

Regular Board Meeting

Suffolk County Water Authority August 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance:

Members Present: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary
John Rose, Member
Elizabeth Mercado, Member
John M. Porchia, Member- Excused Absence

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels A. Bass, B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also attended by Messrs. Blevins, Bova, Brady, Coppola, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Huber, Jakobsen, Kilcommons, Kleinman, McDowell, Meyerdierks, Niebling, O'Connell, Pokorny, Puma, Rae, Riegger, Schneider, Seevers, Tassone, Thompson, Turcios, Wahl, and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Berroa, Cameron, Hannan, Kucera, Naccarato, Pell, Pfeuffer, Spaulding, Stewart.

Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 was also present and Mr. Joseph Fritz from the public.

Jeffrey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present.

Mr. Joseph Fritz from the public addressed the board to suggest SCWA file an *amicus curiae* brief opposing the Heartland/ Wolkoff project, a proposed 9,100-apartment and commercial development that has been in litigation for eight years. While eminent domain was previously mentioned to highlight the seriousness of the issue, the current request is for more practical legal action. Since Suffolk County depends entirely on its sole-source aquifer for drinking water-unlike New York City, which imports supply- the project poses serious risks to groundwater quality and public health. Filing an *amicus* would allow SCWA to formally voice its concerns in court, align with its mission to safeguard water resources, and reinforce the environmental case already being made by the Brentwood School District.

The Chairman then proceeded to speak on how SCWA has successfully managed summer consumption challenges through the hard work of its employees and the cooperation of customers. In July, a Stage 1 Water Alert was declared, with aggressive messaging urging customers to follow the odd/even lawn watering schedule and cut back on non-essential water use. These messages were shared widely through television, radio, digital ads, emails, phone calls, text messages, and even a special episode of the What About Water podcast featuring Michael O'Connell. Thanks to these efforts, water demand has eased, allowing SCWA to scale back its messaging, though customers are still encouraged

to continue conservation practices for the remainder of the season. On August 19th, the Town of Riverhead hosted a public hearing on SCWA's North Fork Pipeline project in an attempt to assert local authority and delay progress. SCWA maintains that it has clear statutory authority to construct and operate water supply projects, and that such work is not subject to local jurisdiction. The North Fork Pipeline remains an essential infrastructure investment that will create a durable and sustainable water supply for SCWA's customers on the North Fork, and the authority is confident in its legal position to move forward. SCWA also received its first award from the \$10.5 billion national class action settlement with 3M, a major manufacturer of PFAS. The authority expects to receive two-thirds of its total settlement in 2025, with the remaining third distributed over the following nine years. In addition, SCWA has joined a second settlement agreement with DuPont de Nemours Inc., though those awards have not yet been finalized. While these funds represent meaningful progress, they will only cover a fraction of the substantial costs associated with installing and operating advanced PFAS treatment systems. SCWA continues to pursue legal action against manufacturers of 1,4-dioxane and recently secured a victory that allows the case to proceed to trial this fall. Finally, SCWA is actively monitoring the potential impacts of Hurricane Erin. Although the storm is not expected to directly strike Long Island, wave action and erosion could affect parts of the South Shore and South Fork, including Fire Island, Southampton, and Dune Road. At this time, the anticipated impact appears minimal, but SCWA is maintaining a close watch to safeguard its infrastructure

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 24, 2025, and on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(257-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 24, 2025.

Mr. Szabo presented the contracts to be considered for extension. After a brief explanation of a few items and contract leveling for the future; on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(258-08-2025) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, Contract 7979 A to furnish and deliver butterfly valves and operator replacement parts with Raritan Valve Automation Inc., New Brunswick, NJ for items 1-3, 10-15, 17, and 19

FURTHER RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, Contract 7979 B to furnish and deliver butterfly valves and operator replacement parts with Ferguson Waterworks, Medford, NY for items 4-9.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning October 1, 2025- September 30, 2026, Contract 7986A to furnish and deliver hydrated lime at various pump stations in Suffolk County (Group A) with Barbato Nursery Corp.-Last One-Year Option, Holbrook, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, Contract 8047 for the removal and disposal of brine wastewater from South Spur Well Field and Pump with Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co., Inc., Keasbey, NJ.

