

**MINUTES OF THE 378th MEETING OF THE
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT
AND ENERGY RESOURCES AUTHORITY**

**EIERA Office
425 Madison Street, Second Floor
Jefferson City, Missouri**

**Microsoft Teams/In Person Meeting
March 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

EIERA MEMBERS: Nancy Gibler, Chair
Mary Fontana Nichols, Vice Chair
Rodney Schad, Secretary

EIERA STAFF: Joe Boland, Executive Director
Mark Pauley, Deputy Director
Hannah Humphrey, Energy Programs Director
Cathy Schulte, Fiscal Manager
Angie Powell, Missouri Market Development Director
Genny Eichelberger, Executive Board Secretary

LEGAL COUNSEL: David Brown
Lewis Rice LLC

**OTHER
PARTICIPANTS:** Khalen Dwyer
Columbia Capital Management, LLC

Rob Mellinger
Truist Securities

Eric Cowen
BofA Securities, Inc.

(AGENDA ITEM #1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gibler called the 378th meeting of the State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (the “Authority”) to order at 10:00 AM. Chair Gibler took roll call and asked that the meeting record reflect a quorum was present via Microsoft Teams video conference.

(AGENDA ITEM 2) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

(AGENDA ITEM #2A) APPROVAL OF 377TH OPEN TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES (FEBRUARY 11, 2026)

The next order of business was to review and approve the open teleconference meeting minutes of the 377th meeting (February 11, 2026) of the Authority.

MOTION: Motion was made by Ms. Fontana Nichols and seconded by Mr. Schad to approve the open meeting minutes of the 377th meeting of the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority. By voice vote, Mr. Schad, Ms. Fontana Nichols and Chair Gibler all voted in favor. Motion carried.

(AGENDA ITEM #3) STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM

(AGENDA ITEM #3A) PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Boland reported to the Board that the \$22,500,000 State Match Funding Bonds, Series 2026 received excellent bids and that the transaction closed earlier that morning. He deferred to Mr. Dwyer to summarize the deal terms.

Mr. Dwyer reiterated that the winning bidder was Commerce Bank, a Missouri-based bank. Overall, the transaction was well supported, receiving five strong bids and he agreed that the other bids were excellent too. He added that Commerce Bank, has been the winning bidder for two transactions in a row with very attractive rates each time. He offered to answer any questions.

There were no questions.

(AGENDA ITEM #4) OTHER BUSINESS

(AGENDA ITEM #4A) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMIT OF FOUR MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL)

Mr. Boland asked if anyone would like to make a public comment at this time. There were no comments.

(AGENDA ITEM #4B) NEXT MEETING DATE

Mr. Boland stated that the next meeting was scheduled for April 1, 2026. He noted that the April meeting may not be necessary.

(AGENDA ITEM #4C) OTHER

Mr. Boland stated that the Authority continues to demonstrate value to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR). With staff's ability to quickly provide a Request for Proposal (RFP), MoDNR has again requested assistance to develop a plan to coordinate statewide efforts related to critical minerals. He added that Missouri's geology makes the state home to many rare earth elements necessary in today's high-tech environment.

Mr. Boland explained that MoDNR is considering contracting for a study to bring together the various geologists, engineers, academics and members of the industry to collaborate on a strategic plan to set Missouri up for success in the development of critical mineral resources. MoDNR is considering entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Authority to issue a critical mineral planning RFP. If so, staff will come to the Board for approval of the RFP at the April 1, 2026, meeting.

(AGENDA ITEM #5) CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 610.021 (11) RSMO

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Schad and seconded by Ms. Fontana Nichols to close the meeting for the purposes of discussing confidential matters including negotiated contractual matters with the Authority's attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021 (11) RSMo. By voice vote, Mr. Schad, Ms. Fontana Nichols and Chair Gibler all voted in favor. Motion carried.

(AGENDA ITEM #6) ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED MEETING AND RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

(AGENDA ITEM #7) ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Schad and seconded by Ms. Fontana Nichols to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, Mr. Schad, Ms. Fontana Nichols and Chair Gibler all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

(SEAL)

Chair of the Authority

Secretary of the Authority