

MINUTES OF February 9, 2026, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Commissioner Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Jimmy Stoneburner, Jeff Sorensen, Bear Priest, Christina Hutchins and Barry Bower. Attorney Lindsay Dangl via Zoom. Also, present were the Executive Director John Crumb, Executive Assistant Heather Mezo.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA:

Motion

Sorensen made the motion to set the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Barry.

Motion carried: all ayes.

HEAR THOSE PRESENT:

- No area residents are present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion

- January 26, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes

Sorensen to remove the January 26, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes from the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried: all ayes.

Minutes were discussed and amended. Sorensen made the motion to approve January 26, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Sorensen made the motion to allow Attorney Dangl to be present in closed session. Seconded by Bower.

Motion carried: 3 ayes; 2 nays

Closed Session:

Motion

At 12:35 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board enter into closed session with the Authority's counsel to discuss trial or settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Ross Township and Richland Township v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority - file number 2026-0043-CK - in the 9th Judicial Circuit Court as discussion in open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body. The Motion was seconded by Bower.

Roll Call Vote: Stoneburner – aye; Priest- nay; Sorensen- aye; Hutchins – nay; Bower-aye. Motion denied.

Hutchings made the motion to amend the agenda to include consideration Lindsay Dangl does not attend the meeting and recuses herself as defense counsel in the pending litigation of Ross Township and Richland Township v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority, unless EMC appoints Lindsay Dangl as defense counsel. Motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried: all ayes.

Hutching made the motion to allow Attorney Dangl to be present in today's closed session only, after which time Lindsay Dangl will recuse herself as defense counsel in the pending litigation of Ross Township and Richland Township v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority, unless EMC appoints Lindsay Dangl as defense counsel. Motion was seconded by Priest.

Motion carried: all ayes.

Closed Session:

Motion

At 12:52 p.m. Sorensen moved that the Authority Board reconsider the prior vote, which was adopted. Sorensen moved to enter into closed session with the Authority's counsel to discuss trial or settlement strategy in the pending litigation of Ross Township and Richland Township v Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority - file number 2026-0043-CK - in the 9th Judicial Circuit Court as discussion in open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body, inviting Lindsay Dangl into the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Bower.

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

Priest & Hutchins recused themselves from attendance. Attendance during closed session: Sorensen, Bower, Stoneburner, and attorney Dangl and attorneys Grinnen and Hudson via Zoom.

A Motion was made by Sorensen and seconded by Bower to return to the regular meeting at 2:16 p.m.

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

Motion was made to adjourn by Sorensen and Seconded by Bower.

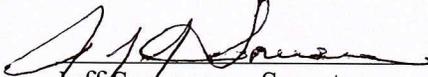
Motion carried, all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, February 19, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

Submitted for approval


Jeff Sorensen – Secretary