

**SALINE REGIONAL PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2025**

The Saline Regional Public Water Authority met July 24, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the City of Bryant Court Room located at 210 S.W. 3rd St in Bryant. The meeting was called to order by Dickie Kentner. A roll call was made with the following board representatives present:

City of Bryant – Moriah Winkel
City of Shannon Hills – Mike Kemp
City of Benton – Todd Pedersen
East End Water – Kim Cupples
Southwest Water – Jason Temple
Saline County W & W PFB – Jamie Reagan
Salem Water – Dickie Kentner
City of Haskell – Bobby Westbrook

A quorum was declared with eight board representatives present and zero absent.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Todd Pedersen to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2025 meeting as presented. Second by Moriah Winkel. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3: FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Accounts:

Checking Account #1: Meter Fees

With a beginning balance on June 1, 2025 of \$129,208.33, deposits in the amount of \$15,205.00 and with no other activity leaves an ending balance on June 30, 2025 of \$144,413.33.

Checking Account #2: First Security Main Operating Account

With a beginning balance on June 1, 2025 of \$50,234.41, deposits in the amount of \$250,584.21, disbursements in the amount of \$162,551.46 leaves an ending balance on June 30, 2025 of \$138,267.16.

Checking Account #3: Easement Acquisition Account – First Security

With a beginning balance on June 1, 2025 of \$86,047.29, deposits in the amount of \$7.54, disbursements in the amount of \$60,840.00 leaves an ending balance of \$25,214.83 on June 30, 2025.

Savings Account: Farmers Bank and Trust

With a beginning balance on June 1, 2025 of \$6,711.50, deposit correction and deposits in the amount of \$0.66 and no other activity leaves an ending balance on June 30, 2025 of \$6,712.16.

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With a beginning balance of \$46,382.98 and interest earned in the amount of \$918.91 leaves an ending balance on June 30, 2025 of \$47,301.89.

A motion was made by Todd Pedersen to approve the financial report as presented. Second by Mike Kemp. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: OLD BUSINESS

Dickie Kentner commended Moriah Winkel and the easement acquisition committee on the excellent work they have been doing obtaining easements and getting letters out to property owners.

1. Easement Committee Report
Moriah Winkel presented Volkert proposed contract and scope of work. Todd Pedersen voiced his concern with the item stating possible subcontracting work and other board representatives stated the same. A motion was made by Mike Kemp to approve the Volkert contract with the clause about hiring subcontractors omitted. Second by Jason Temple. Motion carried.
2. Discuss and approve water line corridor and routing
Matt Dunn stated that Crist is working with the property owners from the reservoir to Hwy 70 on line placement and surveyors are working along Hwy 70. A motion was made by Jason Temple to send out letters to property owners along a proposed corridor from Hwy 70 to the Entergy transmission line at the Saline River. Second by Mike Kemp. Motion carried. Matt showed the proposed route from the Entergy transmission line to the treatment plant site. He stated that we need other access to the treatment plant other than Lawrence Dr. and showed property that would provide access off Congo Rd. A motion was made by Todd Pedersen to get an appraisal on the proposed property belonging to Humphry Estate LLC. Second by Moriah Winkel. Motion carried.
3. Discuss RFQ's for Easement Acquisition Firm and approve hiring an applicant
Item taken care of in Easement Acquisition Report (Item 1).
4. Update on Financing
Leigh Ann Biernat stated that there has been several meetings on long term financing.
5. Discuss new route from Gourdneck Rd. to reservoir
Tabled

AGENDA ITEM #5: NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on possible grants
Meetings are being set up with Senator Boozman and Representative French Hill's offices about possibly obtaining grants for the project.
2. New FOIA Laws beginning August 1, 2025
Perry Young gave a presentation on Act 505 and Act 992 concerning FOIA rules.

AGENDA ITEM #6: PUBLIC COMMENT

Rusty Alberts addressed the board with various questions about the treatment plant layout, noise and smell from the operation of the plant and concerns about the water tank placement and size. The board

and Matt Dunn answered his questions as well as could be done before the site layout has been determined.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mike Kemp to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Second by Moriah Winkel. Motion carried.

Bobby L. Westbrook, Secretary/Treasurer
Saline Regional Public Water Authority

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 28, 2025 AT 5:00 PM AT THE CITY OF BRYANT COURT ROOM LOCATED AT 210 S.W. 3RD ST. IN BRYANT.