

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT (ECSO) NO. 2
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ray Ashton, Mayor Vincent George, Angela Horton, and Anna Knack

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Baldwin, Joseph Fiegl, Carl Horne, and Jessica Krajacic

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Knack called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Mayor George, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2025 meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. 7192 Derby Rd – Request to remain on septic (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board the 9/10/25 letter received from Diane and James Cozzo, from 7192 Derby Rd, Evans. The letter requested a continuation of using a private sewage disposal system and not connecting to the public sanitary sewer at this time. The private septic system was installed in 2012 with a 30-40 year service life. The Board members discussed allowing this to continue as long as a follow up letter is sent to Mr. & Mrs. Cozzo stating they need to tap into the public sanitary sewer once the septic is in need of replacement. In addition, Ms. Horton will reach out to the Erie County Department of Health (DOH) to have a note placed in the file for this property that public sewer is available.

On a motion by Mayor George, seconded by Supervisor Ashton, the Board voted to approve allowing 7192 Derby Rd, Evans to remain on the private sewage disposal system. The motion carried 4-0.

b. 1475 Wisconsin Rd – Request to remain on septic (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board the 9/18/25 letter received from Alicia Hughes-Greenauer, from 1475 Wisconsin Rd, Derby/Evans. The letter requested a continuation of using a private sewage disposal system and not connecting to the public sanitary sewer at this time. The Board members discussed allowing this to continue as long as a follow up letter is sent to Alicia Hughes-Greenauer and Steven Greenauer stating they need to tap into the public sanitary sewer once the septic is in need of replacement. In addition, Ms. Horton will reach out to the Erie County DOH to have a note placed in the file for this property that public sewer is available.

On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Ms. Knack, the Board voted to approve allowing 1475 Wisconsin Rd to remain on the private sewage disposal system. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 User Charge

i. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board the public hearing minutes for the 2026 User Charges. A meeting was held on September 25, 2025, presenting the 2026 User Charges and there were no comments from the public.

ii. Approval of Resolution (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl presented the user charge resolution to the board for review and approval. On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Supervisor Ashton, the Board voted to approve the user and utilization charge resolution for ECSD 2. The motion carried 4-0.

b. 2026 Meeting Schedule (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board the 2026 schedule. On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Mayor George, the Board voted to approve the 2026 meeting schedule. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Fiegl explained to the Board that the members 2-year term ends at the end of 2025 and wanted to know if all members were planning to stay into the next term. At this time, all members concurred yes. Board members asked about other representation for the upcoming term, which Mr. Fiegl responded to that he has been open to more Board members, if parties are willing to serve.

c. Proposed Agreement - Buffalo & Erie County ILDC Agribusiness Park (Handout)

Mr. Fiegl reviewed with the Board the proposed agreements with the Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation (ILDC). These agreements are necessary for the Agribusiness Park, as a portion of the property is located outside of the ECSD 2 boundary. Following the capacity study completed in 2024, improvements were noted for ECSD 2 and will be funded by the grants that ILDC was awarded. Currently ILDC is installing sewer, water and roadways on the site.

On a motion by Supervisor Ashton, seconded by Mayor George, the Board voted to approve recommend entering into the proposed agreements with the ILDC for the Agribusiness Park. The motion carried 4-0.

d. 2026 Wastehauler Permits (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board the proposed wastehaulers for 2026 including Delo Drain & Septic Service, Modern Portable toilets, United Rentals (NA) Inc., Septech LLC, Top Notch Sewer & Drain Cleaning LLC, Atlas Comfort Cabins, Pinto Site Services Inc., Lakeshore Septic Services, and Meyer Septic Services. It was noted that Lakeshore Septic Services would be pending resolution of issues presented in the 9/29/25 letter covered in Item 5.d.i. On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Ms. Knack, the Board voted to approve the 2026 wastehaulers. The motion carried 4-0.

i. Discharge Permit Suspension (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board the 9/26/25 letter to Lakeshore Septic Services Inc. regarding possible issues that may be violating the permit they currently have. Mr. Fiegl noted that DSM staff and Lakeshore Septic Services have been in contact to discuss the matter.

Ms. Knack asked how ECSD 2 makes the septic rebate program known to the public. Ms. Horton noted that our website has been updated with information and annual postcards are being sent out. Mr. Fiegl added that the DSM keeps improving the program and with changes made with the 2026 user charges, will allow residents to go back up to 3 years to promote access to this benefit.

e. Request for Proposal for Professional Engineering Services (Handout)

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board that the DSM received 19 proposals for the 2026-2028 Professional Engineering Term contract. After staff rated the proposals, the top 10 firms were selected and recommended to the Board. This recommendation included Wendel, Arcadis, AECOM, JMDavidson, TYLin, Hazen, GHD, LaBella, DiDonato, and Ramboll. Mr. Fiegl noted that 8 of the firms were previously on the last 3-year term.

