

**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, February 19, 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, Nikhil Patel, and William Keeney were present. O’Neil Robinson was not present.

STAFF PRESENT: John Vaughn, Utilities Director, Nicole Robinson, Comptroller and Saturn Ezell, Secretary-Treasurer were present.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Stewart Thames IV, Attorney, Maynard Nexsen PC, was present

GUESTS: 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 February 5, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

VISITOR’S WELCOME & OPEN DISCUSSION

No visitors attended this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Renewal of Liability and Property Insurance – Stacey Waldrep with First Capital Insurance Agency presented the premiums for the renewal. The increase was under \$15,000 with new property to insure. Mr. Thronson asked Mr. Waldrep to present the next renewal a month before the renewal date, Mr. Waldrep informed the Board the renewal was late due to waiting on paperwork that was needed for the quote. After

discussion of a current claim, a motion was made to renew the insurance coverage. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Open Requisition for Promotional Office Assistant II – A motion was made to open a promotional position for an Office Assistant II. Motion passed 4-0.
3. Open Requisition for Office Assistant I and a Part Time Office Assistant I – A motion was made to open a position for an Office Assistant I and a part time Office Assistant I. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Business Expo March 5, 2026 – The Board approved participating in the expo.
5. Chick-Fil-A Sewer Agreement – Mr. Thames presented the agreement between the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Saraland and Saraland 158 Partners, LLC dated June 12, 2024, and the request from Saraland 158 Partners, LLC for reimbursement for payment of \$200,000.00. After discussion a motion was made to reimburse Saraland 158 Partners, LLC \$200,000.00. Motion passed 4-0.

INVOICES

1. After a proper motion and second, the Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the combined water invoices.
2. After a proper motion and second, the Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the combined sewer invoices.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Mr. Patel asked for an update regarding the financials; Mrs. Robinson noted that Ms. Pendley with Avizo will be at the March 5, 2026, board meeting.

UTILITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vaughn reported on the current blower repair and how the new machinist will be able to install this and save thousands of dollars.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Thames updated the Board on the grease trap policy.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Byrne reported on multiple open projects/tasks that are underway. Mr. Byrne discussed waiting on a form of change order from Suncoast for Task Agreement No. 30.

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Mrs. Robinson discussed the recent verbal abuse the employees have had and asked the Board to take a firm stand against allowing it. The Board agreed verbal abuse will not be tolerated. Mrs. Robinson gave updates on O'Neil Robinson's condition.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, the Board moved to adjourn at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary