

**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, June 4, 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; Nikhil Patel, William Keeney and Gary West were present. Drew Taylor, Vice-Chairman; 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:** Thomas Brymer and Jett Byrne from Volkert, Cara Stallman from Grant Management, LLC were in attendance.

**DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the May 21, 2026, meeting minutes.  
Motion passed 4-0.

**VISITOR’S WELCOME & OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Robinson “Coach” was in attendance. Resident Mr. Overstreet requested an adjustment for the water portion of his bill due to a large bill from a water hose running; an adjustment for the sewer portion was allowed only per SWSS policy.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Mr. Patel reported five (5) customer concern cards being worked and eighty-eight (88) water and sewer locates.
2. Mr. Keeney reported on the new meter taps, new service installation and replacing multiple angle stops.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2026-2027 Proposed Holiday Schedule – Ms. Robinson presented the proposed holiday schedule. A motion was made to accept the 2026-2027 Holiday Schedule; there was not a

second. Motion failed. Mr. Thronson asked that this matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

2. Task Agreement No. 1 General Engineering Services (Water) & Task Agreement No. 2 General Engineering Services (Sewer) – A motion was made to approve both agreements. Motion passed 4-0.
3. Payment Application #3 for Project No. 1074316 Norton Creek I/I-Part B & Payment Application #4 Project No. 1074316 Norton Creek I/I CEI - A motion was made to approve payments for both applications. 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**

None.

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

Mr. Vaughn reported water tank inspection results and various projects being dealt with.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Thames updated the Board on the progress with the Taylor Martino law firm and recommended authorizing Mr. Thronson to enter into an engagement. A motion was made to authorize Mr. Thronson to engage the law firm. Motion passed 4-0.

### **COMPTROLLER'S REPORT**

None

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Brymer reported progress on various projects including the Norton Creek Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, Avondale Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement, and the PFAS Treatment Study.

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

Ms. Stallman did not have a report; She will not attend the next meeting.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At approximately 6:22 p.m., the Chairman, with the assistance of legal counsel, declared there were items to be discussed that qualify for executive session under Alabama Code Section 36-25A-7 of the Alabama Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to (1) the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation and controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body were to pursue a certain course of action, (2) discussions related to certain consideration the SWSS might be willing to offer and/or

accept in connection with the disposition of certain real estate and (3) preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade and commerce; whereby, an open discussion might be detrimental to the SWSS's efforts to advance the SWSS's business. In connection with any potential real estate matters to be discussed, Mr. Thames further apprised the Board that no member of the Board having a personal interest in any matter to be discussed in executive session could attend such session. The Chairman confirmed for the record that the representations made by Mr. Thames were accurate and stated the Board's intent to reconvene its meeting immediately at the conclusion of executive session. After a proper motion and second, the Board voted to enter executive session with all members present participating and noting that Executive Session would last approximately thirty minutes. At the conclusion of the executive session, the Board duly reconvened into open session.

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

After a proper motion and second, the Board authorized Mr. Thronson to engage a property appraiser to conduct an appraisal of certain real property in Mobile County. Motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to conduct, the Board moved to adjourn at approximately 7:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary