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**Board Chairman**  
**Position 2 - Kenneth DeCrans**  
**Position 3 - Michael Koger**

**District Manager/Secretary**  
**Brett Blofsky**

Special Board Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2026 @ 8:00am  
South Suburban Sanitary District Office

Meeting called to order at 8:00am

Roll Call of Directors – Chairman Joe Spendolini, Director Kenneth DeCrans and Director Michael Koger were present. Also present: Brett Blofsky (SSSD District Manager), Nicki Strain (SSSD Finance Director), Jason Morrow (SSSD Collections Supervisor), Sally Bratton (SSSD Treatment Plant Supervisor), Jon Lee (SSSD Treatment Plant Operator) and Dan Scalas (Adkins Engineering). Brady Fuller (Jacobs Engineering) and Erik Brahmer (Slayden Constructors) attended virtually.

Public Input/Comments - No one from the public was present.

### **Engineer Report - Adkins Engineering and Jacobs Engineering Effluent Conveyance & Dike Improvements discussion**

Brett gave a recap on the topic of discussion for today. The project is currently at 90% design. The project is hung up on the effluent portion of the project. Brady then described the various options that have been considered so far regarding the effluent design and how the current design came about. There were various obstacles that had to be considered. Brady is concerned about changing the scope at this point and how it would impact on the April 30th timeline. Dan feels that the current design is what he was expecting. It was not what the District staff was expecting. Brett expressed his concerns with the direction of the effluent that is in the current scope. Discussion followed regarding the path of the ditch in question and the concerns the District has. Dan feels that the route the ditch is taking is necessary to avoid issues with wetlands. Brady indicated that there is risk to changing the existing flow conditions in the existing ditch. Additionally, Pond 3 falls under the Oregon Water Resource Departments (OWRD) jurisdiction which would require their input for any modifications. Jacobs Engineering will not stamp a design that is under OWRD's jurisdiction without their review and approval. The new ditch would be an open ditch and will not contain a pipe. This would further avoid dealing with wetlands issues. Chairman Spendolini asked how wide this ditch is going to be. He is concerned about the existing road. There will be a new culvert and road built to address this. Rabe Consulting will be reviewing potential wetland issues this April. Chairman Spendolini expressed concerns about the timeline. Brady described the various things Rabe Consulting will be looking for in their assessment. Brady suggested that the District contact her to expedite her review. Some items cannot be expedited due to the time of year. He then discussed the potential hurdles if certain items are found during the assessment. Dan is more concerned about avoiding and going around the wetlands. If we do run into wetlands, we can still shift the placement of this ditch. Brady discussed the need to increase the depth of the existing south ditch and shared his recommendation for the size of pipe that needs to be replaced at Texum. There were various discussions regarding how this scope will affect future development.

The group then discussed the east dike. Dan summarized questions and concerns about this. Adkins is hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> party geotech to investigate these concerns. This has to do with the stability for seismic events. Dan feels the seismic numbers seem a little high and over engineered. There is a cost factor with the materials related to this current proposal. Erik feels this would be an approximately \$4-5 million impact due to the material. Brett requested verification on how the seismic numbers were arrived at. Brady explained the methodology that went

into generating these numbers. Jacobs is confident in their numbers. Chairman Spendolini feels that it is a good idea to get a second opinion. Dan elaborated on the details that he is concerned with. He asked Brady for clarification on how the events correlate in relation to the numbers that they arrived at. The cost compared to the benefit needs some clarity. This is a large cost for something that may or not happen within a 10,000 year event.

Dan then discussed an additional concern he has with the seismic calculations. He described how the calculations are determined. Chairman Spendolini feels that the District should approach the County to share the cost since they own this ditch. The District needs information to present to the County to help justify that request. Director DeCrans feels that we do need more clarification on the seismic calculations. Brady indicated that he has clear direction on what the Board wants in order to complete the 100% design and meet the April 30<sup>th</sup> DEQ deadline. He will get with his staff to get the numbers clarified. Erik will need to be involved to assist with the cost estimate.

Brady gave an update on the status of other items related to the facility plan upgrade.

No action by the Board is required at this time.

Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 10:00am

Meeting adjourned at 8:57am

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Brett Blofsky, Secretary

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Joe Spendolini, Chairman

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