



## **MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING**

Authority Board Meeting

9:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.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 Heather Mezo, 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

Priest made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the February 19, 2026, Closed Session Meeting minutes and add the change order for the 37<sup>th</sup> Street FM project, add the discussion of the expenditure policy, contract negotiation and approval policy, timing for agenda and packet distribution. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion carried: all ayes.**

### **HEAR THOSE PRESENT:**

- No area residents spoke

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion

- February 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Motion carried: all ayes.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- February 19, 2026, Board Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- The Bluffs January 2026 & February 2026
- SCSWA January 2026 & February 2026
- City of Kalamazoo January 2026 & February 2026
- Advia CD Renewal
- State of Michigan Department of Treasury Corrective Action Plan
- FOIA Requests

**Closed Session: Charlston Township with Executive Director John Crumb.**

At 9:44 a.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)(g) inviting John Crumb. The Motion was seconded by Stoneburner.

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

**Closed Session: Charlston Township without Executive Director John Crumb.**

At 9:44 a.m. Hutchings 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)(g) without John Crumb.

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

**Closed Session: Litigation with Executive Director John Crumb**

At 9:46 a.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter Closed Session discuss trial or settlement strategy with counsel in the pending litigation of *Ross Township and Richland Township v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority*, Case No. 26-0043-CK inviting John Crumb and counsel Shawn Grinnen. The Motion was seconded by Bower.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

• **Financial Report / Bills Pd. +Payables for February 2026** Motion  
Sorensen made the motion to approve the financials as presented. Motion was seconded by Bower.  
**Motion carried: 3 ayes, 2 nays.**

• **GIS Contracted Services Agreement with Anderwylde LLC.** Motion  
Sorensen made the motion to give the Executive Director approval to sign the contract as presented. Motion was seconded by Bower.  
**Motion carried: all ayes.**

• **LD Docsa Service Agreement for LS 10 and LS 14** Motion  
Sorensen made the motion to give the Executive Director the approval to sign the service agreement presented. Motion was seconded by Bower.  
**Motion carried: all ayes.**

**•American Pipeline Ice Pigging Service Agreement**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to give the Executive Director the approval to sign the service agreement presented. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion carried: all ayes.**

**•2026 Truck Purchases**

Motion

Stoneburner made the motion to approve the Executive Director purchasing the 2 trucks immediately as presented for Fiscal year 2027. Motion was seconded by Sorensen.

**Motion carried: 3 ayes; 2 nays.**

**•37<sup>th</sup> Street FM Project Update from Engineer**

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to approve the 2 change orders as presented in the amount of \$9,490. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion carried all ayes.**

**Executive Director Report**

Discussion

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

**Expenditure Policy**

Discussion

Priest made the motion to have the Expenditure Policy added to the April 16 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion failed: 2 ayes; 3 nays.**

**Contract Approval Policy**

Discussion

Priest made the motion to have the Contract Approval Policy added to the April 16 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion failed: 2 ayes; 3 nays.**

**Time of Packet and Agenda Distribution**

Discussion

Priest made the motion to make a procedure that the board packets and agendas be posted and distributed at least four business days before a regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion failed: 2 ayes; 3 nays.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Priest made the motion to amend the agenda to add Charleston Township to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Hutchings.

**Motion failed: 2 ayes; 3 nays.**

Motion was made to adjourn by Sorensen and seconded by Hutchings.

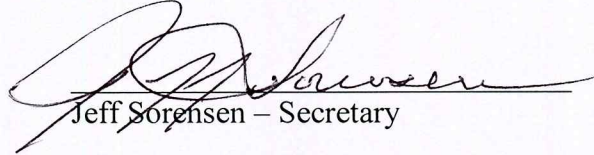
**Motion carried, all ayes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

Submitted for approval



Jeff Sorensen – Secretary