

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF SARALAND, ALABAMA**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Saraland, Alabama (“SWSS”), after providing proper notice in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, met for a regular meeting in Saraland, Alabama on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at approximately 5:30 p.m. The following members of the Board were physically present at the meeting:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dewey “Scooter” Thronson, Chairman; Vice-Chairman; Drew Taylor, O’Neil Robinson, Nikhil Patel and William Keeney were present.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Saturn Ezell, Secretary-Treasurer was present.

**LEGAL COUNSEL:**

**GUESTS:** Thomas Brymer, Jett Byrne, and Ray Miller from Volkert, Cara Stallman from Grant Management, LLC were in attendance.

**DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made to approve December 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

**VISITOR’S WELCOME & OPEN DISCUSSION**

Doug Harwell introduced himself, he is running for Senate, District 34.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Mr. Keeney reported on the various water service installations and leak and service line repairs.
2. Mr. Patel reported eighty-three (83) water locates, ninety-three (93) sewer locates, and eight (8) customer concern cards being worked.
3. Mr. Robinson presented a thank you letter from Bayou Sara Baptist Church for the recent donation to the food pantry.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Celeste Road Improvement Project – Mr. Brymer gave updates on the project; there were a couple of potential change orders.
2. Norton Creek I & I Rehabilitation Project – Mr. Brymer updated the Board on the progress.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Adopt-A-Spot – A motion was made to renew Adopt-A-Spot. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Employee Evaluation Forms – The Board will review. This item will be on the agenda at the next meeting.
3. Cost of Living Adjustment – Motion was made to approve a 3% COLA, after discussion of the 2.5% increment rule by the MCPB, motion was made to approve a 5% COLA. Motion passed 5-0.

### **INVOICES**

1. After a proper motion and second, the Board voted 5-0 in favor of approving the combined water invoices.
2. After a proper motion and second, the Board voted 5-0 in favor of approving the combined sewer invoices.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Thronson inquired about locations for the new WWTP. Mr. Brymer discussed possible locations for the new WWTP.

### **UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Brymer updated the Board on the meeting pertaining to the PFAS treatment, a preliminary proposal for pilot testing was given.

Mr. Brymer reported on the mechanical bar screen unit. After discussion a motion was made for Volkert to proceed with advertising for purchasing the bar screen and unsecured equipment. Motion passed 5-0.

### **GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to conduct, the Board moved to adjourn at approximately 6:00 p.m.

---

Chairman

---

Secretary