



MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Commissioner Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Commissioners present were Jimmy Stoneburner, Jeff Sorensen, Bear Priest, Christina Hutchings, and Barry Bower. Also, present were the Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Leslee Schnepf, Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg, Water Services Superintendent Bill Bresson, Engineer Paul Schram, legal counsel Lindsay Dangl, legal counsel Shawn Grinnen, and some area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Motion

Hutchings made a motion to set the amended agenda that includes:

- reviewing the closed session minutes from the June 25, 2026, Special Board Meeting;
- remove the duplicate MML Worker's Comp Fund in New Business and;
- add discussion, during the public meeting, regarding termination of Executive Director John Crumb based on performance for just cause of his employment contract.

Motion was seconded by Priest.

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

Sorensen made a motion to set the amended agenda that includes:

Motion

- reviewing the closed session minutes from the June 25, 2026, Special Board Meeting, and;
- remove the duplicate MML Worker's Comp Fund in New Business.

Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

Motion carried: 3 ayes; 2 nays

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

- No residents spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

- June 25, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes
- June 25, 2026, Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Sorensen made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: 3 ayes; 2 nays

CORRESPONDENCE:

- June 25, 2026, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- The Bluffs June 2026
- SCSWA June 2026
- City of Kalamazoo June 2026
- EGLE Violation Notice
- N 37th St FM 1 Repair Costs

NEW BUSINESS

• Financial Report / Bills Pd. + Payables for May 2026

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to approve the financials as presented.

Motion was seconded by Bower.

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

Motion carried.

• MML Worker's Comp Fund

Motion

Sorensen made the motion, seconded by Stoneburner, to have the Executive Director cast the nomination ballot for the October 2026 election for the MML Workers' Comp Fund.

Motion carried: all ayes.

Executive Director Report

Discussion

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

OLD BUSINESS

- LS # 5 Generator Replacement Quotes – Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg provided an update. Quotes will be obtained when the design and site plans are completed. (no handout)

Closed Session: Consult with legal counsel to consider attorney client material exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) and MCL 15.243(1).

At 1:57 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) with all Board members, the Executive Director, and Field Superintendent Aaron Grogg.

The Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

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

Motion failed.

Closed Session: Closed session to discuss trial or settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Jilliane B. Whitcomb, as the Trustee of the Gary L. Bishop Revocable Trust Dated February 19, 2004, v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority, Case No. 26-0162-CZ

At 1:58 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session to discuss trial or settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Jilliane B. Whitcomb, as the Trustee of the Gary L. Bishop Revocable Trust Dated February 19, 2004, v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority, Case No. 26-0162-CZ with Board Members Stoneburner, Bower, Sorensen, both attorneys and to recuse Board members Priest and Hutchings to discuss trial or settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Jilliane B. Whitcomb, as the Trustee of the Gary L. Bishop Revocable Trust Dated February 19, 2004, v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority, Case No. 26-0162-CZ.

Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

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

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Priest and seconded by Bower to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.



Jeff Sorensen – Secretary

