MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MAY 18, 2026

DATE: May 18, 2026 PLACE: The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Edward Machala

Minute 2 - Open Public Meetings Announcement

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

Minute 3 - Roll Call

Robert Albano	Present (Teams)	John Murphy	Present
Pamela Borek	Present	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Present (Teams)
Gary DiNardo	Present	Reinhard Pratt	Present
Vincent Dominach	Present (Teams)	Frank Scarantino	Present
Michael Impellizeri	Present (Teams)	Edward Machala	Present
Joseph Lif	Present		

Authority Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Asst. Executive Director/Manager of Engineering	Present (Teams)
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	Present (Teams)
Timothy Wojcicki, Chief Plant Operator	Present (Teams)
Ellie Hoffman, P.E., Regulatory Compliance Engineer	Present (Teams)
Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager	Present
Kevin Groff, Maintenance Supervisor	Present (Teams)
Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer	Present (Teams)
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Absent

Professional Staff

Thomas Schoettle, P.E., CDM Smith	Present
Joseph J. Maraziti, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present
Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present

Minute 4 - Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

<u>Minute 5 - Approval of Minutes</u>

(1) April 27, 2026, Regular Open Session

Ms. Borek stated that the Minutes do not indicate that we returned to Open Session and Voted on Resolution No. 26-0427-5, to confirm the promotion of Kevin Groff to Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Anastasio indicated that the minutes will be amended to reflect that Mr. Groff's resolution was approved.

Upon a Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Mr. Pratt, the Minutes of April 27th, 2026, Meeting (Open Session), as amended, were approved by the following Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Abstain
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Abstain
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

(2) April 27, 2026, Closed Session

Upon a Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Ms. Scarantino, the Minutes of April 27th, 2026, Meeting (Closed Session) were approved by the following Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Abstain
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Abstain
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

<u>Minute 6 - Public Hearings</u> - NONE

<u>Minute 7 - Public Participation</u> - NONE

<u>Minute 8 - Consent Agenda</u> - Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

Mr. Machala indicated that we have just received a new Resolution No. 26-0518-4. Mr. Albano stated that we are usually on top of these kinds of things. How did this thing go back and is going to cost us $60K? Mr. Anastasio stated that we didn't know that the water seeped through the cable housing that powers the pump. That cable hangs down in the water when the wet well is filled. All we know is that the pump kept tripping out, the VFD. We pulled those pumps twice a year and with this check, it turned out that it was something very serious. Usually, those cables hold up well, but that cable is about 15 years old. Something must have happened where the conditions inside the wet well became compromised and allowed water to seep into the wires and it wicks in the cable and the water also wicks down to the windings of the motor, so all the copper started to unwind from the stater. It is a real mess. If it weren't for the cable, it would still be about $30K repair. The stator and the cable bump it up another $25K+. We have no choice. We have to repair this pump so we can convey wet weather sewage.

Ms. Borek commented that Resolution No. 26-0518-5, should read 473 Raider Boulevard, not 437. Ms. Hering indicated that the Resolution was already changed to reflect that correction.

1) **Res. No. 26-0518-1** – Resolution Authorizing the Chairman, Four (4) Commissioners, the Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director/Manager of Engineering, Plant Superintendent and the Chief Plant Operator to Attend the Water Environment Federation (WEFTEC) 99th Annual Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference in New Orleans, La

2) **Res. No. 26-0518-2** – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director, Plant Superintendent and the Regulatory Compliance Engineer to Attend the Midwest Biosolids Association Sewage Sludge Incineration Conference (SSICON) In St. Louis, Missouri

3) **Res. No 26-0518-3** – Resolution Thanking Former Human Resource Manager Linda Hering for Her Extended Service and Dedication to the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

4) **Res. No. 26-0518-4** – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase Including all Labor and Materials Necessary for the Repair of Storm Control Pumping Station Pump No. 2 Through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System

5) **Res. No. 26-0518-5** – Sewer Extension Resolution - One (1) Existing Single-Family Dwelling; 473 Raider Boulevard - Hillsborough Township; Block 178 Lot 14

6) **Res. No. 26-0518-6** – No Title (Resolution Authorizing the Addition of the Lincoln Alliance Plan to the Existing 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan)

7) **Res. No 26-0518-7** - Sewer Extension Resolution (Re-Approval) - Washington Valley Road Sanitary Sewer Extension; Block 905 Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03 and 11.04 - Bridgewater Township

Upon the Motion of Mr. Pratt, with emphasis on Resolution #3, Second of Mr. Scarantino, the above Consent Agenda, including Res. No. 26-0518-4, was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

Minute 9 - Board Committees - NONE

Minute 10 - Chairman Mr. Machala states he has nothing at this point but wants to thank Linda for coming back to continue until we find her new replacement.

