

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 8 (ECSD NO. 8)
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.
VILLAGE OF EAST AURORA HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shane Kreiger, Mary Plesh, Bryan Smith, Raymond Wrazen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeffrey Stoll

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Balcarczyk, Steven Canestrari, Tammy Comerate, Damon Delmont, Joseph Fiegl, Carl Horne

ITEM NO. 1 – CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF JUNE 10, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kreiger, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025 meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

ITEM NO. 3 – ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

ITEM NO. 4 – OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM NO. 5 – NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 User Charge

i. Public Hearing Notice & Meeting Minutes (Handout)

A public meeting was held on September 25, 2025 presenting the 2026 User Charges as published in the Buffalo News and the official County papers. There were no comments from the public during the meeting.

ii. Approval of Resolution (Handout)

On a motion by Ms. Plesh, seconded by Mr. Wrazen the Board voted to approve the 2026 User Charges for ECSD No. 8. The motion carried 4-0.

b. 2026 Meeting Schedule (Handout)

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kreiger, the Board voted to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Fiegl noted that Board terms will be done at the end of the calendar year. Mr. Smith stated he would discuss with the Town of Aurora whether he should continue on the Board. Mr. Kreiger and Mr. Wrazen expressed interest in serving again. Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be discussed at the first meeting of the new term.

c. Confirmation of Email Poll – Award of Contract – East Aurora Electrical Upgrades Project (Handout)

Ms. Plesh presented confirmation of an email poll from July 7, 2025 that recommended approval of the project for award. She highlighted major components of the comprehensive electrical upgrades that include bringing in a new service, new electrical building, and changing the electrical distribution within facility. Mr. Fiegl spoke on the state of the facility when Erie County took over and praised ECSD No. 8 Operational and Maintenance staff who keep the facility running.

On a motion by Ms. Plesh, seconded by Mr. Kreiger, the Board voted to confirm the previous e-mail poll, recommending Award of Contracts to STC Construction, Inc for \$1,495,625.00, Quackenbush Co. for \$147,000.00, and Frey Electric Construction Co., Inc for \$2,625,000.00. The motion carried 4-0.

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

Mr. Fiegl presented a request to recommend approval of Contracts to ten engineering firms, that were selected by committee, to perform term engineering tasks. The Erie County Division of Sewerage Management (ECDSM) requires outside expertise to advise the ECDSM or provide evaluation, design, or construction services. Each of the ten firms would be allotted \$250,000 for engineering services to be issued via individual Work Orders. The District in which the work is performed would pay for the services.

On a motion by Mr. Wrazen, seconded by Mr. Kreiger, the Board voted to approve entering into agreements with the top-rated firms from the Request for Proposal for Professional Engineering Services. The motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Smith abstaining.

ITEM NO. 6 – MISCELLANEOUS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Kreiger discussed the failing American Legion septic system and requested evaluation of the possibility of connection to ECSD No. 8 sewer main. Mr. Fiegl requested the American Legion representative contact the ECDSM downtown engineering staff.

Mr. Smith inquired on the possibility of having the Aurora Mills Pump Station driveway sealed as all nearby driveways and the road will be newly sealed. Mr. Fiegl stated the ECDSM will look into the matter.

a. Operational Report

Mr. Horne reported on operational work completed. At the East Aurora Water Resource Recovery Facility, Reactor No. 2 repairs were completed, and the unit was returned to

service. Reactor No.1 was drained and inspected. Repairs will be completed, and the unit will be returned to service by the end of this week. The chlorine contact tanks were drained and inspected. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) annual inspection was performed on 8/13/2025 and no deficiencies were found. The annual calibration of influent and effluent flowmeters by TecSmith and annual priority pollutant sampling, for sludge to be landfilled, was completed. Penn Power completed the annual preventative maintenance of the temporary plant generator. ECSD No. 8 staff replaced centrifuge motor (bad bearings) and rebuilt the old motor to keep on hand as spare. To optimize plant performance a new 10-inch mag meter was installed on a return activated sludge line for better control.

Mr. Balcarczyk reported on work done in the Collection System. Closed circuit televising of ECSD No. 8 mini system No. 3 focus area continued. ECDSM Staff replaced frames and covers on Sycamore Street for a paving project. Staff also supplied new frames and covers to Union Concrete for the Pine Street paving project. A contractor repairing the water line on East Fillmore damaged our 12-inch diameter sanitary line and ECDSM Collections Staff made the 4-foot repair. ECDSM Staff assisted in the replacement of the Church Street box culvert involving a temporary bulkhead of our sanitary line and use of our tanker truck while the new culvert was being aligned, before reconnecting our sanitary pipe.

b. Construction Report

Ms. Plesh reported on the construction updates.

Contract No. 23 East Aurora WRRF Effluent Filter Replacement – The current sand filters are past their useful life and have frequently reoccurring problems. GHD is under contract to design new mini-disk filters for, and make improvements to, the current Filter Building structure. Design is progressing well with a recent submission of 90% documents. We began discussions with the NYSDEC regarding requirements during the construction period. We hope to bid late this year or early 2026.

Contract No. 25 East Aurora WRRF Electrical Upgrades – The systems are approaching, or have hit, the end of their useful life. Buried conduits have corroded with isolated failures to individual pieces of equipment. Replacement is necessary to update and provide reliable service for current and future needs. Under the Term Engineering Contract, design to upgrade all electrical systems at the facility, as well as replace the emergency generator, was completed by LaBella Associates and awarded in July. A preconstruction meeting was held, and submittals are being received. The completion date for the project is May 8, 2027, due to long lead times on electrical equipment. On-site work should begin in 2026.

Contract 95 (CIPPL Term Contract) (USI/Kenyon Pipeline)- Work is in progress by Kenyon Pipeline on Work Order (WO) 12K which includes 3,200 linear feet of 8-inch through 16-inch diameter ACP & VTP sewer lines in the Village of East Aurora including on Hamlin Ave, Girard Ave, Riley St, Church St, Whaley Ave, and Elmwood Ave. Work is anticipated to be completed later this year.

Contract 96 (Multi-District) - Sanitary Sewer Open Cut Repair Term Contract (Contractors – CATCO, Visone Construction) - WO 4 is in progress by Visone Construction for the

replacement of approximately 263 linear feet of sanitary sewer on the East Aurora WRRF property and within the right of way of Mill Road. The existing sanitary sewer requires re-location due to conflicts with an upcoming electrical upgrade project at the plant and associated site improvements at the site. The immediately upstream sewer within Mill Road has additional defects including alignment issues, presence of horizontal bends, an inaccessible buried manhole, and voids in the pipe wall located under the roadway. A buried and inaccessible manhole located in Mill Road just south of the intersection with Big Tree/ US Route 20A (approx. 80 LF±) will also be replaced in-kind. Work has commenced and will take a few weeks to complete.

c. Payments (Handout)

Ms. Plesh presented a copy of the payments to the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Plesh, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board voted 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 Mr. Wrazen, seconded by Mr. Kreiger, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am. The motion was carried 4-0.

a. Optional Tour of East Aurora WRRF (after meeting, 201 Mill Street)

The tour will be rescheduled due to weather, Board member availability, and work at facility.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9:30 am at East Aurora Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L. Plesh, Secretary
ECSD No. 8 Board of Managers

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Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

App./Disapp: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____