



MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Commissioner Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Jimmy Stoneburner, Jeff Sorensen, Bear Priest, Christina Hutchings, and Barry Bower. Also, present were the Executive Director John Crumb, Office Manager Leslee Schnepf, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Engineer Paul Shram, legal counsel Lindsay Dangl, legal counsel Shawn Grinnen and few area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Motion

Sorensen made a motion to amend the consent agenda to include the February 19, 2026, Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

- No area residents spoke

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

- March 16, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- February 19, 2026, Closed Session Minutes

Sorensen made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- March 16, 2026, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- The Bluffs March 2026
- SCSWA March 2026
- City of Kalamazoo March 2026
- 5922 Forest Beach Dr
- Glen Buege Chevrolet
- Coopers Landing
- Commercial Review
- MIOSHA Hazard Survey

- FOIA Request

Closed Session: Discipline of Executive Director John Crumb.

At 3:35 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session to consult with legal counsel to consider discipline of Executive Director Crumb, pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(a), at Mr. Crumb's request. The Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- nay; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.
Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Priest to return to the regular meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.
Motion carried.

Closed Session: Attorney Client Material Exempt from Disclosure.

At 3:53 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session to consult with legal counsel to consider attorney client material exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(h) and MCL 15.243 (1). The motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.
Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Stoneburner to return to the regular meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.
Motion carried.

Closed Session: Trial or Settlement Strategy of Case No. 26-0043-CK

At 4:15 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session to consult with legal counsel to consider trial or settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Ross Township and Richland Township v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority, Case No. 26-0043-CK. Closed session to include Attorney Grinnen, Commissioners Stoneburner, Sorensen, and Bower and Executive Director Crumb. The Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- nay; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-nay.
Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Board vote on documentation of closed session.**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to have Attorney Dangi document the discussion from the first closed session.

Motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried: all ayes.

• **LS 13 Driveway**

Motion

Priest made the motion to table the discussion on LS 13 driveway and request Prairieville Twp to review.

Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Motion carried: all ayes.

• **Ross Twp and Richland Twp Letters & Invoices**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to send letters on counsel letterhead to Ross Twp and Richland Twp.

Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- nay; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-nay.

Motion carried.

• **Charleston Twp Letter & Invoice**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to send a letter on counsel letterhead to Charleston Twp.

Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: 3 ayes; 2 nays.

• **Cooper Twp Request for Regional Commission Dues Reimbursement**

Motion

Stoneburner made the motion to grant reimbursement to Cooper Twp for Regional Commission Dues.

Motion was seconded by Sorensen.

Motion carried: all ayes.

• **37th Street FM Project Update from Engineer**

Discussion

Executive Director Report

Discussion

Director Crumb updated the board on items he has been working on and continues to work on.

OLD BUSINESS

- LS # 5 Permit Status with RCKC – Director Crumb provided an update.

Adjourn

Motion by Sorensen to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried: all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.



Jeff Sorensen – Secretary