

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
JUNE 26, 2023**

Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Joseph Lifrieri.

Minute 2 - Open Public Meetings Announcement

The Open Public Meeting Announcement was read by the Executive Director, Ronald S. Anastasio.

Minute 3 - Roll Call

Robert Albano	Present	Michael Pappas	Absent*
Nicolas Carra	Present	Philip Petrone	Present
Vincent Dominach	Present	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Present
Michael Impellizeri	Present	Joseph Lifrieri	Present
Edward Machala	Present		
Richard Mathews	Present		

***Mr. Pappas joined the meeting via Teams at 7:08 P.M.**

Authority Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	Present (Teams)
Michael Ingenito, Chief Plant Operator	Present (Teams)
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Manager of Engineering	Present
Ellie Hoffman, P.E., Regulatory Compliance Engineer	Present (Teams)
Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager	Present
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Absent
Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer	Present (Teams)
Joseph Loughlin, A/P Clerk	Present (Teams)
Gerry Zielonka, Maintenance Supervisor	Present (Teams)

Professional Staff

Thomas Schoettle, P.E., CDM Smith	Present
Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present (Teams)
James Cosgrove, P.E., One Water Consulting, LLC	Present (Teams)

Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 – Approval of Minutes:

1. Board Meeting Open Session Minutes – May 22, 2023

With the Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Mr. Carra, the Minutes of the May 22nd, 2023 Meeting (Open Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

2. Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes – May 22, 2023

With the Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Mathews, the Minutes of the May 22nd, 2023 Meeting (Closed Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

Minute 6 – Public Hearings – NONE

Minute 7 – Public Participation -

Seeing no one from the public in attendance in person, or via the TEAMS Meeting online, Mr. Lifrieri closed the Public Hearing.

Minute 8 – Consent Agenda: Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

Mr. Lifrieri asked if there were any questions regarding any of the items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Albano had a question on Resolution #3: Did our legal counsel take a look at the resolution

on the PFAS indemnity to make sure it covers everything we need to have covered. Mr. Maraziti indicated he did review it and it is fine. It is a question of getting the legislation adopted.

- (1) **Res. No. 23-0626-1** – Resolution Granting Permanent Status of George Bright as Assistant Operator in the Liquid Division
- (2) **Res. No. 23-0626-2** – Sewer Extension Resolution Re-Approval - Proposed Fifteen (15) Single-Family Dwelling Subdivision; Block 99 Lot 12, 13, 15, 16 And 17; Township of Green Brook
- (3) **Res. No. 23-0626-3** – Resolution of The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority Board of Commissioners to Call Upon New Jersey U.S. Senators, The Hon. Cory A. Booker, and The Hon. Robert Menendez to Join Wyoming U.S. Senator Cynthia Lummis in Sponsoring The “Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act.”

Upon a Motion by Mr. Impellizeri and a Second by Mr. Carra, the above Resolutions were approved by the following roll call vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

Minute 9 – Board Committees – Mr. Machala stated that the Planning Committee met prior to tonight’s Board meeting. We discussed a few things and at this point, we are going to make a recommendation to move something to the Finance Committee, but I will let Mr. Anastasio summarize that.

As a follow-up to Mr. Machala’s comments regarding the Planning Committee’s meeting tonight. Regarding the Main Interceptor Rehabilitation Project, we are evaluating the bid results and we are preparing a recommendation to the Finance Committee. We will then give them a chance to make their evaluations. At that time, the Finance Committee will be prepared to report to the Board, which we anticipate will be in July.

Minute 10 – Chairman – Mr. Lifrieri had no comments and nothing further to add.

Minute 11 - Reports

A. Executive Director’s Report

1. Update on the Main Interceptor Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Anastasio indicated he had nothing further to add than what was mentioned with regard to the Planning Committee meeting on this topic.

2. Update on the Storm Control Pumping Station Relocation Project

Mr. Anastasio stated that progress is moving along in the design phase of this project. The property survey is taking place. They are also working on the wetlands delineation and preparing for the wetlands application to DEP which we expect to be made in August. We should be finalizing the size of the pumps and the generator soon. We are honing down on some of the details. We have been given some preliminary sketches of the layouts of the independent power assembly units, which resemble Conex or shipping boxes which contain all of the electrical equipment mounted inside. We will keep the Board apprised of our progress as we go along.

