Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of August 21, 2025
3:30 PM
Lake Santee Community Room



1. Call to Order / Roll Call
    a. President Tom DePalma called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Members present were Tom DePalma, Scott Gibbs, Larry Kiernan, Maurie Goodwin, Steve Yost, Larry Nicks and Bob Kasee. Also in attendance were Utility Administrator John Lecher (by phone), Utility Superintendent Greg Coffin and Utility Operator Dom Huber.

2. Guest introduction and short comments
    a. Guests included Paul Gosnell (Lot 1147), Carol Goodwin (Lot 285) and Anne Hayes from Wessler Engineering.
    b. Carol is helping coordinate an effort to purchase lake water testing equipment for the POA's use and asked Greg for input.

3. Consent Items
    a. Minutes of 7-17-25 Public Hearing
    b. Minutes of 7-17-25 Meeting
    c. Financial Report
    d. Register of Claims – Water
    e. Register of Claims – Sewer

    A motion was made by Maurie and seconded by Steve to accept the consent items with the revised Register of Claims – Water. Motion carried.

4. Superintendent Report
    a. Sewer Status Report
        i. Greg reported that the plant is running well.

    b. Water Status Report
        i. Greg reported that the plant is running well.
        ii. The SCADA system is being worked on by Toric.

    c. Plant Operational Review Report
        i. #8 (water) – The repaired raw water service pump has been reinstalled and is working fine. Greg presented a quote for a new pump; the lead time is unknown. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Larry N. to approve the Xylem quote dated 7/25/25 for $11,416.52. Motion carried.

        ii. #10/11 (water) – The membrane filters are approximately 6 years old, with an expected useful life of 4-6 years. FilmTec performed their inspection and evaluation of the membrane system. They found a bad VFD and it has been replaced. They also made a list of additional recommendations.

        No update on the new membrane filters delivery.

        iii. #18 (water) – The granular activated carbon (GAC) has been changed out and the system back on line.

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iv. #19 (water) – The failed high-pressure service pump has been repaired and reinstalled. Once the new pump arrives and the existing pipe modifications are complete, the new pump will be installed and the repaired pump will become a backup (only to the other high-pressure pump as the two pumps are now different sizes).

v. #47 (sewer) – Digester aeration system needs repaired and requires draining the tank to access the aeration pipes that need repaired. Work started on 8/4 and the digester was drained / cleaned within one week. Greg said still two more weeks until replacement parts for the damaged aeration system arrive.

vi. #69 (water) – The chlorine monitor has failed. Greg presented a quote for a new monitor and two quotes for alternate products. A motion was made by Larry K. and seconded by Maurie to approve the BL Anderson quoted dated 8/6/25 not to exceed $12,000.00 including freight, which was omitted from the quote. Motion carried.

d. Exam status – no update.

5. Administrator Report
   a. Status report
      i. 28 leak notices sent out.
      ii. 2 disconnect this month.

   b. Write-offs / adjustments
      i. The property associated with account 0135-02 has been sold and the final meter reading estimate was low. A motion was made by Maurie and seconded by Scott to write off the $3.62. Motion carried.

   c. Miscellaneous – none this month.

6. Treasurer Report – no issues to report.

7. Old Business
   a. Wessler projects status update
      i. Asset management plan – no change. Working on a response to the IDEM inspection has taken priority and the AMP work is on hold. John and Greg to follow up to provide Wessler the information they requested.

      ii. GIS mapping – no change. Working on a response to the IDEM inspection has taken priority and the GIS work is on hold. John and Greg to follow up to provide Wessler the information they requested.

      iii. Air in the raw water intake pipe – Wessler is complete with their work.

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b. IDEM water plant inspection 7/9/25 – IDEM conducted an inspection of the water plant on 7/9/25. John, Greg and Tom are addressing the noted items and preparing a response to IDEM. Response is due 9/1/25.

c. Excavation safety training – John and Greg to follow up.

d. Bob Kasee appointment status
    i. The Franklin County Commissioners have appointed Bob Kasee to the RWWD Board of Trustees. Welcome Bob!

e. Management Agreement – mid-year review
    i. Maurie, Steve and Larry N. have volunteered to help with this task and work with the POA volunteers on the next Agreement. The first meeting was held on 7/29/25 and the next meeting is scheduled for 9/23/25.

8. New Business
    a. First Financial Bank – ACH deposit allowance
        i. The bank required Board approval to increase the deposit allowance. A motion was made by Maurie and seconded by Larry N. to allow the bank to increase the deposit allowance from $50,000 to $75,000. Motion carried.

    b. Board VP position
        i. Maurie has volunteered to take on the role of VP. A motion was made by Larry N. and seconded by Larry K. to nominate Maurie to be the new VP. Motion carried.

9. Trustee Reports and Comments – none this month.

10. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by
Scott Gibbs, Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval by the LSRWWD Board at the 9/18/2025 meeting.