

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES – JULY 9, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 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, Lynch, Mattia, May, Meixsell, Nolan, and Shields.

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

Absent:

Commissioner Donovan

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Bonello reported having spoken with Mr. Krause regarding issues to be discussed at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

PLANT

Cogen Resiliency Upgrades

Mr. Krause reported having discussions with the Energy Resilience Bank regarding project closeout. Northeast Remsco has submitted claims which are under review.

Trickling Filter #1 and #2 Arms Replacement

Mr. Krause reported tentative equipment delivery July-August; construction should begin after Labor Day.

Pipe Galley (Pipe Coating and Electrical Upgrades)

Mr. Krause reported a pre-construction meeting held June 19th; shop drawing review is ongoing.

Waste Gas Burner Flare Replacement

Mr. Krause reported the contracts are being signed and a pre-construction meeting was held today. Mr. Bonello is assisting with short-term construction loan closing process.

Stabilization Pond Liner Repair/Replacement

Mr. Krause reported design is ongoing. The Authority will likely be replacing only the liner on the perimeter.

SMRSA Access Road Slope Stabilization

Mr. Krause reported having discussions regarding wetlands permits which should not be required. The survey was completed this week.

FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Krause reported that the Service Area Agreements Amendment(s) are in the bond counsel's hands. Revisions include provisions for "small debt issuer" and debt allocation certificates for member towns as well as condensing all amendments.

Mr. Krause reported Status of 2024 Financial Audit- we received the GASB 68 figures; still waiting for GASB 75 figures.

Mr. Krause reported HR Subcommittee meeting regarding union negotiations; the current contract expires at the end of this year.

Mr. Krause reported Resolutions have been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioner's Review and Approval Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for 2026 Annual Contracts (15% Sodium Hypochlorite, 20% Sodium Hypochlorite, Magnesium Hydroxide, Sludge Hauling, Pump/Motor Repair, Electrical Troubleshooting and Repair and Furnish HVAC Repair and Purchase/Install New Equipment). The bid opening is scheduled for the first week in September with the intent to award at the September board meeting.

Mr. Krause reported a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioner's Review and Approval Authorizing Terminating and Eliminating an Agreement of Existing Deed of Easement and Right of Way with the Borough of Belmar.

Mr. Krause reported that the Borough of Lake Como had a pre-application meeting with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to sell their water and sewer systems without going through a public referendum. This should not affect the SMRSA, as the Sewer Service Agreement is with the Borough of Lake Como.

BUSINESS:

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

- Approve the June 11, 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 Authorize Solicitations of Bids for Electrical Diagnostic, Troubleshooting and Repair Services; Pump/Motor Repairs and the Purchase of New Pumps and Motors; Furnish HVAC Repair and Purchase/Install of New HVAC Equipment
- Resolution to Authorize Solicitations of Bids to Furnish and Deliver 15% & 20% Sodium Hypochlorite, Magnesium Hydroxide, and for the Removal and Hauling of Sewer Sludge
- Resolution Authorizing an Agreement to Terminate and Eliminate an Existing Deed of Easement and Right of Way with the Borough of Belmar

**COMMISSIONER'S
COMMENTS:**

NONE

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Cory made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting.

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