

**SOUTH HENRY REGIONAL WASTE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING JUNE 9, 2026
SHRWD OFFICE
4:30 P.M.**

According to the meeting notice, President Donna Tauber called the meeting to order. Board members who were present or absent were as follows:

Present: Donna Tauber, Tyler Hellums, Aaron Eckart, Luke Garner, and Irvin Benge

Absent: Tom Conley, Dwight Barnes

Tyler Hellums made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Irvin Benge. Motion carried.

Tyler Hellums made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. This was seconded by Luke Garner. Motion carried.

The Board also reviewed and approved all final payments from May 2026 Claims Docket.

Zach reported that land application was completed last month and due to recurring weather delays and limited spring application time, he said they are moving land application from spring to fall. After a partial spring application this year, future applications will occur after harvest to provide a more reliable schedule. This change does not affect existing permits or regulatory requirements.

Staff continues locating and uncovering manholes to inspect air release valves (ARVs) in preparation for future replacements. Several manholes near Dunreith were found to be paved over, and staff is coordinating corrective action. Work will continue along the remaining length of the force main to expose and inspect all ARVs.

Additional issues were reported at the Dunreith pump station. A pump clog caused by rags and debris required disassembly, during which failed bearings were discovered in Pump No. 1. The Board noted the ongoing maintenance issues and increasing repair costs associated with the station.

Zach reported that replacement parts for the Dunreith pump station are on order. The damaged soft start monitor was replaced at no cost by the contractor. Indiana Pump Works evaluated the station and will provide a quote for an alternative pump system with integrated variable frequency drives (VFDs) to improve flow, increase energy efficiency, and reduce operational issues. The Board discussed ongoing pump performance problems, frequent clogging, and the need to evaluate alternatives before investing in additional upgrades.

Zach reported investigating a potential inflow and infiltration (I&I) source after recent heavy rainfall caused a lift station in Mays to reach a high-level alarm. Research is underway to identify possible connections. Reducing I&I will be a priority as other system improvements are completed.

Zach also reported that the cost of a NitraNox delivery has increased to approximately \$12,890. Alternative odor-control options, including a liquid-dosing system that treats the source of odors rather than masking them, are being evaluated.

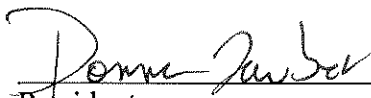
Zach reported that Mike successfully passed the IDEM Wastewater Operator Class II certification exam, providing the utility with a second Class II licensed operator and strengthening succession planning. In accordance with the Board-approved pay policy, his annual salary was increased by \$2,000 effective the next pay period following certification.

Irvin Benge made a motion to approve a \$2,000 salary increase for Mike Gibson following his successful completion of the IDEM Wastewater Operator Class II certification, in accordance with the Board-approved pay policy. The motion was seconded by Luke Garner. Motion carried.

The Board discussed upcoming certificate of deposit (CD) renewals and the possibility of transferring funds to the operating account, as the checking account is currently earning a higher rate of interest. Staff reported that the utility has earned more than \$5,000 in interest this year after moving to an interest-bearing government account.

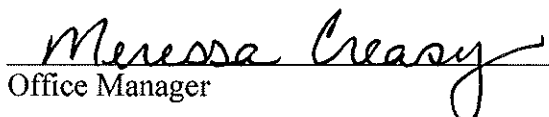
The board also discussed updates on development activity. Coordination is ongoing with Nine Star regarding fiber installation in Mays to avoid conflicts with the sewer system. The proposed gas station project on S State Road 3 remains in the permitting process, with utility connection details still pending. The Board anticipates discussing engineering services and other major project decisions at the next meeting, depending on the SRF list for July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



President

ATTEST:



Office Manager