

Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority

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MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

**TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
ONE HIGHLAND AVENUE
MONMOUTH BEACH, NEW JERSEY 07750**

The Regular Meeting of the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority was held on **Tuesday, August 19, 2025**, at **6:00 pm**, in person and available via Microsoft Teams.

Mr. Barry Berdahl, Chaired the Meeting

Present: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary (*remote*)
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte (*remote*)
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak (*remote*)

Absent: Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Christopher York

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. Gregory JnoBaptiste, Network and Instrumentation Coordinator
Mr. Jason McCullough (Commissioner/Shrewsbury) to be sworn in Sept. 2025
Mr. David Laughlin, Esq., Birdsall & Laughlin
Mr. John Vena, PS&S (*remote*)

Chairman Berdahl introduced Jason McCullough as the new Commissioner from Shrewsbury.

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Statement is hereby made that adequate Notice of Meeting has been provided by publishing the same in the Asbury Park Press on **December 26, 2024**, and mailing the same on **Friday, December 20, 2024**, 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 20, 2024**.

CHAIRMAN RULES OF QUORUM

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

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OPENING STATEMENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mr. Galvin 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 JULY 15, 2025

Mr. Barham moved the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on **July 15, 2025**, to be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. MacStudy and approved on the following voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary (**remote**)
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte (**remote**)
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak

Abstain: Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent: Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Christopher York

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Galvin did not have any correspondence to report on at this time.

Mr. Berdahl asked if there is any public comment on the agenda; no Public was present.

Mr. Berdahl suggested that the resolution for Commissioner Gregory J. Christopher be handled first.

Mr. Bonforte cited **Resolution No: 2025-08-91** and went on to say that this is a resolution in expression, appreciation, and recognition of Commissioner Gregory J. Christopher for his 48 years of distinguished service to the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER GREGORY J. CHRISTOPHER FOR 48 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-91

Mr. Berdahl moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-91** to be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barham and carried by the following vote on roll call:

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Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak

Abstain: Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent: Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Christopher York

Commissioner Berdahl stated that we are now going into Executive Session.

Attorney Laughlin mentioned that there is a **Resolution 2025-08-94** on the agenda, and the purpose of the Executive Session is to get legal advice and discuss contract terms.

Mr. Galvin said that we will return to the regular meeting and take action after coming out of the Executive Session.

Mr. Berdahl asked all in favor of going into Executive Session, all present replied "Aye."

Mr. Galvin said that the regular meeting will resume after the Executive Session to take a vote.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE

Mr. MacStudy said the first item for discussion is the 10-year Financial Projection given by Mr. Rischman. The projections of the Authority's financial position over the next 10 years, through 2035.

Mr. Rischman said that the projected revenues from the customer towns and member towns were compared to operating expenses, debt service and capital expenses, to determine the amount of money the Authority would need to fund its operations over the next 10-year period. Excluded were potential upcoming developments. Discussion ensued.

Mr. MacStudy introduced Resolution No. 2025-08-84, Introduction of the 2026 Budget, and asked Mr. Rodriguez if he wanted to add any comments to the draft Budget. Mr. Rodriguez said that in summary, revenues are expected to increase by \$619,000 or 4.3%. Expenses are expected to increase by about 1.7 million or 13.5% in expectation of calling the 2016 bonds. Expenses increased by 2.5% if the 2016 bonds are excluded. Discussion ensued.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-84

Mr. MacStudy moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-84** to be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Barham** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak

Abstain:

Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent:

Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Christopher York

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-85

Mr. MacStudy moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-85** to be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Barham** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak

Abstain:

Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent:

Mr. James Mazza
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LEGAL

Commissioner McPeak said there were no legal affairs to discuss at this time.

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ENGINEERING

Commissioner Tocci asked Ms. Lechner and Mr. Vena, PS&S, if they had anything to add to their reports; both responded no. Mr. Galvin proceeded to read the resolutions.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INSPECTION OF SLUDGE

STORAGE TANK COVERS

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-86

Mr. Tocci moved Resolution No: 2025-08-86 to be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berdahl and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak

Abstain: Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent: Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Christopher York

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIFICATION OF PROPRIETARY GOODS FOR JET TRUCK

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-87

Mr. Tocci moved Resolution No: 2025-08-87 to be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berdahl and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
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Abstain: Mr. Jason McCullough

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RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL CLOSE OUT FOR SEWER SERVICE FOR THE MCAFEE CENTER IN FORT MONMOUTH PROJECT-CONTRACT 216

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-88

Mr. Tocci moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-88** to be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Barham** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak

Abstain: Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent: Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Christopher York

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ENGINEERING EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-90

Mr. Tocci moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-90** to be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Berdahl** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Mr. Brian McPeak

Abstain: Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent: Mr. James Mazza
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The record shall reflect that **Mr. Brian McPeak** left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

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RESOLUTION RATIFYING A WORK ORDER AUTHORIZING PS&S FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PUMP STATION #19 (RIORDAN PLACE) ABANDONMENT PREPARATION OF EASEMENT EXHIBITS

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-89

Mr. Tocci moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-89** to be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Barham** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher

Abstain: Mr. Jason McCullough

Absent: Mr. James Mazza
Mr. Brian McPeak
Mr. Christopher York

PERSONNEL

Mr. Galvin stated that an Operator recently resigned from the Authority and is being replaced. In addition, the Authority also needs a fourth Operator in the Collection System. With the hiring of the two new employees, in Resolution No. 2025-08-92, the Authority will be back at full staff.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE HIRING OF (2) TWO UNLICENSED OPERATORS

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-08-92

Mr. Bonforte moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-92** to be approved. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Berdahl** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartman reminded everyone about the monthly construction meeting to take place the following day at 10:00 am, and if anyone wanted to attend, to be sure there is not a quorum present.

CYBER SECURITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Peters referred everyone to Mr. JnoBaptiste's monthly report. Mr. Peters mentioned that the continuing of cyber threats and cyber issues is at an all-time high, and to please continue to be vigilant.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mr. Barham mentioned that Ms. Lechner met with the Oceanport Mayor, Tom Tvrdik, and discussed the upcoming Contract 220 – Elimination of Pump Station 18, so the residents can be notified accordingly.

Mr. Galvin mentioned the power outage that occurred on August 18, 2025 and caused an interruption of the process at the facility, with a little bit of spillage of sanitary sewage. A release was sent to the Borough of Monmouth Beach to inform the local residents and the Mayor and Council of the incident.

CONSENT AGENDA: (For Resolution 2025-08-93) The following Resolutions are routine and will be considered together, by Roll Call Vote, without discussion. If any Commissioner wishes to have any "discussion" on any of these routine matters, please identify any such Resolution, and it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed immediately thereafter.

RES NO: 2025-08-93 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISEMENT ON GOVDEALS OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT THROUGH SOURCEWELL AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AFFECT THE SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Berdahl moved **Resolution No: 2025-08-93** for approval. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Barham** and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Mr. Barry Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
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Abstain:

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Absent:

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Christopher commented on Contract-200, and stated that so long as Mr. Gianforte and Mr. Galvin are involved, the Authority is in good hands.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public was present.

Mr. Berdahl moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. MacStudy and carried out by voice vote.

Mr. Berdahl stated that final copies of approved resolutions will be available in the main office during the Authority's regular business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Hartman, Secretary