	x			

#25-099 RESOLUTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA – BILL PAYING LIST

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

10. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS/REQUEST

Commissioners commented on the positive reception from the NJDEP when they toured the Sussex Borough Woodborne Project

11. ADJOURN

At 3:25 p.m. Commissioner Madsen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Drake. On voice vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0). The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Cocula, Secretary