South Coast Conservancy District (SCCD)
Purdue University Northwest (PNW), DSAC 1113
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

1) Call to order: 2:02 PM
2) Attendees
   a) Board Members: Stephen Turner, Jacob Lenson, Mike Sakich, Brendan Fitzgerald
   b) Attorney: Colby Barkes
   c) Operations Manager: Jim Sallee
   d) Midwest Contract Operations (MCO): Nathan Howell
   e) Public: No public present
3) Minutes, July 21, 2026, 2026
   a) ***Motion:*** Mr. Lenson to approve as submitted; seconded by Mr. Sakich; motion carried by unanimous vote.
4) MCO
   a) Reviewed monthly report of operation.
   b) The board requested MCO to check into possibility of sharing diesel fuel with neighboring communities during extended power outages.
   c) Mr. Howell asked the board if the internet provider using the water tower is authorized to connect to the onsite emergency generator. The board requested Mr. Barkes to check the agreement between the SCCD and the provider and report findings.
   d) The board agreed to discuss capital projects at the October 2026 meeting and requested Mr. Barkes to confirm the minimum bond issue with transactional costs.
5) Attorney
   a) Advised that the attorney's office has had three separate communications with Mr. David Aponte, 1796 South Rolling Meadows Dr. about various subjects.
   b) Reported that Laporte County has ownership of the bridge at the north end of University Village and that it will not repair lights on bridge because they do not represent a public safety issue.
   c) Stated there are no requirements for filling vacant SCCD board position.
   d) Provided pond drowning incident update stating that no lawsuit has been filed but there is an intent to do so.
7) Operations Manager
   a) Reported that a few trees had blown over into the west pond during the recent severe weather event.
   b) Stated that there were issues with backflow device testing with both PNW and the University Village Apartment complex. Mr. Sakich explained the issue with the apartments and Mr. Sallee confirmed they are now in compliance.
   c) Mr. Turner advised the website developer has posted the past two years of board meeting minutes. The board requested Mr. Sallee to provide the website developer with future approved minutes.
8) Old Business
   a) Ratify payment to Varko Technologies, LLC for website development.
      i) ***Motion:*** Mr. Lenson to approve ratification of payment; seconded by Mr. Sakich; motion carried by unanimous vote.
   b) The board requested Mr. Sallee to include on the next agenda an update from the Billing Clerk/Secretary referring to customer notice regarding the website availability.
9) New Business
   a) Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M.
10) Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 P.M.

Submitted by Jim Sallee