Minutes of Meeting No. 629, February 26, 2024 – Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

LOCATION: Via Teleconference, Hopewell Borough Hall, Hopewell, NJ

MEMBERS PRESENT: Downey, Antebi, Bhosle, Goldfarb, Morehouse, Patel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CONSULTANTS: Alexander

STAFF PRESENT: Chong, Christiano, Doelling, Hilty, Hinkel, Smith, Stewart, Thomas

629.01

Dr. Downey opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Downey indicated, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, that adequate notice of the time and place of this meeting and the teleconference information was given by filing with the Authority's official newspapers, each Clerk of each municipality, and by posting on the Princeton Bulletin Board and the Authority's website.

629.02 Approval of Minutes

The Board minutes from the January 22, 2024, Board Meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a unanimous vote.

629.03 Open to the Public

Chairman Downey opened the public portion of the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Hearing no comments from the public, Chairman Downey closed the meeting to the public at 6:34 p.m. and continued as scheduled.

Dr. Downey indicated that the Board meeting would begin with the Finance Report.

629.04 Finance

Mr. Goldfarb moved Resolution 2024-008 to Approve Payment of Bills and Claims in the amount of \$1,012,236.55 with two signatures instead of three. Mr. Morehouse seconded the motion, which passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Payment of Bills and Claims

Resolution to Approve Payment of Bills and Claims

Resolution No. 2024-008

WHEREAS, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority received certain claims against it by way of voucher, and

WHEREAS, the staff and Authority members have reviewed said claims,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority that these claims in the total amount of \$1,012,236.55 be approved for payment with checks bearing two authorized signatures instead of three authorized signatures.

| Recorded Vote: | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Gale D. Downey | X | | | |
| Julian Antebi | X | | | |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X | | | |
| David A. Goldfarb | X | | | |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse ⁽¹⁾ | X | | | |
| Bharat Patel | X | | | |
| (1) Abstained from payments to Allied C | onstruction and | Klainfalder | | |

⁽¹⁾ Abstained from payments to Allied Construction and Kleinfelder

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Chong reported a correction regarding the December 2023 reports reported in January 2024. The correction pertains to the Current Funding Sources for Capital Projects. The accurate figure for current assets is \$17,713,005, rather than the previously reported \$22,064,885. Additionally, the Summary of Key Financial Figures reflecting the current funding sources of \$11,714,876 should have been indicated, not \$17,016,637. The revised reports were provided in the Finance Report.

Mr. Chong reported a net income of \$801,780 for the 2024 fiscal year-to-date. The Authority has total cash and investments of \$19,672,777. The current construction project balance is \$1,118,730. There are sufficient funds for these projects. The outstanding bond principal balance is \$12,786,814.

Monthly Sludge Business Analysis

Mr. Chong reported that January's net income was \$109,528, and the cumulative net income for the fiscal year to date was \$210,477.

Staff recommended for approval Resolution 2024-014, Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for SBRSA River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building Restoration. These are the vendors the Authority anticipates making purchases for the administration office renovation.

Mr. Smith reported that SBRSA has purchased from Allstate Interiors, a state contractor, in the past with favorable results. Allstate Interiors is a state contracted dealer that sells products provided by various state vendors. Select state contracted vendors for the office renovation are listed in the resolution.

Mr. Smith reported that the insurance company should reimburse most of the renovation. The furniture, flooring, and kitchen renovation resolution caps the contract at \$150,000. The lead time for furniture delivery is six (6) weeks.

Mr. Smith reported that Engineering is putting together a bid for reconfiguring the office walls, installing new drywall, and painting the administration renovation area.

Mr. Chong reported that he has been in contact with the insurance company, and all claims related to the renovation will be covered under our policy.

Resolution 2024-014 was moved by Mr. Goldfarb, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2024-014 follows.

Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for SBRSA River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building Restoration

Resolution No. 2024-014

WHEREAS, with respect to the need to restore the SBRSA Administration Building at the River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant due to the break of a feed line of belt filter press #3, which flooded the lobby area, conference room, administration offices and laboratory office with two inches of sludge, SBRSA has determined that it is necessary to procure office furniture, kitchen cabinets, flooring and such other items as are necessary to restore the functionality of the SBRSA Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (the "Authority"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has the need, on a timely basis, to purchase such goods or services utilizing State contracts and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to enter into state contracts with vendors to which Allstate Office Interiors (State Contractor ID# V00000308) is an authorized state contract dealer; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this resolution, shall be subject to all of the conditions applicable to the current State contracts and in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 without further Board authorization; and

WHEREAS, while SBRSA shall pursue reimbursement from its insurance carrier for all

covered expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Director of Finance has certified that sufficient funds are currently available in the General Fund, account number 0001-0122, for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase furniture, kitchen cabinets, flooring, and certain goods or services necessary to restore the functionality of the SBRSA Administration Building from the attached list of approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors, subject to all conditions applicable to State contracts, and in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 without further Board authorization.

| Recorded Vote: | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Gale D. Downey | X | | | |
| Julian Antebi | X | | | |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X | | | |
| David A. Goldfarb | X | | | |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse | X | | | |
| Bharat Patel | X | | | |

State Contract Vendors

| Vendor Name | Commodity/Service | Vendor ID |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | | |
| Allstate Office Interior | Office Furniture and Flooring | V00000308 |
| AIS | Office Furniture | 19-FOOD-00876 |
| Exemplis/Sit on It Seating | Office Furniture | A81711 |
| Safco Products Co. | Office Furniture | A81729 |
| Global Furniture | Office Furniture | ESCNJ 22/23-08 |
| Groupe Lacasse LLC | Office Furniture | A81714 |
| Interface | Flooring | 47763 |

A discussion took place regarding the outstanding accounts receivable customer accounts.

Mr. Goldfarb would like to revise our future sludge and sludge cake customer contracts to include a late fee.