3. Update on the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project

Similar story. The design engineers are moving along and picking away at the various details of this project and I will ask Tom Schoettle to give a little more detail on that. We have been evaluating some replacement belt filter presses. There are different configurations. We had a field trip to check out a different style belt filter press, different than the style we use, and to check out the system we plan to use for odor control which is called a Bio-Rem system. We took a trip up to two plants up in New York state a couple weeks ago. We are still evaluating those presses and other aspects of the design.

We just had a progress update meeting last week. We have a long way to go but we are making progress.

Mr. Schoettle stated that Mr. Anastasio covered a lot of it. We did have a couple of field visits, but I was unable to attend either of those. I believe the meetings were successful. The Authority staff got a good idea on what we're looking at particularly in light of the odor control. We have collected a lot of data and we have some dates for our physical model which I mentioned during our last meeting. Our internal work plan has been finalized so that has been moved and disseminated to our team. We are continuing to disseminate much of the data we've received from the Authority and set up the design phase of the project. I also attached a detailed progress report to my normal report for the project. That is how I will proceed from now on. I will submit my Engineer's Report and then a specific report for this project so you can see more details.

Mr. Albano asked, with regard to the Clemson modeling, I have no issue with it. Have we tried to get something similar out of NJIT or Rutgers as they have pretty good programs? And secondly, in Mr. Schoettle's report, you discussed that you had to reevaluate the structural engineering of the roof because the structural engineer passed away. Did I read that correctly? Mr. Schoettle said yes. One of the tasks we have for the Headworks Building is to evaluate a design that was previously prepared by a third party and to see if we can incorporate that design into the final design of that building. The intent is to take what is a flat roof and change it into a slope roof. There is a little concern we have about accepting the work of another engineer. We don't have any calculations so that at the end of the day, it may be more efficient for us just to redesign that roof system ourselves than try to validate what another engineer has done. As far as the question on Clemson Hydraulics is concerned, it is a little bit more than the typical university level lab work that would be involved here. We are actually going to be constructing a physical scale model of the wet-well and the pump station which is going to require some specialized know-how. There are a number of labs that can do it: one is Alden Research Labs up in New England and the other is Clemson. We received proposals from both of them during the procurement phase of the project and Clemson's price was significantly lower than Alden's. We've used both of them and they are both competent, but we went Clemson in this case because it was a much more cost-effective solution. Mr. Anastasio asked is Clemson affiliated with the university or is it just the name? Mr. Schoettle clarified that one of the professors from Clemson University is the founder of Clemson Hydraulics which is a privately owned company. As it happens, one of our hydraulics experts did his graduate research under the same person who started Clemson Hydraulics. So, there is also a relationship there that we thought was valuable as well.

4. Update on the Raritan-Millstone Phosphorus TMDL Study and Continued River Monitoring – Water Quality Engineer James Cosgrove, P.E. – One Water Consulting LLC (**CLOSED SESSION – Anticipated Litigation**)

B. Engineer/Consultants – Mr. Thomas Schoettle, P.E., (CDM Smith) had nothing further to add to his Report.

C. Attorney – Maraziti Falcon, LLP – Mr. Carney had nothing further to add.

D. Department Reports:

1. Operations
2. Regulatory Compliance
3. Laboratory
4. Maintenance
5. Special Projects

E. Facility Engineer Reports:

1. Facility Engineers Monthly Report
2. Capacity Allocation
3. Capacity Assurance
4. Monthly Flow Report

Minute 12 – Communications – Standard monthly communication submittals to the State are in the Board book.

Minute 13 - Res. No. 23-0626-5 – Payroll

Upon Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

Minute 14 - Res. No. 23-0626-6 – Bills

Upon Motion of Mr. Carra, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

Minute 15 – Res. No. 23-0626-7 - Adjourn to Closed Session

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purposes of an Anticipated Litigation Discussion Regarding Potential Treatment Plant Effluent Limits

Upon the Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above Resolution was approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:16 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

Minute 16 - Res. No. 23-0626-4 – Resolution Accepting Cost Proposal from One Water Consulting LLC dated May 16, 2023, to Conduct Additional In-Stream Monitoring in the Raritan River

Mr. Pappas asked Mr. Cosgrove, what is the length of time that you will need to complete this study? Mr. Cosgrove stated that the sampling would probably be from July through September. We would get the data back in September and you would probably have an analysis with a report by the end of the year.

Upon Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Dominach, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

Minute 17 - Adjournment

Upon Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Mr. Carra, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Nicolas Carra	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes		
Richard Mathews	Yes		

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
JULY 24, 2023**