The CEO then referred to several contracts and recommended that they be awarded or rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(259-08-2025) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8113 for maintenance of diesel engines for Zone 1, submitted by Power Pro Service, Bohemia, NY low bid under Contract 8126 on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of One Hundred and Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$ 1 0 4 , 7 5 0) ; be and hereby is accepted;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8113 for maintenance of diesel engines for Zone 2, submitted by T&T Baldwin Automotive Inc., East Patchogue, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, and at a total cost of One Hundred and Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars (\$104,997); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(260-08-2025) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8117 to furnish and deliver pH measuring equipment and pressure transmitters for items 1,2, and 8, submitted by Eagle Control Corp, Yaphank, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of Forty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$43,550); be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(261-08-2025) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8135 to furnish and deliver chemical metering pumps and parts for items 46-57, submitted by Eagle Control Corp, Yaphank, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of One Hundred and Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-two Dollars (\$108,432); be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(262-08-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 8136 for construction of a 20" X 10" diameter well (No.4) approximately 540 feet deep, to be located at the South Howell Field, Centereach, Town of Brookhaven, NY, submitted by Steffen Drilling, Glassboro, NJ on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of One Hundred and Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-two Dollars (\$108,432); be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute

this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(263-08-2025) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8137 to furnish and deliver hydrated lime group B, submitted by Carmeuse Lime, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of Two Million Three Hundred and Forty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$2,344,365); be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

The Members reviewed the 1 (one) request for Ratification of Award. After an explanation of each, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried it was

(264-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the selection of Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC to represent SCWA land use matters, including those related to the North Fork Main Project; be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

The Members reviewed several requests for equipment. After an explanation of each, on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried it was

(265-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Productions Control's Department purchase of Seepex pump parts from Seepex Inc., Enon, OH in the total amount of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000).

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(266-08-2025) RESOLVED, To rescind award RFQ Q0025 from July 2025 board meeting to Blackhill International LLC, Reno, NV in the total amount of Thirty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars (\$34,368) and to authorize the purchase of One (1) 2025 Ford Maverick XL AWD from Otis Ford, Quogue, NY in the total amount of Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-three 28/100 Dollars (\$36,963.28).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(267-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of Thirteen (13) Ford Transit 2500 AWD vehicles under RFQ Q0029 from Nielsen Ford Morristown Inc., Morristown, NJ, in the total amount of Seven Hundred and Ten Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars (\$710,164).

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(268-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the furnish and delivery replacement of vehicle subframes under RFQ Q0030 from RW Truck Equipment, Farmingdale, NY in the total amount of Twenty-seven Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-three 64/100 Dollars (\$27,243.64).

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(269-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the furnish and delivery of four (4) replacement fuel dispensers under RFQ Q0031 from Kennedy Company, Little Falls, NJ in the total amount of Fifty-three Thousand and Seventy-two 90/100 Dollars (\$53,072.90).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(270-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the furnishing and delivery of Fourteen (14) Knapheide toolboxes under RFQ Q0033 from Morgan England LLC, Morgan Hill, CA in the total amount of Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-four 32/100 Dollars (\$17,834.32).

The CEO then referenced several special service agreements for approval. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(271-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve executive coaching for One (1) year under RFP 1661 from Agile Design Services, St. Louis, MO in the total amount of Thirty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$33,500); and that any Member and/ or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(272-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the real property transaction counsel services from Eric A. Sackstein Esq., Port Jefferson, NY in the total amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,00); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(273-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Human Resources Department's request to continue the Authorities partnership to complete the Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance and reporting for 2025 from Benefitscape, Natick, MA in the total amount of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$7,900); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(274-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Department's request to enter into a Five (5)-year agreement subscription-based licensing agreement for a mobile workforce software platform with IFS, Canada in the total amount of Six Hundred and Sixty-four Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty 52/100 Dollars (\$664,230.52); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(275-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Department's request to enter into a One (1)-year subscription agreement for mobile and desktop software maintenance and associated technical support services with LabWare Inc., Wilmington, DE in the total amount of Forty-two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-one Dollars (\$42,151); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(276-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the Facilities Department's request to utilize MES under Contract 8060 to proceed with the removal and installation of fuel dispensers in Bay Shore and Westhampton with Metro Environmental Services, Farmingdale, NY in the total amount of Sixty-five Thousand and Eighty Dollars (\$65,080); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(277-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the IT Department's request to enter into a Three (3)-year agreement for ARCOS callout platform renewal with ARCOS LLC, Canada in the total amount of Six Hundred and Seventy-four Thousand and Thirty-four 12/100 Dollars \$674,034.12); and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

The Members reviewed the requests for Conferences and Trainings. After explanation of each request, and on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(278-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the attendance request for Michael McMahon, Meter Shop Manager, to attend the One Call Concept's 2025 User's Group Meeting from September 22-26, in Nashville, TN, this will be of no cost to the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(279-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request from the Human Resources Department to conduct a leadership development day on September 12 with HR Aligned Designs, President and CEO Janet Hoffman to conduct the training session, in the total amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000).

