

**SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES– MAY 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Caucus Meeting of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority is called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Moment of Silence and Salute:

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, Lynch, May, Meixsell, and Nolan.

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

Excused: Commissioner Mattia

Absent: Commissioner Donovan and Commissioner Shields

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Nothing new to Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Plant

Trickling Filter #1 and #2 Arms Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that startup and initiation of Trickling Filter #2 identified significant performance issues. The machine meets the flow criteria at the high end but will not rotate at the specified criteria at the low end. Arms are not level and show signs of twist. A conference call is scheduled for next week to discuss issues.

Pipe Galley (Pipe Coating and Electrical Upgrades

Mr. Krause reported that the electrical work is ongoing and 90% complete. The Authority is waiting for replacement of pipe supports and parts for the lights. The Authority removed the paint scope for this project which will be a separate project later this year.

Waste Gas Burner Flare Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that the equipment delivery is scheduled for 7/26.

Stabilization Pond Liner Repair/Replacement

Mr. Krause reported that the staff is reviewing revised plans.

SMRSA Access Road Slope Stabilization

Mr. Krause reported that staff are currently reviewing the revised plans. JCP&L is scheduled to replace the leaning utility pole and the voltage regulators this month. Mr. Krause noted that Wall Twsp. hydrant flushing may have significantly contributed to the erosion around the pole; as a result, the proposed Gabion Wall, estimated at \$180,000, may no longer be necessary for this project. Discussions on this matter will continue.

SYSTEMS

Pitney Avenue Wet Well

Mr. Krause reported that the Pitney Avenue Wet Well is being rehabilitated through a joint effort. Authority staff has completed the demolition work and established the bypass system, while subcontractors will perform the wet-well coating and replace the existing steel beams with FRP beams. The trailer for the mobile enclosure base frame will also be blasted and painted. In addition, new siding is required, and quotes are currently being obtained.

FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION

Administration

Ms. Oliver reported that Mr. Cuva, the Authority Auditor, has completed the fieldwork for the 2025 Financial Audit. No comments or recommendations are anticipated. He is currently awaiting the release of the GASB 68 and 75 liability figures from the DCA to finalize the audit.

Mr. Krause reported that the Service Area Agreements Amendment(s) have been approved by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority and are in the process of being sent to individual towns for signature.

Mr. Krause reminded the Commissioners to complete the D2/Xcitium Cybersecurity Training (Part 1). Part 2 is now available and should be completed as soon as possible.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' Review and Approval Authorizing the Procurement of Engineering Services and System Upgrades from a Sole Source Provider Related to the Co-Generation Gas Conditioning Skid.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' Review and Approval Authorizing the Purchase of a 2026 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck Utilizing the New Jersey State Contract #24-FLEET-103120 in the amount of \$59,831.00.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' Review and Approval Rescinding Resolution #29-26 Hiring Edward Simonson as a part time, non- union employee.

Mr. Krause reported that a Resolution has been placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda for the Commissioners' Review and Approval Approving Hiring of Jared Ty as a Part-Time, Temporary, Non- Union Employee.

Mr. Krause reported an AEA PFAS Update – AEA/PVSC PFAS Podcast worth a listen <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/aea-stream-line/id1722457094>

Basically, the judge did not rule in our favor regarding future lawsuits with 3M or Dupont; however, the state may be relaxing the strict stream standards which we had anticipated.

Mr. Krause congratulated Karen Oliver on receiving an Up and Comer Wave Award at the recent AEA Spring Conference in recognition of her involvement with the Finance, Safety, and Human Resources Committees.

BUSINESS:

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

- Approve the April 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 Authorizing the Procurement of Engineering Services and System Upgrades from a Sole Source Provider Related to the Co-Generation Gas Conditioning Skid.
- Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One 2026 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck, with 4x4 Upgrade Utilizing the New Jersey State Contract #24-Fleet-103120.
- Resolution Rescinding Resolution #29-26 Authorizing the Hiring of Edward Simonson. As a Temporary, Part-Time, Non-Union Employee.
- Resolution Approving Hiring Jared Ty as a Temporary, Part-Time, Non-Union Employee for the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

PUBLIC PORTION:

Commissioner Lynch made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Lynch made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lynch made a motion to adjourn the Caucus Meeting.

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