

Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority

Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 17, 2026
3200 Chamberlain Rd, Buchanan, MI

- **Call to Order:** Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- **Roll Call** taken by Amber Ramirez
 - Board Members Present:
 - Bertrand Township: Dave Zelmer, Dave Kuhn
 - Buchanan City: Patrick Swem
 - Buchanan Township: Mindy Cole-Crocker, Tom Gordon
 - Niles City: Linda Casperson, Nick Shelton
 - Niles Charter Township: Dan Pulaski, Herschel Hoese
 - Others Present:
 - SEBC Landfill: Robert Kras
 - Note Taker: Amber Ramirez
 - Others:
 - Absent: Mark Weedon

Consent Calendar

- Approve Agenda – June 17, 2026
- Approve May 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

#01-06/17

Zelmer motioned to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
Shelton seconded the motion.
Voice Vote shows unanimous approval
Nays: None

Motion Carries

Public Comment – None

Finance Committee

Cole-Crocker summarized the Finance Committee report from June 12, 2026, and presented the following for board approval:

#02-06/17

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the Balance Sheet dated May 31, 2026. Swem seconded the motion.
Voice Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Swem, Pulaski, Casperson, Gordon, Shelton, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker.
Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

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#03-06/17

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the Income Statement dated May 31, 2026, as presented. Shelton seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Swem, Pulaski, Casperson, Gordon, Shelton, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#04-06/17

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the Check Registers dated May 31 and June 4, 2026, as presented. Zelmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Swem, Pulaski, Casperson, Gordon, Shelton, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#05-06/17

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the FY 2026-2027 budget as presented. Swem seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Swem, Pulaski, Casperson, Gordon, Shelton, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

#06-06/17

Cole-Crocker motioned to approve the investment of \$1,000,000.00 in a long-term certificate of deposit (CD) at 3.75% APY and \$1,000,000.00 in a 3-month CD at 4.09% APY, both with Sturgis bank & Trust. Casperson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Pulaski, Casperson, Gordon, Shelton, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker

Abstained: Swem

Nays: Zelmer

Motion Carried (7-1-1)

Operations Committee:

Pulaski summarized the Operations Committee report from June 12, 2026, and presented the following for board approval:

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#07-06/17

Pulaski motioned to approve a 150 HP Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for a gas compressor from Windemuller in the amount of \$15,685.00. Shelton seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Swem, Pulaski, Casperson, Gordon, Shelton, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

Executive/Environmental Committee:

Gordon summarized the Executive/Environmental Committee report from June 12, 2026, and presented the following for board approval:

#08-06/17

Gordon motioned to approve International Cover Systems, Inc (ICS) to complete the procurement and installation of the temporary geomembrane cover for \$2,004,298.00. Shelton seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Ayes: Zelmer, Swem, Pulaski, Casperson, Gordon, Shelton, Kuhn, Hoese, Cole-Crocker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried (9-0)

Human Resources:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Kras explained that Kinder Morgan is not prepared to write a letter of intent at this time.

New Business:

- None

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General Manager's Comments:

- Kras explained that the gas project is now complete.
- Starting an investigation on June 29th to look for a possible tear in the liner on the secondary well.
- An EGLE Inspection took place on June 10th (went well)
- Kras explained that the scale house updates are almost complete.
- Kras gave an update on the NanoSORB process explaining that everything is trending well (lowering PFAS).

Public Comment – None

Adjournment: Adjournment at 6:13 p.m.

Daniel C Pulaski Sr.

Daniel Pulaski, Secretary