Minute 11 - Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

1. Update on the New Administration Building Project

   There is not much to report. We have submitted to NJDEP our flood hazard area and stormwater permit. We paid the review fees and got that submitted electronically last week. We'll keep the board apprised when we do receive that permit. Nothing will happen in the meantime with the project in terms of going out to bid. We completed our local capital review with the Bridgewater Planning Board, and they gave us their comments. We have everything else in place to this point. We are ready to get the bid documents out on the street, but we can do that until we get this permit.

2. Update on Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project

   Work continues on this project. It has come to our attention that CDM has had some additional design charges that we became aware of. We are working with CDM on that and are waiting for a document coming back to us to give us a breakdown of all added effort. To be fair, there were a lot of little things that got tweaked during this project, which is 3 years now. When it comes back, we'll come back to the Planning Committee and then the Finance Committee, then the Board with a breakdown of what we see. There's been a lot of different things that have evolved over the course of this project; regulation changes, and lack of support from OEM. We were given a quote by them and they were subsequently sold and that went away and we had to make changes. Once we're done with this, we'll report back.

On the Agenda, under this project, you'll see Kraft Gate Replacement Project. The Kraft Is the manufacturer of the gate. It is a sluice gate that shuts off flow into the plant. That gate was installed in the late '90's and that ceased to operate a number of years ago. Over the years we worked around without having it and there were other things we were able to do when we needed to take the IPS offline. But for Plantwide project, it is a very critical gate. We started working through the replacement of the gate with CDM in the maintenance of plant operations. It is a very difficult point to get to. What we realized is it is simpler for us to do it under a small contract than to weave it under the bigger contract. It is also safer as it reduces the risk that the contractor might have problems and that would expose a large project to potential delays. If we do it on our own, it is a small contract and a lot easier to get done. When we put the large construction contract, the contractor would simply close this new gate. Sherwin and Christian have the contract document prepared and almost ready for the bid to go out on the street. It will be for the purchase and install and the bypassing pumping.

3. Update on Main Interceptor & Forcemain Rehabilitation Project

You heard us say we had to press pause on the design and the permitting hasn't started yet because we're waiting on Duke Farms with the easement issue. We got an appraisal report done and it has been sent to Duke Farm's attorney. We're waiting for their review and are hoping that this moves things along and we get their buy-in of the project so that we engage the Federal government with a discussion as to how we're going to handle the modification of the existing wetlands easements on Duke Farms.

Mr. Lifrieri asked if we've had any objections since it been a long time. Mr. Anastasio stated that there was a different lawyer on the case and she retired. The new guys said he wants to get this done by June. We gave him the appraisal report and told him to give it to his Board. The values are small. They are 4 figures. But they are holding up this project at this point. Swapping the easements and doing what we want to do is the best solution for the future. Our fallback would be to rehabilitate the existing like within the existing easements but the easements are tight and its not easy to work in there.

4. Update on the Storm Control Pumping Station Flood Mitigation Project

This project is also moving along. We're about 1/3 complete but still have a long way to go. Unfortunately, we had to put this Resolution #4 in front of the Board. We have to put money into this old pump that we can't buy parts for. We have four brand new pumps for this project, sitting in storage, waiting for this pump station job to move along. It won't move along quickly enough for us to wait for those new ones to be installed. We have to repair the old pump.

We have a long contract window on this job because we built it in because there was a possibility of us getting a Federal Grant but that did not work out. The contract time is long.

Mr. Ulep stated that most of the gears that will be installed inside the containers are already in the contractor's warehouse and we're just waiting for the IPA building. Mr. Anastasio added that there is the issue of PSE&G. We're waiting on their transformer. Mr. Ulep stated that is also moving along. PSE&G did a couple of site visits to verify the installation of the conduits, and everything is good. Mr. Santiago stated that PSE&G is going to come out again next week and if all goes well, we'll release them for the transformer.

5. Update to the PSE&G Energy Efficiency Measures Project

Mr. Anastasio commented that in Mr. Ulep's report, it has a different name. The type of blowers that the engineers are specifying, and we're doing a site visit. There are 3 authorities in New Jersey that have that manufacturer's blowers and we're going to do 3 site visits across 2 different days starting May 29th. We'll talk to the people that own, operate and fix them and see how they like them. Make sure they are happy with service and support. A question arose about the cost of the blowers. It is $1.7M for the two blowers. At WEFTEC we looked at a different type of blower and they were around $800,000 each also. Mr. Albano asked if we are getting two blowers out of PSE&G or just one? We are getting $2M for the project and we're making up the difference. Mr. Ulep stated that they are designing in the two blowers. The first blower is part of our agreement with them, but the second blower is outside their scope so they will have to provide us with a proposal for that. What they want to do is do the calculation again or the energy efficiency measures because they said they might be able to add that design effort into the energy efficiency measure calculation. We're still waiting for them to recalculate the numbers. We are nearing 30% design so I think after the 30% design, they will provide us with an updated score.