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(280-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the attendance request for Scott Meyerdirks, Lead Water Quality Engineer, Peter Schembri, Lead Site Civil Engineer, and Timothy Kilcommons, Chief Engineer/Director of Research and Development to attend Building Officials Association of Suffolk County (BOASC) for in-person training and support for NYS Code Enforcement Officials and Building Safety Inspectors, at an annual price of Fifty-five Dollars (\$55.00) per year and the training cost per class for members is Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for non-members.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(281-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request to purchase a table to honor SCWA's Peter Schembri, Lead Civil Engineer on September 30 who has been nominated for forty Under 40, this celebration will take place at Crest Hollow County Club, Woodbury, NY in the total amount of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$3,800).

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(282-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the attendance request for Frank Tassone, Deputy CEO of Customer Service, to attend the Water Customer Care Forum (WCCF) from September 8-11 in Louisville, KY in the total amount to not exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500).

The Members reviewed the requests for water supply systems. After an explanation of the requests, and on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(283-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request for wasted water credit in relation to the account under Fisherman's Wharf in the total amount of Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred and Nineteen 23/100 Dollars (\$18,219.23).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(284-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request for the refund credit for customers Roy and Nancy Torzullo in the total amount of Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-one 34/100 Dollars (\$9,591.34).

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(285-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the request for customer credit for Richard Smith in the total amount of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Three 34/100 Dollars (\$16,103.34).

The Members reviewed the one (1) request for finance. After explanation of the one request, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(286-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the fiscal year end 2025 audit of the Suffolk County Water Authority's completion. Water service revenues exceed expectations, outperforming initial projections by approximately One Hundred and Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000). Capital expenditures ended the fiscal year below final approved budgets, while operating and maintenance expenses exceeded final budgets, mostly due to the recognition of legal expenses related to settlement that was finalized at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

The Members then reviewed several grant resolutions and approved all on one motion. On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried it was

(287-08-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Bay Avenue Water Main Extension Project.

(288-08-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Brookhaven National Laboratory Vicinity Water Main Extension Project.

(289-08-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Old Dock Road Water Main Extension Project.

(290-08-2025) RESOLVED, to approve Reeve Avenue Water Main Extension Project.

The Members then reviewed the invoices for payment. On motion made by Ms. Mercado duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(291-08-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices to be paid by the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	\$ 1,740.50
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$6,242.25
H2M Architects + Engineers	\$13,702.70

(292-08-2025) The Members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(293-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Emily Brown of East Setauket, NY to fill the open position of Chemist I, in the Laboratory Department at an annual salary of Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred and Sixteen 08/100 Dollars (\$57,516.08); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(294-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Jessica Fortado of Copiague, NY to fill the open position of Chemist II, in the Laboratory Department at an annual salary of Sixty-three Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-nine 62/100 Dollars (\$63,479.62); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(295-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Madalyn Hymowitz of Sound Beach, NY to fill the open position of Chemist I, in the Laboratory Department at an annual salary of Fifty-nine Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-six 08/100 Dollars (\$59,466.08); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(296-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire John O'Neil of Center Moriches, NY to fill the open position of Laboratory Technician, in the Laboratory Department at an annual salary of Fifty-one Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-two 54/100 Dollars (\$51,552.54); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(297-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Abdul Shamulzai of Huntington, NY to fill the open position of HRIS Analyst at an annual salary of One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(298-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Brandon Chumi of Sag Harbor, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person, East Hampton NY at an hourly rate of Thirty-seven 89/100 Dollars (\$37.89); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(299-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Kyle Kochanskyj of Center Moriches, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person, Oakdale at an hourly rate of Thirty-seven 89/100 Dollars (\$37.89); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(300-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire James Leach of Central Islip, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person, Huntington at an hourly rate of Thirty-seven 89/100 Dollars (\$37.89); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(301-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Samuel Strickland of Greenport, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person, East Hampton at an hourly rate of Thirty-seven 89/100 Dollars (\$37.89); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(302-08-2025) RESOLVED, To hire Daniel Wright of Southold, NY to fill the open position of Field Operator, Westhampton at an hourly rate of Forty-six 28/100 Dollars (\$46.28); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, September 25, 2025,

beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Oakdale Administration Building.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary