

Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, September 15, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority was held on, **September 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in person and via Microsoft Teams.

Mr. Barry Berdahl chaired the meeting.

Present: Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, PhD., Chairman
Mr. David F. Stickle, Vice Chairman (**remote**)
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary (**remote**)
Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Kevin Burke
Mr. Scott Hartman (**remote**)
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci (**remote**)
Mr. John Bonforte (**remote**)
Mr. Gregory Christopher (**remote-6:05pm**)
Mr. James Mazza

Absent: Mr. Jason McCullough

Others Present: Mr. Dennis J. Galvin, Executive Director
Mr. Brian Rischman, Deputy Executive Director
Ms. Lauren Lechner, Engineering Manager
Mr. Johnny Rodriguez, Financial Manager
Mr. Joe Ottaviano, Operations Manager (**remote**)
Mr. David Laughlin, Esq., Birdsall & Laughlin
Mr. Andrew Pursell, PS&S
Mr. Michael Gianforte, Consultant to TRWRA (**remote**)

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Statement is hereby made that adequate Notice of Meeting has been provided by emailing the same on **Tuesday, December 19, 2025**, to the Clerks of the participant municipalities of the Boroughs of Fair Haven, Little Silver, Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Shrewsbury and West Long Branch, and all customer communities whose geographic boundaries are co-extensive with those of this Authority, and by prominent posting said Notice in the entryway of the Authority's office building on Friday, **December 17, 2025**.

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CHAIRMAN'S RULES OF QUORUM

Mr. Berdahl declared that a quorum was present. All present saluted the American Flag.

OPENING STATEMENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Ms. Lechner addressed the Board: In addition to the published notice, access to the meeting via computer and telephone was prominently displayed to the public by posting it on the front door of the office, and on the first page of the TRWRA website.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2026

Mr. MacStudy moved that the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on **August 18, 2026**, to be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Tocci** and followed by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:
Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, PhD., Chairman
Mr. David F. Stickle, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Burke
Mr. Scott Hartman
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Richard Tocci

Abstain:
Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary

Absent:
Mr. Gregory Christopher
Mr. Jason McCullough

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Lechner reported under correspondence that the Shrewsbury River Yacht Club reached out to the Authority regarding their dredging plans to use dredge materials along the beach for beach coverage. She noted that because the Authority's main runs parallel to the beach, the Authority looks forward to coordinating and working with the club and the Borough on the effort.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment on the agenda.

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FINANCE AND INSURANCE

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-82 **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. MacStudy moved **Resolution No: 2026-09-82** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Mazza** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:
Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, PhD., Chairman
Mr. David F. Stickle, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary
Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Burke
Mr. Scott Hartman
Mr. Richard Tocci
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. James Mazza

Abstain:

Absent:
Mr. Gregory Christopher
Mr. Jason McCullough

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-83 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE BENEFICIAL USE OF SEWAGE SLUDGE**

Mr. MacStudy moved **Resolution No: 2026-09-83** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Berdahl** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

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Ayes:

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Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary
Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Burke
Mr. Scott Hartman
Mr. Richard Tocci
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Gregory Christopher

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Jason McCullough

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-84

RESOLUTION REVISING AND UPDATING THE AUTHORITY'S CURRENT CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR OF RECORD AND ESCROW ACCOUNTS

Mr. MacStudy moved **Resolution No: 2026-09-84** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Berdahl** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, PhD., Chairman
Mr. David F. Stickle, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary
Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Burke
Mr. Scott Hartman
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Mr. Gregory Christopher

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Jason McCullough

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-93

2026-09-93 2027 Authority Budget Resolution -Adoption Nov 1, 2026 to Oct 31, 2027

Mr. MacStudy moved **Resolution No: 2026-09-93** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Berdahl** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

- Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, PhD., Chairman
- Mr. David F. Stickle, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary
- Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary
- Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
- Mr. Kevin Burke
- Mr. Scott Hartman
- Mr. Richard Tocci
- Mr. John Bonforte
- Mr. James Mazza
- Mr. Gregory Christopher

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Jason McCullough

LEGAL

Mr. York reported on the NJDEP treatment plant NJPDES discharge permit renewal, which is required every five years. The State's proposed draft introduces a new limit on hydrogen sulfide and lowers the limit for chlorine produced oxidants, both of which pose severe practical compliance challenges—particularly because no commercial lab or approved method exists to test for hydrogen sulfide in wastewater. In response, a formal rebuttal is being prepared with legal assistance from Dave Laughlin and Diane Alexander, with several rounds of discussions anticipated over the coming months and a potential appeal process if an unworkable permit is issued. Mr. Peters asked for reasoning behind the changes, Mr. Rischman clarified that the parameter appears to have stemmed from a longstanding regulatory misunderstanding by the State, which the Authority is now actively working to resolve.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Tocci asked Ms. Lechner if there was anything to discuss in addition to her report. Ms. Lechner responded no. Mr. Tocci asked Mr. Pursell if there was anything to discuss in addition to the PS&S report. Mr. Pursell responded no.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-85

TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION & INSPECTIONS ON ELIMINATION OF PUMP STATION 15 (HORSENECK)

Mr. Tocci moved **Resolution No: 2026-09-85** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. MacStudy** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

- Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, PhD., Chairman
- Mr. David F. Stickle, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary
- Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary
- Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
- Mr. Kevin Burke
- Mr. Scott Hartman
- Mr. Richard Tocci
- Mr. John Bonforte
- Mr. James Mazza
- Mr. Gregory Christopher

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Jason McCullough

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-86

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 CONTRACT 220 ELIMINATION OF PUMP STATION 18 (RIVERSIDE)

Mr. Tocci moved **Resolution No: 2026-09-86** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. MacStudy** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

- Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, PhD., Chairman
- Mr. David F. Stickle, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Jonathan Peters, Secretary
- Mr. Christopher York, Asst. Secretary
- Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
- Mr. Kevin Burke
- Mr. Scott Hartman
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Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Jason McCullough

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Lechner reported that the Authority was recently accepted into the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund (CHIF), which could take effect January 1, 2027, if the Board elects to withdraw from the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). Staff is currently awaiting the official SHBP rate release—which is anticipated to increase by approximately 17%—in order to perform a direct cost comparison against the CHIF rates. Preliminary figures indicate that transitioning from the Authority's current high-deductible plan to an equivalent high-deductible plan through the CHIF would yield an immediate 6% cost reduction, whereas moving to a Direct 10 plan under the CHIF would represent a 53% increase. Ms. Lechner noted that leaving the state plan requires 60 days' notice; therefore, a resolution for final consideration and decision will be brought before the Board at the October meeting to meet the timeline for a January 1 effective date.

Mr. Bonforte reported under Personnel that interviews are underway internally for an office position. He highlighted that candidates are being informed they are not being hired for a single, narrow task as in the past, but rather as adaptable team members expected to cross-train and handle a variety of responsibilities as needs arise, ensuring broad operational support and flexibility across the office.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartman reminded the Board that the monthly construction update meetings are scheduled for tomorrow at the plant, noting that because Remsco will be returning to Monmouth Beach soon. He stated that a work change directive will be issued to SPC regarding proactive measures in Oceanport to address and reinforce a potential structural weak link. Additionally, Mr. Hartman requested an update from Dave Laughlin regarding the legal status following correspondence sent to the bond providers, noting the update would be given in public session without discussion or questions to avoid entering executive session. Mr. Laughlin reported that the Authority is still waiting for a date to be scheduled for a meeting with SPC's sureties.

Ms. Lechner reported on the work change directive that Hazen is preparing, which will direct the contractor to leave sheeting in place rather than removing it. This also requires the sheeting to be compliant with American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of the project. To avoid delay of this critical work, the Board authorized the contract change. A formal change order will be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

CYBER SECURITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Peters reported that there were no additional items for the month other than proceeding with procurement and implementation for the SCADA system.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Ms. Lechner reported that a Monmouth Beach resident contacted the Authority requesting additional trees along the back of the Headworks facility to provide screening for bare areas. Staff is currently obtaining pricing on tree options, and Mr. Stickle will be assisting by referencing a recent Monmouth Beach review of tree species suitable for the local brackish and saltwater environment. Additionally, Ms. Lechner noted that a previous owner of an Authority-owned property out front had affixed a boat anchor to a tree in the 1960s and requested to retrieve it; staff confirmed the anchor remains embedded in the tree and will cut it out tomorrow for the owner to pick up.

CONSENT AGENDA: (For Resolution 2026-09-87 through Resolution 2026-09-91)

Resolutions 2026-09-87 through 2026-09-91 were introduced, seconded, and approved by the roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-87

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-88

REVOCABLE LICENSE TO INSTALL HARDSCAPING, BLOCK 51, LOTS 35.01 & 35.02, FAIR HAVEN

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-89

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPLACEMENT PUMP CONTROL ENCLOSURES AT PUMP STATION 13

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-90

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO MODERNIZE PLANT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM SCADA HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-09-91

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONFERENCE AND TRAINING REQUESTS

Mr. Berdahl moved the Consent Agenda **Resolutions No: 2026-09-87 through 2026-09-91** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. York** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

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Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Jason McCullough

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

Mr. Berdahl moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:29 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke and carried out by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan Peters, Secretary