Will they give us any more money for the second blower? That will be based on the results of their calculations. Right now, until they finalize the 30%, we will have to wait until they come up with a new score. Mr. Anastasio stated that we are also looking to elevate the blowers for flood resiliency and that part is not in the project. We still have to work that out with them. Mr. Ulep stated that unfortunately the size of the blower is almost the same as what we have so if we increase the height of the blower, there is very little increase, probably 12" to 16" but is still better than what we have now.

The remaining items are slated for closed session although Mr. Carney has a comment on Resolution #6. Mr. Carney stated that he understands that the JCO was discussed in the Executive Session at the last meeting. My question is, if anyone has any questions on this, we can of course go into Closed Session tonight to discuss that. If nobody has any questions, we can approve the resolution now if you want. Mr. Murphy stated that he wasn't here last meeting and does have a question. Mr. Carney stated that we do need to go into Closed Session.

6. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders (JCOs) Related to PFAS with the 3M Company & DuPont **(Closed Session – Pending Litigation & Attorney/Client Privileged)**

7. Discussion Regarding the Anticipated Development of the Fox Hollow Golf Course in Readington Township **(Closed Session - Contract Negotiations and Attorney/Client Privileged)**

B. Engineer/Consultants – Thomas Schoettle, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer's Report for April 2026

C. Attorney – Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP

D. Department Reports:

1. Operations
2. Laboratory
3. Maintenance/Electrical
4. Special Projects

E. Engineering Department Engineer Reports:

1 Capacity Allocation
2. Capacity Assurance
3. Monthly Flow Report
4. Manager of Engineering - Engineer's Monthly Report

<u>Minute 12 - Communications</u>

A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26
B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report. Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26

C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report – Storm Control Treatment Facility Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26.

D. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26 (**MARCH 2026 NOT INCLUDED – TO BE SUBMITTED BY 4/25/2026)**

Minute 13 - Res. No. 26-0518-11 – Payroll

Upon a Motion of Ms. Borek, Second of Mr. Scarantino, the above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

Minute 14 - Res. No. 26-0518-12- Bills

Upon a Motion of Ms. Borek, Second of Mr. Murphy, the above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

Minute 15- Res. No. 26-0518-13- Adjourn to Closed Session

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purpose of Personnel Matters Discussion Regarding a Proposed Promotion and Salary Increases and for the Purposes of Anticipated Litigation and Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders Related to PFAS with the 3M Company and Dupont and Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Anticipated Development of the Fox Hollow Golf Course in Readington Township and Personnel Matters Discussions regarding the resignation of Robin Taylor.

Upon a Motion of Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Scarantino, to above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:24 p.m.

Minute 16 - Reconvene in Open Session at 8:01 p.m.

Mr. Machala indicated that we are going back to the two Resolutions that were discussed in Closed Session.

Minute 17 - Res. No. 26-0518-8 – Resolution Authorizing Withdrawal of Opposition to Proposed JCO between NJDEP, the State of New Jersey and the 3M Company and Dupont Defendants

Upon a Motion of Mr. Pratt, Second of Mr. Scarantino, the above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent*
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

*Mr. Petrone left the meeting during Closed Session

Minute 18 – Res. No. 26-0518-9 – Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Upper Raritan Water Quality Management (WZM) Plan Amendment for Fox Hollow at Readington; Block 15, Lot 28 – Readington.

Mr. Machala asked if anyone would like to move that resolution. No one on the Board made a motion to bring this resolution to the floor. Therefore, there was no vote on Resolution 26-0518-9.

Minute 19 – Res. No. 26-0518-10 – Resolution Denying the Proposed Upper Raritan Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment for Fox Hollow at Readington; Block 15, Lot 28 Situated in Readington Township, Hunterdon County for Inclusion in the Sewer Service Area of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority Situated in Somerset County.

Upon a Motino of Mr. Dominach, Second of Mr. Pratt, the above Resolution was approved by the Following Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

Minute 20 - Adjournment of Meeting

Upon a motion of Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Pratt, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm, by the following **all in Favor Vote**:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Absent
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON June 22, 2026