629.05 Board Related Activities

Report of the Nominating Committee

Dr. Downey noted that this is the Authority's reorganization meeting and requested the report from the Nominating Committee for the slate of Officers for 2024. Mr. Antebi, a member of the

Nominating Committee, nominated the following slate of Officers for 2024 for the Board reorganization:

Gale D. Downey, Chairman
C. Schuyler Morehouse, Vice Chairman
David A. Goldfarb, Treasurer
David C. Smith, Secretary
Angela Christiano, Assistant Secretary

The nomination of Officers was closed. The officers were elected on a motion by Mr. Antebi, seconded by Mr. Patel, and passed by a unanimous vote.

Committee Assignments

Dr. Downey made the following Committee assignments for 2024:

Construction Committee

C. Schuyler Morehouse, Chairman Bharat Patel Julian Antebi

Finance Committee

David A. Goldfarb, Chairman Arundhati Bhosle

Personnel Committee

Bharat Patel, Chairman Julian Antebi

Public Communication Committee

Arundhati Bhosle

Dr. Downey indicated that the Public Communication Committee is new. Dr. Downey abolished the Oversight Committee since there is no longer a need for the committee as it has not been active for the last eleven (11) years.

Dr. Downey proposed rescheduling select 2024 Board Meetings and proposed moving the April 15 meeting to April 30 and the May 20 meeting to May 28.

Dr. Downey indicated that the Authority would provide for the defense of and indemnity to its Board members and employees.

Mr. Smith recommended that Resolution 2024-010 be approved, which would authorize defense and indemnification of the Authority's members and employees. This resolution has not changed since last year, and our Attorney has reviewed it.

Resolution 2024-010, Authorize the Defense and Indemnification of the Members and Employees of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, was moved by Mr. Antebi, seconded by Mr. Patel, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2024-010 follows.

Resolution to Authorize the Defense and Indemnification of the Members and Employees of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

Resolution No. 2024-010

WHEREAS, there exists a need to protect each past and present member and employee of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority ("SBRSA") from the monetary costs of fines, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, and legal fees associated with the defense of any civil or criminal actions which may be brought against the SBRSA, or any such member or employee, as the result of any action(s) or omission(s) relating to the duties of such member or employee to the SBRSA; and

WHEREAS, SBRSA desires to provide such protection for each past and present member and employee from the financial consequences of any such civil or criminal action to the extent permitted by law and, therefore, provided that such alleged action or omission does not constitute actual fraud, actual malice, willful misconduct or an intentional wrong in the judgment of the SBRSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

- 1. The SBRSA shall, to the extent permitted by law, provide a defense and indemnification to the past and present members and employees of the SBRSA and, therefore, shall pay or otherwise reimburse each past and present member and employee of the SBRSA for all fines, penalties, damages, costs and legal fees associated with any civil or criminal action which may be brought against such member or employee based upon an act or omission of that member or employee arising out of and directly relating to the lawful exercise of his or her official duties or under color of his or her authority.
- 2. In any case where the SBRSA provides a defense to a member or employee, it is authorized and directed to make direct payments to counsel or reimburse the member or employee for the costs associated with his or her defense upon the approval by the SBRSA of proper vouchers submitted therefore, but in no case shall the SBRSA be authorized to pay or reimburse for legal fees and expenses exceeding those customarily charged for legal services in the defense of such actions.
- 3. For the purpose of this Resolution, the term "member" shall include any and all persons appointed by the governing bodies of the constituent municipalities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14A-4

- 4. Any person seeking the provision of a defense and indemnification under the policy enunciated in this Resolution shall give prompt notice to the SBRSA of the pendency of any such civil or criminal action for which payment or reimbursement is sought, at which time the SBRSA shall by Resolution implement the provisions set forth herein.
- 5. It is within the sole discretion of the SBRSA, in any action where the provision of such a defense and indemnification is sought by a member or employee, to:
 - a. Provide a defense by an attorney chosen by the SBRSA;
 - b. Provide a defense by an attorney of the member or employee's choosing; or
 - c. Assert the SBRSA's right under any appropriate insurance policy that requires the insurer to defend and indemnify.
- 6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SBRSA may refuse to provide for the defense or to indemnify any past and present member or employee of the SBRSA in any action referred to above or may recover any amounts paid on behalf of such member or employee for such defense if in its sole discretion, it has reason to conclude that the act or omission was:
 - a. Not within the scope of such member or employee's duties or was carried out in an individual capacity;
 - b. The subject matter of any action brought by the SBRSA against the member or employee;
 - c. A violation of the Local Government Ethics Law (P.L. 1991, c. 29); or
 - d. Due to actual fraud, actual malice, willful misconduct or an intentional wrong.
- 7. In the event a contested matter, to which this Resolution is applicable, is resolved by way of settlement, the SBRSA may take into account the facts, circumstances and allegations that led to the settlement in its determination of whether it may, subject only to the provisions of paragraph 6, indemnify such past and/or present member(s) and/or employee(s) against whom such settled claims had been made.
- 8. It is the intention of this Resolution to set forth the policy of the SBRSA with respect to the defense and indemnification of persons associated with the SBRSA in the management of its affairs and businesses to the maximum extent permitted by law, and if any provision hereof or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Resolution and to this end, the provisions hereof are declared to be severable.
- 9. The policy set forth in this Resolution shall take effect immediately, but shall automatically expire unless re-authorized at each annual reorganization meeting of this Authority.

| Recorded Vote: | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Gale D. Downey | X | | | |
| Julian Antebi | X | | | |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X | | | |
| David A. Goldfarb | X | | | |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse | X | | | |
| Bharat Patel | X | | | |
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Mr. Smith reported that there are no consultant contracts to be awarded.

Mr. Smith reported that, as requested by the Borough of Pennington, a letter dated January 30, 2024, outlines the Authority's invoicing policy and procedures. The Borough of Pennington response, dated January 9, 2024, was included in the report. The Borough of Pennington has paid the late fee.

Mr. Smith reported that in the report is a letter to the Borough of Hopewell dated February 20, 2024, regarding the waiver of late fee charges in appreciation for the use of their facility during the SBRSA office renovation.

629.06 Planning and Administration

Mr. Smith reported that the current 12-month average daily flow at the River Road WWTP is 9,898,339 gpd with 1,464,560 gpd of inoperative flow, leaving an available capacity of 1,697,101 gpd. The current 12-month average daily flow at the Hopewell WWTP is 258,514 gpd with zero gpd of inoperative flow, leaving an available capacity of 41,486 gpd. The current 12-month average daily flow at the Pennington WWTP is 272,429 gpd with 23,815 gpd of inoperative flow, leaving an available capacity of 148,756 gpd.

Mr. Smith reported that staff completed flow meter verifications on February 1, 2024. All flow meters were within $\pm 5\%$.

Mr. Smith reported that adjustments were made to Meter Station No. 7, Pennington WWTP Influent Flow Meter, Princeton Farms Pump Station, and Meter Station No. 6 due to data loss during the reporting period.

Mr. Smith reported that the next meter certification will be next month.

629.07 Approval Requests and Actions

Mr. Doelling reported that there was one (1) TWA Application for approval for MarketFair, located on 3535 Route 1 South, Block 14.02, Lot 7.15; West Windsor Township, Mercer County.

Mr. Doelling reported that Princeton Junction Engineering, P.C., on behalf of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, for the Benefit of Its Separate Real Estate Account, has

submitted a TWA application for additional flow due to the change of use of space within the MarketFair. The proposed treatment works will use the existing lateral connection with no additional construction.

The proposed change of use will result in a projected sewage flow rate of 9,800 gpd.

The project received approval from the West Windsor Township Council on January 29, 2024. TWA Form WQM003-T has been signed by the Director of Community Development/Township Engineer and certified by the Wastewater Conveyance System Owner.

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 2024-013 Authorizing Endorsement of Application for Treatment Works Approval Statement of Consent for MarketFair – 3535 Route 1 South, Block 14.02, Lot 7.15: West Windsor Township, Mercer County.

Resolution 2024-013 was moved by Mr. Patel, seconded by Ms. Bhosle, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2024-013 follows.

Resolution Authorizing Endorsement of Application for Treatment Works Approval Statement of Consent for MarketFair – 3535 Route 1 South, Block 14.02, Lot 7.15; West Windsor Township, Mercer County

Resolution No. 2024-013

WHEREAS, an application for Treatment Works Approval has been submitted to Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (SBRSA) by Princeton Junction Engineering, P.C., on behalf of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, for the Benefit of Its Separate Real Estate Account, for the change of use of space within the MarketFair; and

WHEREAS, SBRSA has reviewed the application and calculated the projected flow based on the requirements of the N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3 Projected Flow Criteria, and the proposed development will result in a projected flow rate of 9,800 gpd of new sewage flow, and;

WHEREAS, this project was approved by the West Windsor Township Council on January 29, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Development/Township Engineer has endorsed the application, Form WQM003-T, as certification by the governing body, and the wastewater conveyance system; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority recommends approval of the Treatment Works Approval application for the proposed allocation of 9,800 gpd of new project flow in accordance with the N.J.A.C. Projected Flow Criteria.

The Executive Director of SBRSA is authorized and directed to execute the Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1 Application) Form WQM003-T in accordance with the SBRSA Resolution adopted August 21, 1984.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority that the approval shall remain in effect as stipulated in SBRSA's Revised Resolution Affirming Terms for Treatment Works Approval Permit Application as Amended July 24, 2023.

| Recorded Vote: | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Gale D. Downey | X | | | |
| Julian Antebi | X | | | |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X | | | |
| David A. Goldfarb | X | | | |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse | X | | | |
| Bharat Patel | X | | | |
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Mr. Doelling reported an update on the Moore Residence at 106 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road, Hopewell Township. SBRSA received the letter from Goldbaum Baill Engineering Inc., dated January 30, 2024, requesting a written statement of consent from SRBSA for an amendment to the Mercer County Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) to include the Moore residence. Resolution 2023-094 denying consent was approved at the September 18, 2023, Board meeting.

Staff recommended for approval of Resolution 2024-015, Denying Consent to The Proposed Amendment of The Water Quality Management Plan and County Wastewater Management Plan Relative to the Moore Residence, 106 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road, Hopewell Township, at this time.

A discussion occurred regarding the Moore Residence location in Hopewell Township.

Resolution 2024-015 was moved by Mr. Goldfarb, seconded by Mr. Morehouse, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2024-015 follows.

Resolution Denying Consent to The Proposed Amendment of The Water Quality Management Plan and County Wastewater Management Plan Relative to the Moore Residence, 106 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road, Hopewell Township, at This Time

Resolution No. 2024-015 Date: February 26, 2024

WHEREAS, the Water Quality Management Planning Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15) adopted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that all areas of New Jersey must be addressed by Wastewater Management Plans (WMP); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Water Quality Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1D-1 et seq. and the Water Pollution Control Act, N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq. mandate the completion and submission to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for review and approval, of a

Wastewater Management Plan (County WMP) which defines the existing and future capacity demands of existing and future wastewater related jurisdictions and wastewater service areas, and further requires that all projects and activities affecting water quality must be consistent with these planning documents. Upon adoption, the County WMP becomes a part of the areawide Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP); and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 7:15-5.4 establishes that the county board of chosen freeholders shall have wastewater management plan responsibility for a WMP area consisting of all areas within its county. Those areas designated as within the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority Hopewell Wastewater Treatment Plant ("Hopewell WWTP") are depicted on the map entitled "Mercer County Wastewater Management Plan June 2012, Revised: February 27, 2013; August 28, 2013; October 3, 2013; October 17, 2013, Map 2, Existing Wastewater Facilities and Service Areas."