On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Ms. Knack, the board voted to approve the 10 recommended firms for the 3-year term contracts 2026-2028. The motion carried 4-0.

f. Confirmation of Email Poll

i. Award of Contract - Big Sister Aeration Blower Intake Hoods Replacement (Handout)

In July a recommendation was brought to the Board for approval to award Contract 103, Big Sister Creek WRRF Secondary Aeration Blower Intake Hoods Replacement to Quackenbush Co., Inc. in the amount of \$339,500. Ms. Horton made a motion by email/phone poll, which was seconded by Ms. Knack and approved unanimously on July 2, 2025. On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Ms. Knack, the Board voted to confirm the email/phone poll. The motion carried 4-0.

ii. Award of Contract – North Creek Pumping Station Backup Battery Energy Storage System (Handout)

In July a recommendation was brought to the Board for approval to award Contract 104, North Creek PS Backup Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to MORS Service Group, LLC in the amount of \$134,020.44. Ms. Horton made a motion by email/phone poll, which was seconded by Ms. Knack and approved unanimously on July 2, 2025. On a motion by Ms. Horton, seconded by Mayor George, the Board voted to confirm the email/phone poll. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Operational Report

Mr. Baldwin provided the Board with an update on ECSD 2 activities since the last meeting. The collection system work consisted of flushing 12,628 feet and televising 519 feet of sewerline, completing 126 house inspections, and repairing 29 manholes. There were a total of 34 complaints responded to including 11 for pumping stations (PS), 7 for grinders, 14 sewerline related, and 2 odor complaints.

At the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) staff removed and replaced Plant Water Pump 3, installed a new pump, motor, fittings, and valves to tie into the mainline, and installed a new variable frequency drive (VFD) to lower the pressure and save on electrical costs. Both sandfilters were drained and inspected, minor repairs were made, and new sand was added. Staff also pumped down the digester, inspected and replaced bad diffusers, and put it back into service, and they drained and inspected all clarifiers and made repairs where necessary. The Hot box totalizer for the water meter was tied into the SCADA system, lights were upgraded to LED's around the basins, and the annual NYSDEC inspection was completed.

At the PS's staff performed maintenance at various PS's and vactor cleaned the wet wells; they completed installation of Crystal Balls (telemetry) units at all PS's; replaced pump #3 at the 18 Mile PS and sent the motor for the pump to Volland for inspection and repair; they replaced the mini Sweetland PS actuator and built a new adaptor for the shaft; and replaced and calibrated the pressure transducer at the Pinehurst PS and put it back in service.

b. Construction Report

Ms. Horton reviewed with the Board, the construction updates which included several contracts and design and evaluation updates.

- All Districts Contract 99 Sanitary Sewer Trunkline Inspection Service Contract - Red Zone Robotics completed sewer inspection work in September. In ECSD 2, a 24-inch diameter asbestos cement pipe (ACP) sewer that is roughly 6,000 LF was inspected and extends from Delamater Rd to Church St. Final deliverables including data and CCTV televising footage, were submitted to the DSM and are currently under review.
- Contract 99 Big Sister Creek WRRF Dissolved Aeration Floatation Thickener Tank 2 Interior Coating - Purchasing awarded the contract to Camden Group for \$55,752.96 to clean and blast the dissolved aeration floatation (DAF) tank 2 and apply an interior coating to make the tank watertight and put it back into service. Notice to Proceed is being issued today and work is anticipated to start next month.
- Contract 104 North Creek PS Backup Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - Project was awarded to MORS Service Group LLC for \$124,020.44 with a \$10,000 contingency. This includes a \$50,000 award of Climate Action Funds from the Core Green Team in the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) that was awarded for this project in May. This project is to provide a 3 phase, 208V, 150 kWh BESS in place of the old generator that failed in November 2024. Included are all controls, communications, transfer switches, and related electrical connections and components. Notice to proceed was issued on 9/15/25 and work is anticipated to be completed the first week of November.
- Contract 103 – Big Sister Creek WRRF Secondary Aeration Blower Intake Hoods Replacement - Notice to Proceed was issued to Quackenbush, Co. Inc. for a project to replace 2 blower intake hoods and filter media to prevent the freezing during the winter months. The project also includes other minor improvements including interior and exterior air piping insulation, and installation of chain wheel valve operators to service 2 butterfly valves installed in the previous project. Work is anticipated to start later this fall and be constructed prior to winter.
- Ramboll performed an evaluation of the Wide Beach and Lotus Bay forcemains and PS's and provided a draft report. The DSM provided Ramboll with comments on the 90% evaluation report in September. Ramboll is finalizing the final report and it is anticipated to be received later this fall.

- The DSM received approvals from NYSDOT to perform open cut excavation work on a project to eliminate 2 existing blind tee connections/ sanitary sewer road crossings on North Main Street in the Town of Eden through a replacement project. DSM is awaiting review and approval from the NYSDEC. Pending approval, the DSM is anticipating 2026 bid and construction.

c. Payments (Handout)

Ms. Horton conveyed to the Board that payments were made to Ramboll for the PS Evaluations; to Brown and Caldwell for the Big Sister Creek WRRF whole effluent toxicity (WET) Testing; to Nussbaumer & Clarke for construction inspection; to Wendel for the Big Sister Creek WRRF Blower System; to JM Davidson for Structural Evaluation; and to Kandey Company for the Lake Shore Road CCTV work.

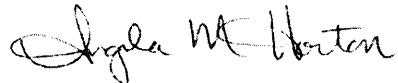
Ms. Knack moved, seconded by Mayor George to receive and file the miscellaneous and informational items on the agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 7 – ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Knack, seconded by Supervisor Ashton, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 09:38 am. The motion carried 4-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela M. Horton, P.E., Secretary
ECSD 2 Board of Managers

Approval of Minutes:

Motioned By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Approved/Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____