



MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2026, BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Commissioner Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 1:31 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, Water Services Superintendent Bill Bresson, legal counsel Lindsay Dangel, and some area residents.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Motion

Sorensen made a motion to set the agenda as presented.

Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 nay.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

- No residents spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

- June 16, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes

Sorensen made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- May 21, 2026, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- June 16, 2026, Special Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- The Bluffs May 2026
- SCSWA May 2026
- City of Kalamazoo May 2026
- Village of Augusta
- Charleston Township
- Gull Lake Quality Organization
- EGLE Odor Complaint
- SSO for 5201 N 37th St.

NEW BUSINESS

• Financial Report / Bills Pd. + Payables for April 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.

Motion

• Reverse the Recusal which Prohibited Attorney Dangel to Act as Defense Counsel, in the Pending Litigation of Ross Township and Richland Township v Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority.

Sorensen made the motion seconded by Stoneburner, to reinstate the normal process for correspondence between Defense Counsel, as provided by the Authority's liability insurance carrier, and General Counsel for the Authority which was limited by Board action at the February 19th Authority Board meeting. General Counsel for the Authority is not involved as an attorney of record in the pending litigation. The previous action from February 19, 2026, created a conflict with Counsel's role to the Board.

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

Motion carried.

• Sherman Lake SAD Overages Invoices

Motion

Priest made the motion to write off the overages and accounts receivable related to the Sherman Lake SAD Overages due to mis-management of the project. The motion was seconded by Hutchings.

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

Motion failed.

Motion

Sorensen made the motion, seconded by Bower, to send the Sherman Lake SAD Overages invoice to Ross Township.

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

Motion carried.

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 Permit Status with RCKC – Executive Director Crumb provided an update.

Motion

Sorensen made a motion to install the in-stock generator at Lift Station 5 to replace the non-running 1994 generator. The motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried: all ayes.

Motion

Priest made a motion to authorize the rental of a mobile generator at approximately \$4,000 / month until project costs are approved by the Board and installation is completed. The motion was seconded by Hutchings.

Motion carried: all ayes.

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 2:24 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session with all Board members and the Executive Director. The Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

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

Priest moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session with all Board members and the Executive Director to discuss potential legal issues related to the Village of Augusta and Charleston Township. The motion was seconded by Hutchings.

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

A Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Priest to come out of closed session at 2:35 p.m.

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

Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session with Board members Sorensen, Bower, and Stoneburner, excluding Hutchings and Priest to discuss communications received by Attorney Dangel from Ross Township legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

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

A Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Bower to come out of closed session at 2:51 p.m.

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

Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session with all Board members to discuss a commissioner request and a legal action. The motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

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

A Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Hutchings to come out of closed session at 3:18 p.m.

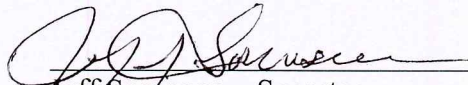
Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- aye; Sorensen- aye; Bower-aye; Hutchings-aye.
Motion carried.

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Priest and seconded by Hutchings to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.


Jeff Sorensen – Secretary