See also:

https://www.mercercounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/1158/636058398458330000; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell is a customer of the SBRSA pursuant to the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority Amended Service Contract, dated November 1, 1977, between the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, and the Boroughs of Hopewell, Pennington and Princeton and the Townships of Princeton and West Windsor and the Township of South Brunswick, as amended and supplemented from time to time, (hereinafter "SBRSA Service Contract") which provides for the discharge of sewage into the System of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Moore Residence located at 106 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road, Block 8, Lot 66, Hopewell Township, is located outside of the SBRSA's current Hopewell WWTP sewer service area and therefor is currently inconsistent with the adopted WMP. Authority to adopt changes to the SBRSA sewer service area rests with the NJDEP, and is subject to the amendment process set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4. Accordingly, prior to connection of this property, the adoption of an amendment to the applicable planning documents is needed to establish that connection of this property is consistent with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.1; and

WHEREAS, the Moore Residence – 106 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road amendment proposal, published in the New Jersey Register on January 24, 2024, (Program Interest No. 435452, Activity No. AMD210004) proposes to expand the sewer service area (SSA) of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (SBRSA) Hopewell WWTP (NJPDES Permit No. NJ0035301) by 0.04 acres to serve an existing single-family home located on a portion of Block 8, Lot 66 in Hopewell Township, Mercer County. The project will generate a projected wastewater flow of 300 gpd based on flow calculated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.3; and

WHEREAS, at this time, approval of the Moore Residence – 106 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road application for extension of the SBRSA sewer service area is inconsistent with the SBRSA Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the SBRSA Service Contract, entitled, "Contracts with or Service to Others," prohibits SBRSA from entering into any agreement providing for or relating to the treatment and disposal by it of sewage originating outside a Participant, unless the other contracting party be such Participant or such Participant shall have given its written consent thereto; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Hopewell, Participant under the SBRSA Service Contract and owner of the local conveyance system into which wastewater from the Moore Residence – 106 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road would need to be discharged prior to treatment, has not given its written consent as required under the SBRSA Service Contract; accordingly, SBRSA does not endorse or support the proposed amendment at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority, on this 26th day of February 2024, that:

- 1. At this time and for the reasons stated herein, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority does not consent to the amendment of the County WQMP to include Block 8, Lot 66, Township of Hopewell, as within the sewer service area of the SBRSA.
- 2. This Resolution shall be submitted to the NJDEP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.1 et seq.
- 3. Copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the Applicant, Mercer County Planning Board, Township of Hopewell and Hopewell Borough.

| Recorded Vote: | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | ABSENT |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Gale D. Downey | X | | | |
| Julian Antebi | X | | | |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X | | | |
| David A. Goldfarb | X | | | |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse | X | | | |
| Bharat Patel | X | | | |

629.08 Regulatory Report

Mr. Goldfarb inquired of the status of the penalty assessment related to the latest emergency bypass stack operation events. A discussion occurred regarding the draft air permit with respect to transition period mode of operation, Consent Decree compliance requirements and bypass opening events.

There were no other Board member comments on the Regulatory Report. For information, the following Regulatory Report is included in the meeting minutes.

Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)

The Discharge Monitoring Reports for December 2023 and January 2024 were submitted to NJDEP with no violations reported.

River Road Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for the second half 2023 was submitted to NJDEP.

River Road Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for 2023 was submitted to NJDEP.

Hopewell and Pennington semi-annual Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for the second half 2023 were submitted to NJDEP.

Hopewell and Pennington Annual Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for 2023 were submitted to NJDEP.

Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report (RDMR)

River Road Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for the second half 2023 was submitted to NJDEP.

River Road Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for 2023 was submitted to NJDEP.

Hopewell and Pennington semi-annual Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for the second half 2023 were submitted to NJDEP.

Hopewell and Pennington Annual Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report (SWDWC) for 2023 were submitted to NJDEP.

Air Reporting

The 4th quarter 2023 Incinerator Sludge Metals Report was submitted to NJDEP. There were no exceedances of the monthly and 12-month weighted average metals concentration limits nor the 12-month rolling lead or mercury emission limits.

The 4^{th} quarter 2023 Excess Emissions and Monitoring Report was submitted. Only Incinerator #2 operated with RTO (OS28) during this monitoring period.

The semi-annual 40 CFR 60, Subpart O Report for the last six months 2023 was submitted. There were no excess emissions reported for scrubber differential pressure or Oxygen.

The Federal annual (2023) 40 CFR 503 Subpart E report was submitted to EPA utilizing the Central Data Exchange (CDX) portal. The 40 CFR 503 limits were not exceeded for the seven reported metals: arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, and nickel. This report also provides daily and monthly averages for combustion hearth temperatures, afterburner temperature, RTO temperature, pressure drop, CO, and Oxygen.

The Title V 2023 Combined 2nd Half Semi-Annual Deviation Report/Annual Compliance Certification was prepared by staff and submitted to NJDEP and EPA. This report includes all deviations that occurred throughout the reporting year including the requirements for Subpart LLL.

The 40 CFR 62 – Subpart-LLL 2023 Annual Compliance Report and the Subpart-LLL Semi-Annual Deviation Report were submitted.

A 2023 Q4 and Annual Bypass Report summarizing the use of the SBRSA Incinerator Emergency Bypass Stacks (EBS) was submitted on January 8, 2024. There were four Emergency Bypass Stack events during 2023.

Consent Decree Section XIV (Notices), paragraph 87: Designated Notice Recipient Change was submitted on January 23, 2024, noting the promotion of David C. Smith to Executive Director.

Affirmative Defense letters and a follow up report (required by Section V, paragraph D.29 of the 2022 Consent Decree) was submitted on January 23, 2024, for January 8, 2024, RTO malfunction, which caused the incinerator to automatically transition from OS28 to OS3 while there was sludge combustion in the incinerator.

Affirmative Defense letters and a follow up report (required by Section V, paragraph D.29 of the 2022 Consent Decree) were submitted on January 23, 2024, for the January 10, 2024, during a low 1-hour and 12-hour block Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP) secondary power event which was likely caused by a flush valve that failed to close fully.

On January 24, 2024, the Emergency Bypass opened due to a commercial power interruption. PSE&G acknowledged the power outage, indicating that "Southern Electric Operations advised there was a 69KV circuit lockout at that time due to a pole fire." The EPA, NJDEP, USDOJ, and NJOAG were notified via email of the incident within 72 hours (as required by the 2022 Consent Decree). An affirmative Defense letter, combined with the consent decree and required follow-up report, was sent to the EPA, NJDEP, USDOJ, and NJOAG on February 13, 2024.

The 2023 Q4 Quarterly Report detailed in paragraph 28 of the 2022 Consent Decree was submitted on January 30, 2024. A copy of the report without attachments was provided in the report.

On February 15, 2024, an opening of the emergency bypass event occurred due to a high scrubber quench temperature. Incinerator #2 (OS3) was in operation at the time of the emergency bypass opening. The EPA, NJDEP, USDOJ, and NJOAG were notified via email of the incident on February 16, 2024 (as required by the 2022 Consent Decree). An affirmative Defense letter, combined with the consent decree required follow-up report, will be submitted to the EPA, NJDEP, USDOJ, and NJOAG.

Data required to calculate the 2023 Annual Emission statement is being compiled.

Laboratory

NJDEP, Office of Quality Assurance (OQA) has approved SBRSA modification to the Standard Method 4500-P B plus E, to analyze total phosphorus using the Hach TNT method.

Miscellaneous

The incinerator Slag disposal annual recertification application was submitted to Waste Management of Pennsylvania on February 7, 2024, and was approved.

629.09 Safety

Discussion occurred regarding the River Road WWTP fire service water line leak.

There were no other Board member comments on the Safety Report. The following Safety Report is included in the meeting minutes for information.

Accidents:

As of February 2, 2024, the Authority has gone 84 consecutive days without a "Lost Time" accident.

Inspections:

SBRSA contracted leak detection services from Patriot Leak Detection, LLC, to investigate the River Road WWTP fire service water line, which appeared to be leaking downstream of the post indicator valve. They identified a significant leak at Fire Hydrant No. 6 by the Chemical Building, likely due to a broken operating stem coupling and a partially open valve seat. SBRSA will make any repairs necessary to fix the hydrant and stop the leak.

ADT Commercial completed fire alarm system inspections on January 18 and 19, 2024. ADT identified a communication problem with the River Road WWTP wireless mesh network and gateways and replaced the transmitter batteries to correct the issue. After the batteries were replaced, all systems operated normally and passed the inspection.

Training:

During this reporting period, staff attended the following training programs provided by the MEL Safety Institute:

Ladder Safety/Walking & Working Surfaces

Maintenance and Instrumentation staff attended NFPA 70E Electrical Safety training on January 16 and 17, 2024. Certification cards were received and distributed to those who attended.

Miscellaneous

A Safety Committee meeting was held on February 13, 2024. The minutes from this meeting were provided in the Safety Report.

629.10 Litigation

Ms. Alexander reported that an email was sent to Judge Caliguire regarding the nitrates, plant protection line, and other issues. An update will be provided in the April litigation report.

629.11 Operations Report

Mr. Stewart reported that the River Road Facility operated well during this reporting period.

Mr. Stewart reported that on January 23, 2024, the second trial for total phosphorus (TP) removal began. This trial was again explored using Polyaluminium Chloride 2040 (PACL 2040). This trial used what was learned from the initial experiment regarding feed point and mixing to improve the chemical feed rate efficiency and feed duration. The goal was to explore strategies that would result in less than 1.0 mg/l TP on the effluent within 24 hours of starting chemical addition.

From January 23 until January 29, the PACL feed system operated at a feed rate of 300 gpd. At this feed rate, it took approximately 56 hours to saturate the system and reduce the TP below 1.0 mg/l. The PACL feed system was shut down for 72 hours to dissipate any residual PACL in the system.

The PACL feed system was restarted at 150% of the recommended feed rate for 450 gpd. This initial surge of chemicals at the effluent weir for Nitrification Aeration Tank 1 Stage 4 showed promising results. Within 12 hours, the TP was below 1.0 mg/l, and at the 24-hour mark, the feed rate was lowered to 300 gpd. At the 300 gpd feed rate, the TP remained suppressed below the 1.0 mg/l Action Level in the permit.

Nitrification Aerator 2

On March 14, 2023, an Operator on routine surveillance noticed that Nitrification Aerator 2 was vibrating excessively and informed maintenance. After further inspection, it was determined that the gearbox was beginning to fail. On March 20, 2023, the Nitrification Aeration Tank 1, Stage 2 gearbox failed. The Stage 2 aerator was taken out of service (locked out) and dewatered. Changes were also implemented to the Nitrification system to ensure continuous biological treatment. Following this, the procurement process began to replace the gearbox in kind.

By January 24, 2024, the damaged gearbox was removed, and the new gearbox was installed and tested for proper operation. Following startup, it was found that the amperage draw was significantly higher than the other aerators. A break-in procedure was used for approximately five (5) days of running the aerator at 75% load. Following this, the amperage draw was lower but still higher than the other aerators. The weir elevations were evaluated, and changes to the water height were made in conjunction with replacing the 75 hp motor from inventory. After

making these changes to the process and replacing the motor, the aerator has been in operation with no issues as of this report.

Ash Hauling Bid

January 31, 2024, at 11:00 am, sealed bids for the Hauling and Disposal of Ash were received. Multiple bids were received from new and previous bidders. A recommendation memo has been provided in the New Business section of this report.

RATA Testing

On February 12, 2024, the annual Relative Accuracy and Testing Audit was conducted by Montrose Environmental. This requires testing to confirm the proper operation and calibration of the continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS). Stony Brook is unique because each incinerator has two primary operating scenarios (OS) as defined by the Title V permit. Each incinerator has a dedicated direct-fired afterburner, and either incinerator can be valved to a single Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO). To show compliance during RATA testing, each of the four (4) operating scenarios must be tested during normal operation.

During the week of February 5·2024, Incinerator No. 1 was brought online and warmed up for incineration duties starting on February 11·2024, RATA testing started on February 12·2024, with Incinerator No. 1 valved to the RTO (OS27). Incinerator #1 was tested with the direct-fired afterburners (OS1) the following day. No testing was conducted on February 14, 2024. Incinerator No. 1 was taken out of service and began the cool-down process on February 14, 2024. Incinerator No. 2 was put into service early on February 15, 2024, utilizing the direct-fired afterburners (OS3). RATA testing was completed on February 16. 2024, with Incinerator No. 2 valved to the RTO (OS28). All preliminary data indicates the testing was a success. Montrose Environmental will conduct a thorough examination of the data, and a report will follow.

Upstream Facilities

Both Upstream Facilities operated well during this reporting period.

Mr. Stewart reported that on February 6, 2024, the final tank and cascade aeration were cleaned at the Pennington WWTP as part of routine maintenance. Flow was diverted and pumped to the old secondary clarifiers for storage while the cleaning commenced. The tank was power washed and disinfected to ensure no secondary growth could occur. An inspection of the fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) baffles, pontoon aerator and cascade steps were completed.

On February 7, 2024, the Hopewell WWTP's Post-Aeration Tanks were cleaned. Flow was diverted to allow the tanks to be dewatered, hosed, and disinfected. While the tanks were dewatered, the aerator discs, effluent weirs, and gates were inspected for damage.

Odors

Staff received no odor complaints from our surrounding area during the partial February 2024

reporting period. The total number of February odor complaints will be reported in March 2024. The odor complaints appear on the provided graph showing the yearly complaints received from January 1998 to February 2024.

Customer Sludge Deliveries

The reported quantity of liquid sludge was 2% above the budgeted amount, sludge cake was 5% above the budgeted amount, and gray water was 25% above the budgeted amount for December 2023.

629.12 Maintenance

Discussion occurred regarding the overhaul of the UV System after 10,000 hours.

Mr. Hilty reported that the failed gearbox is out for inspection.

There were no other Board member comments on the Maintenance Report. The following Maintenance Report is included in the meeting minutes for information.

Work Order/Preventative Maintenance Order Summary

Maintenance completed eighty-one (81) Work Orders and one hundred ten (110) Preventative Maintenance Orders. Currently, there are twenty-four (24) open work order requests and three (3) outstanding preventative maintenance orders that are four (4) days overdue on average. Open work orders and outstanding preventative maintenance orders are tracked and illustrated on the provided graphs.

Major Maintenance Repairs

On January 31, 2024, the Nitrification Aerator No. 2 was shut down for the replacement of the 75 HP electric motor. During the initial start-up of the new Philadelphia/SPX Mixer Gearbox performed on January 24, 2024, the electric motor exhibited low vibration from the fan bearing and higher current demands when operating at higher speeds. The 75-HP motor was replaced with a spare from inventory that had been modified with Aegis rings to provide added protection for motors with variable frequency drives. Once the motor installation was complete, the proper rotation was verified, and the Nitrification Aerator No. 2 was tested and put back into operation on January 31, 2024.

On January 29, 2024, Liquid Sludge Pump No. 1, located at the Sludge Receiving Station for transferring liquid sludge deliveries, was taken offline for a scheduled repair due to a shaft seal leak. Upon removal, the pump was inspected and found to have a worn mechanical seal, necessitating the replacement of the impeller and shaft. Prior to taking the pump out of service, the repair parts were gathered from inventory to minimize downtime. Afterward, the pump underwent cleaning and disassembly and received a new shaft, bearings, mechanical seal, and

impeller. Liquid Sludge Pump #1 was then installed and tested for proper operation. Following some additional adjustments, the pump was returned to full service on February 7, 2024.

On February 8, 2024. the UV System B Reactor at the Pennington Treatment Plant underwent a scheduled complete rebuild of critical disinfection components. A PM Kit was taken from the inventory, and the UV system was isolated, de-energized, and drained. Once access was available, the six UV lamps and quartz sleeves were removed and laid out to ease reassembly. All individual parts for the automated wiper system were organized and securely installed. Upon completion, a water fill test was conducted to verify the absence of leaks. Additionally, the UV System B Reactor was calibrated in accordance with system specifications and placed into operation on February 8, 2024.

On February 16, 2024, Clinker Grinder No. 2 experienced a failure during the Incinerator No. 2 RATA Test in the early morning, prompting the immediate notification to maintenance. However, attempts to restart the grinder were unsuccessful as it continued to shut down repeatedly. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the motor had suffered internal damage and required replacement. A new motor was obtained from inventory, and the grinder was temporarily isolated and locked out for repair. The electrical connections to the Clinker Grinder drive were disconnected, and the motor was completely removed from its mounting plate to facilitate replacement. The chain and sprocket were realigned and tested once the new motor was installed and reconnected to power to ensure correct rotation. On February 16, 2024, Clinker Grinder No. 2 was successfully put back into service, allowing uninterrupted removal of ash from the online incinerator during RATA testing.

629.13 Construction Report

Mr. Doelling reported that there are many projects out for bid. An update will the provided next month.

Mr. Doelling reported that the Dewatering Alternatives Evaluation / Belt Filter Press Replacement Study began on February 15, 2024.

Mr. Doelling reported that Contract 24-7, Nitrification Clarifier No. 4 Improvements, will be advertised for bids on this project beginning in late February 27, 2024. The award for the project is planned for the April Board meeting.

