

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority is called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

**Moment of Silence and Salute:**

Led by Chairman Cory

**Announcement:**

This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act as well as guidance from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services in that an announcement of the same appeared on the Authority's website, in the Asbury Park Press, in the Coast Star and emailed to the Clerks of our member municipalities on February 20, 2025. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Commissioners Cory, Donovan, Lynch, Meixsell, and Shields.

Mr. Bonello, Mr. Krause, and Ms. Oliver.

**Excused:**

Commissioner Mattia and Commissioner May

**Absent:**

Commissioner Nolan

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Bonello reported having spoken with Mr. Krause regarding the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Public Notice regarding the 3M PFAS settlement agreement.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**PLANT**

**Cogen Resiliency Upgrades**

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority is currently having discussions with Northeast Remsco regarding settlement of the contract.

### **Food Waste Co-digestion Pilot**

Mr. Krause reported the co-digestion pilot has ended, cost of renting the equipment is more than the benefit; the Authority is looking into a more permanent solution.

### **Trickling Filter #1 and #2 Arms Replacement**

Mr. Krause reported that fieldwork will begin in early Fall.

### **Pipe Galley (Pipe Coating and Electrical Upgrades)**

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority is currently reviewing shop drawings for approval. Work is scheduled to begin next week.

### **Waste Gas Burner Flare Replacement**

Mr. Krause reported the shop drawings are being reviewed; the short-term loan closing with the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Stabilization Pond Liner Repair/Replacement**

Mr. Krause reported the project design is ongoing.

### **SMRSA Access Road Stabilization**

Mr. Krause reported the project design is ongoing.

## **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Krause reported that he is meeting with the Bond Counsel regarding the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank loan closing documents and will be discussing the Service Area Agreement Amendment(s) at that time.

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority is still waiting for the GASB 75 figures from the state, which are necessary to complete the 2024 Financial Audit.

Ms. Oliver has been preparing the amended 2025 and proposed 2026 budget(s). Ms. Oliver reported that there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee in September to review recommendations for the 2025 amended budget and the 2026 proposed budget; a resolution will be presented to the board for their approval in October.

Mr. Krause reported that a resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioner's review and approval to appoint Tyler Rulli a permanent full-time employee.

Mr. Krause reported that union contract negotiations are ongoing.

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority has received a Public Notice from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding a settlement agreement with 3M regarding 3M's responsibility for PFAS chemical pollution in the State of New Jersey. The Authority

would be made part of the settlement which would preclude the Authority from filing future lawsuits for expenses incurred in dealing with the removal and treatment of these chemicals. The period for comments is 60 days; therefore, Mr. Krause and many other members of the Association of Environmental Authorities (AEA) will be submitting a request for an extension of this 60-day period to give everyone who will be affected time to respond with their concerns. Mr. Krause indicated he would provide an update at next month's meeting.

### **BUSINESS:**

#### **The Board took action on the following items during the Regular Meeting immediately after the Caucus Meeting.**

- Approve the July 9, 2025 Caucus & Regular Meeting Minutes as written.
- Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the 2025 Revenue Fund to the Operating Fund for the explicit purpose of payment of all known calendar year 2025 listed bills.
- Resolution to Approve Mr. Tyler Rulli as a Full-Time Permanent Employee of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

None

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Chairman Cory made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.

Chairman Cory made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Cory made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting.

Commissioner Lynch seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye.