

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES– AUGUST 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Moment of Silence and Salute:

Led by Chairman Shields

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 18, 2026. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

Roll Call:

Present:

Commissioners Cory, Donovan, Lynch, Mattia, May, Nolan, and Shields.

Mr. Padula, Mr. Krause, and Ms. Oliver

Excused: Commissioner Meixsell

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing new to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Plant

Trickling Filter #1 and #2 Arms Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that both recently rebuilt turntables returned to manufacturer (letter attached). Response received today is that two turntables which had deficiencies will be repaired and returned next week along with the arms for TF #2.

Pipe Galley (Pipe Coating and Electrical Upgrades)

Mr. Krause reported that the electrical work is ongoing and 98% complete; punch list and project closeout remain.

Pipe Galley Coatings

Mr. Krause reported a pre-bid meeting was held on 8/7/26; public bid opening is scheduled for 9/3/26.

Waste Gas Burner Flare Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that the equipment delivery is scheduled for August 26th.

Stabilization Pond Liner Repair/Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that the project is currently on hold.

SMRSA Access Road Slope Stabilization

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority is waiting for Jersey Central Power & Light to return and complete work.

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority received a check in the amount of \$104,468.00 for Renewable Energy Credits which were sold at auction. The Authority also received a check in the amount of \$8,800.00 for 2025 Demand Response.

Mr. Krause reviewed a comment letter being sent to the Board of Public Utilities Virtual Power Plant Program.

Finance

Mr. Krause reported that the Authority is still waiting for GASB figures from the state regarding budget preparation.

Mr. Krause reported that the Judge signed the PFAS settlement with 3M and Dupont. The next step will be an Administrative Consent Order which should be received within the next few months outlining the protections against CERCLA which the AEA petitioned for on our behalf.

BUSINESS:

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

- Approve the July 8, 2026 Caucus & Regular Meeting Minutes as written.
- Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of Funds from the 2026 Revenue Fund to the Operating Fund for the explicit purpose of payment of all known calendar year 2026 listed bills.
- Resolution to Ratify the Purchase of a Dry Pit Submersible Pump for SMRSA-Owned and Operated Sea Girt Pump Station Utilizing the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System.
- Resolution Authorizing an Energy Agent Contract with Gabel Associates, Inc., and Authorizing the Executive Director in his/her Absence the Chief Financial Officer to Award a Contract and/or Reject Bids in Response to the Request for Bids for Electric Generation Service Issued on Behalf of the New Jersey Sewerage and Municipal Utility Authority Electrical Supply Aggregation.

COMMISSIONER'S

COMMENTS:

None

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Shields made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting.

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