Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District

Meeting Minutes

Meeting of December 18, 2025 - 3:30 PM

Lake Santee Community Room



Call to Order / Roll Call

a. President Tom DePalma called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Members present were Tom DePalma, Maurie Goodwin, Joyce Eddy, Larry Kiernan, Bob Kasee and Steve Yost. Also in attendance were Utility Administrator John Lecher, Utility Superintendent Greg Coffin and Utility Operator Dom Huber. Larry Nicks was absent.

Guest introduction and short comments

b. Anne Hayes from Wessler Engineering..

Consent Items

c. Minutes of 11/20/25 Meeting
d. Financial Report
e. Register of Claims – Water
f. Register of Claims – Sewer

A motion was made by Maurie and seconded by Bob to accept the consent items. Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

g. Sewer Status Report
    i. Greg reported that a short section of the sewer line froze up. The pumps were on, but nothing was pumping. They put hot water through it and it thawed out.
    ii. Greg noted that the oxidation ditch (items 37 & 38) needs to be gone through. He is still waiting on the second quote. He noted that it is better to do this work in the winter, so he will stay on top of it.
    iii. Greg discussed the north clarifier bracing that has rusted off. He is working on getting the settings to work properly and working with American Pump on a quote.

h. Water Status Report
    i. Greg reported that he changed out Membrane One and everything appears to be working correctly.

i. Plant Operational Review Report
    i. Greg stated that four banks of fluorescent lights that drop into the water to scramble the molecular structure needs replaced. He has worked with Trojan on getting replacements and the cost is $36,975. After some discussion Maurie motioned to proceed with that bid. Joyce seconded the motion and it carried.
    ii. Greg stated that he is still waiting on quotes on the rotors that need gone

through (37 & 38 and are items included in the AMP)

iii. Greg stated that the drying beds quote is coming in awfully high. He and Dom discussed how a water dumpster works and how using that method could come in much cheaper and still work.

j. Exam Status Report
    i. Greg passed his On-site exam.

Administrator Report

k. Status report
    i. John reported 17 leaks notices sent out and with the 23 ongoing it has created a lot of time consuming administrative work. A discussion was had about getting a quote from Neptune on their system that could lesson that work. It will be looked into.
    ii. One disconnect notice this month.
    iii. One leak adjustment on account 0343 for $292.26. It meets the standard for a refund. After some discussion Larry K. motioned to approve the adjustment.Steve seconded the motion and it carried with Joyce abstaining.

l. Write-offs / adjustments – None.

m. John informed the board that the NG911 initiative has had another meeting. This time all the parties that should have been included the first time were included.Once all the vital information was presented it would serve everyone's best interest, so it will be proceeding.

n. John also stated that the firewall for our IT needs renewed at a cost of $1449 with a three year life expectancy. Maurie motioned to approve the renewal. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer Report – Larry K. stated that the $132,000 approved on pumps etc. was paid.

Old Business

o. Wessler projects status were updated by Anne Hayes.
    i. Asset management plan – should be completed by the end of January, we will begin the deep dive into the large amount of information contained in these spreadsheets upon its completion.
    ii. GIS mapping – We have now received all of the equipment necessary to operate the system. The online request has been submitted for the software to operate the system has been submitted and training will begin early next year.

p. IDEM water plant inspection of 7/9/25 – Since Greg has passed both of his exams we are down to two items that need to be completed. One of the items that is needed is a Cross Connection policy (used mostly for commercial use). This has been prepared tying our policy to that of the Decatur County Health Department. Maurie motioned to approve the policy and was seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

q. Excavation safety training – No update.

r. Management Agreement –

Final adjustments were made to the agreement, so Maurie motioned to approve the 2026/2027 Management Agreement between the POA and the RWWD. Steve second and the Agreement was approved subject to the POA's approval at their next meeting.

s. Additional property purchase - after further research it does not appear that this will be the last opportunity to purchase this property as thought and our need for additional property isn't as great as originally thought; therefore, neither the POA or the District will proceed further at this time.

t. Plant Tour - has been scheduled for January 15, 2026 at 2pm.

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New Business

a. Maurie motioned for the existing board to be reelected as is for the coming year. There being no objections, Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Trustees Reports and comments

a. Bob Kasee asked that Dom's picture be put in the Smoke Signals given his Responsibilities.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bob, seconded by Larry K. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

Steve Yost, Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval by the LSRWWD Board at the 12/18/2025 meeting.