Mr. Doelling reported that the Contract 19-2 River Road WWTP UV Disinfection and Filtration Project is approximately 98% complete as of payment application No. 31.

Mr. Doelling reported that staff distributed 25 bid sets for Contract 22-4 Hopewell WWTP Upgrade: Addendum No.1 for this bid package was issued on January 18, 2024. Addendum No. 2 was issued on February 14, 2024. The opening of bids for this project is scheduled for February 27, 2024. It is anticipated that this project will be awarded at the March 25, 2024, Board meeting.

Mr. Doelling reported that on Project 24-2, the Replacement of Odor Control Carbon at the Millstone Pump Station, the scope of work and Request for Quotations were distributed to vendors. Two quotations were received. Carbon Activated Corporation has the lowest quote at \$36,000, and staff are proceeding with scheduling the work.

Mr. Doelling reported that Project 24-5: Mix Tank Grit Removal and Cleaning was advertised for bidding on February 15, 2024. Bids will be opened on March 14, 2024. Staff anticipates awarding this project at the March 2024 Board meeting.

There were no other Board Member comments on the Construction Report. For information, the following construction report is included in the meeting minutes.

Studies/General

River Road WWTP Phosphorous Impact Modeling Study: One Water Consulting continues to work on this study.

NJPDES Permit: The preliminary dynamic modeling of nitrates in the Millstone River using existing nitrate sampling data has shown positive results. Results will be presented in executive session at the March 2024 Board meeting. One Water Consulting (OWC) is reviewing the preliminary data with NJDEP and refining the scope of a larger study, which will update data set with new samples. Staff anticipates receiving a proposal for the updated study from OWC next month.

Expansion of River Road Planning Report: Staff anticipates receiving the draft expansion study report by the second week of March.

Contract 23-3: Millstone Force Main Condition Assessment: Pure Technologies was onsite on January 25, 2024, to download the data and remove the Transient Pressure Monitor. Based on the results of the transient pressure monitoring, Pure Technologies refined the recommendations previously provided in the Draft Condition Assessment Report. A revised Condition Assessment Report with the Transient Pressure Monitoring Results was received on February 16, 2024, and is being reviewed by staff.

River Road WWTP Main Substation Replacement or Rehabilitation Study: On January 23, 2024, ELECSYS submitted a draft preliminary design report (PDR). The draft report was reviewed by staff and returned with comments on February 8, 2024.

Fly Ash Slurry Pump Suction/Discharge Header Rehabilitation (Project 24-1): SBRSA has requested written proposals from Engineering firms to provide professional services for the evaluation of stresses in the Fly Ash Slurry Pump (FASP) Discharge Header. Proposals are due March 5, 2024.

Design

Project 23-7: Engineering Trailer: SBRSA received a foundation drawing from the trailer manufacturer on February 14, 2024. The drawings have been reviewed and returned with comments.

Front Office Repair: Staff is in the process of drafting specifications for phase one of the restoration the SBRSA front offices. The scope of this work is limited to drywall and painting. The project will be advertised for bid as soon as possible.

Construction

Contract 23-1 Replacement of Failed Nitrification Tank Aerator Reducing Gear: The new gearbox has been installed and started. See the maintenance report for details.

Contract 23-5: Structural Repair of the Sludge Cake Receiving Bin Ramps: Staff anticipates advertising this project for bid on February 23, 2024. A site visit is scheduled for March 12, 2024. Bids will be opened on March 20, 2024.

Contract 23-6: Aerzen Blower Replacement: A Purchase Order for the equipment was issued on December 12, 2023. Staff anticipates receiving parts by mid-September 2024.

Small Capital Projects:

Project 22-2 GE 90-30 PLC Upgrade: No additional progress has been made during this reporting period.

Process Control/SCADA: Preventive maintenance was completed for all field devices and process control loops.

Miscellaneous Repair: Instrumentation staff completed the following list of unscheduled repairs during this reporting period.

River Road WWTP

- o Installed a differential pressure meter for the backwash return rate.
- Added corrosion inhibitors to the Belt Filter Press and Sludge Pump control panels inside the Belt Filter Press Room.
- Replaced the controller for Belt Filter Press No. 3 and reloaded the program after the controller failed due to corrosion.
- Replaced a broken communication wire for the dissolved oxygen controller on Nitrification Stage No. 8.
- o Salvaged and cataloged equipment from the old Filter Building prior to demolition.
- Added corrosion inhibitors to the control cabinets inside the Modified Aeration (MA) Odor Control Building.
- o Installed an alternative power circuit for the MA dissolved oxygen controllers to increase serviceability.
- Assisted Allied Construction with troubleshooting and temporary corrections for the Backwash Storage Tank level sensor.

o Adjusted the Headworks PLC program to automatically run grit lifting sequences in sequential order and prevent two or more concurrent lift sequences.

Information Technology

General:

Preventative maintenance was completed for all Information Technology devices and services.

During this reporting period:

- Three server backups (*svr09*, *svr11*, *svr12*) were checked for corruption and readability. All backups are valid and recoverable.
- Hardware refresh status: Four additional workstations have been deployed to end-users. Three desktops and one laptop have yet to be deployed.
- Of 3 Helpdesk tickets this period, 0 are outstanding.
- Issues with data synchronization for our shared drive redundancy failed. All data is preserved and served without redundancy as repairs are completed.

Projects:

New Filter Building, Communications

Complete and operational.

• Public Address System Repairs

No changes to report this period.

• Pump Stations, Communications upgrades

No changes to report this period.

• SCADA Mobile Alert System

No changes to report this period.

• River Road Generator Communications

Complete and operational.

Surveillance Cameras

No changes to report this period.

• TRACE Web

No changes to report this period.

Miscellaneous:

- **Monthly IT Meeting Minutes:** The January IT meeting was cancelled due to staff being unavailable/sick. We will continue the IT meetings this month.
 - 1. Planned Topics of Discussion:
 - a. Surveillance System:
 - i. IT to request suggestions for new camera locations.
 - b. River Road Generator Communications:
 - i. Screen development is underway.
 - c. Additional Topics Discussed:
 - i. Open to all departments for questions.
 - ii. (Operations) UV Building communication changes
 - iii. (All) Asking for input about Wi-Fi coverage and performance.

629.14 Personnel Report

Mr. Smith reported that one (1) Maintenance Mechanic II is out on worker's compensation for a prior work-related injury as of February 2, 2024.

629.15 Correspondence

For information only.

A discussion occurred regarding the security of our network and facilities.

629.16 Old Business

Nothing to report.

629.17 New Business

Mr. Smith recommended for approval Resolution 2024-009, Award Contract for the Hauling of Ash.

A discussion occurred regarding the resolution. Resolution 2024-009 was amended to reflect that the service is for hauling ash, not its disposal.

Amended Resolution 2024-009 was moved by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0. Resolution 2024-009 follows.

Resolution to Award Contract for the Hauling of Ash

Resolution No: 2024-009

WHEREAS, Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (the "Authority") advertised for the receipt of sealed competitive bids in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. for the Hauling of Ash; and

WHEREAS, the following sealed competitive bids were received by the Authority on January 31, 2024, as more fully set forth in the attached Bid Tabulation Sheet; and

WHEREAS, the bid tabulation sheet reflects the total for hauling; and

WHEREAS, the hauling cost in the bid proposal was provided by the Authority and as stipulated in the bid proposal will only be used for bid comparison purposes; and

WHEREAS, this contract is only for hauling ash to the specified disposal site; and

WHEREAS, the summary below reflects the estimated cost for hauling; and

| | 12-Month Contract Hauling Cost Total | 24-Month Contract Hauling Cost Total |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Environmental Protection & Improvements Co. | \$172,725.00 | \$354,850.00 |
| Freehold Cartage, Inc. | \$202,100.00 | \$404,200.00 |
| Herman's Trucking Inc. | \$141,000.00 | \$293,750.00 |
| Spectraserv Inc. Gary W. Gray Trucking Inc. | \$236,175.00 \$152,515.00 | \$472,350.00 \$310,905.00 |

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that the bid of Herman's Trucking Inc. is the lowest bid for ash hauling; and

WHEREAS, the bidder, Herman's Trucking Inc. submitted a bid for a twelve (12)-month period for a total of \$141,000.00 and a twenty-four (24)-month period for a total of \$293,750.00; and

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed by the Authority to determine compliance with the bid specifications in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1 et. seq. and the same is determined to be in order; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has certified that funds are available in the 2024 Budget for the Ash Removal line account 3000-4509. Only amounts for the 2024 portion of the budget year have been certified, which is three-quarters of twelve (12)-month cost of \$141,000.00. Amounts for future years are contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority that it hereby awards a twenty-four (24)-month contract effective March 1, 2024, for the Hauling of Ash to Herman's Trucking Inc., the lowest responsive bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, staff and consultants are authorized to take all appropriate measures to ensure that all appropriate documents, are provided by the contractor.

| Recorded Vote: | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Gale D. Downey | X | | | |
| Julian Antebi | X | | | |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X | | | |
| David A. Goldfarb | X | | | |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse | X | | | |
| Bharat Patel (1) | | | | |
| (1) no vote recorded due to technical diffic | culties | | | |

629.18 Open to the Public

Chairman Downey opened the public portion of the meeting, hearing no comments from the Public; the public portion was closed at approximately 7:49 p.m.

629.19 Executive Session

Dr. Downey asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session.

Resolution 2024-011 was moved on a motion by Mr. Morehouse, seconded by Mr. Antebi, and passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0. Resolution 2024-011 follows.

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law

Resolution No. 2024-011

BE IT RESOLVED by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority ("Authority") on this 26th day of February 2024, as follows:

- 1. The Authority shall adjourn to executive session in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-12(b)(7), being the Open Public Meetings Law, in order to discuss the following:
 - Non-union and Management personnel salary increases.
 - 2. With regard to the Non-Union and Management personnel salary discussions, the minutes of the Closed Session will be released to the public as required by law and as soon as the matters under discussion are fully resolved between the parties and are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.

3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

| Recorded Vote: | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Gale D. Downey | X | | | |
| Julian Antebi | X | | | |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X | | | |
| David A. Goldfarb | X | | | |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse | X | | | |
| Bharat Patel (1) | | | | |
| (1) no vote recorded due to technical diffi- | culties | | | |

629.20 Report of Executive Session

A discussion occurred regarding the salary increase for non-union and management personnel.

Return to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:09 p.m.

Resolution 2024-012, Authorizing 2024 Salary Increases for Non-Union and Management Personnel, was moved by Mr. Patel, seconded by Mr. Morehouse, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0. Resolution 2024-012 follows.

Resolution Authorizing 2024 Salary Increases for Non-Union and Management Personnel

Resolution No. 2024-012

WHEREAS, the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (Authority) has evaluated the Authority's Non-Union and Management personnel salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has recommended salary increases for said personnel and

WHEREAS the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority has funds available in the Salaries/Benefits Account 3001 and 3007 in the FY 2024 Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority that:

All Non-Union and Management staff shall receive a salary increase as presented to the Board as noted and is available for review at the offices of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority.

Salary adjustments will be made retroactive to January 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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| Recorded Vote: | AYE | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |

| Gale D. Downey | X |
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| Julian Antebi | X |
| Arundhati Bhosle | X |
| David A. Goldfarb | X |
| C. Schuyler Morehouse | X |
| Bharat Patel | X |

629.21 And such other issues as may come before the Board

There was nothing to report.

629.22 Adjournment

As no further business was to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Antebi, seconded by Mr. Goldfarb, and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smith Secretary

Recorded and Written by Angela Christiano February 29, 2024