

Sauk Valley Community College
August 18, 2025

Action Item 4.1

Topic: **Sewer Connection to Dixon**

College Health Metric: **Campus Environment – College facilities and grounds are clean and updated. The campus is safe, secure and welcoming.**

Presented By: **Dr. David Hellmich, Kent Sorenson, and Rich Groleau**

Presentation:

Per the rationale presented in the corresponding President's Report, the College looks to enter into an agreement with the City of Dixon to explore and develop plans permitting extension of the City wastewater system to the College property.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the attached resolution that specifies details of the agreement with the City of Dixon to explore and develop plans permitting extension of the City wastewater system to the College property.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DIXON TO PROVIDE
WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONNECTION TO THE COLLEGE AND
AUTHORIZATION OF REIMBURSEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT COSTS RELATING
TO THE SAME**

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

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WHEREAS, Sauk Valley Community College District No. 506, Counties of Bureau, Henry, Lee, Ogle, Carroll and Whiteside, State of Illinois (“College”), is an Illinois community college established pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the College, through the action of the Board of Trustees, is authorized to take all such action is necessary and reasonable to operate & maintain facilities needed for the operation of the College, as permitted by the terms of the Community College Act, 110 ILCS 805/3-30, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dixon, Lee County Illinois (“City”), is an municipal corporation which operates a wastewater treatment facility in compliance with standards established by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA); and

WHEREAS, College presently operates an independent licensed, by the IEPA, wastewater treatment facility servicing the needs of the College property, which facility was initially constructed and placed on-line in 1965; and

WHEREAS, College has determined that the current treatment facility being operated will likely require significant investment of funds and improvement in the next five (5) years and as such has explored all options relating to the same; and

WHEREAS, if the College does not take timely action to replace the current treatment facility, or connect to the City system, an infrastructure failure could result in the temporary closure and relocation of College facilities for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the cost to upgrade and replace the College’s current treatment facility would be in excess of \$3,322,000; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the City system to the College is projected to cost \$3,040,000 but such construction if undertaken by City is likely to be eligible for funding through the IEPA loan program and be accompanied by a portion of loan forgiveness permitting significant overall cost reduction to the residents and stakeholders of the College; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board that the most efficient and cost-effective option, both short-term and for the long-term development and maintenance of College property, appears to be connection to the City system, if extended, to the College property;

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (“Act”), 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*, provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised, or which may be exercised by a public agency may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency, including the ability to contract with one another to perform any services; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it appears likely that it will be the best interest of the College to authorize the development of such plans and proposals, for submission to the IEPA, to reimburse or best the cost of such development, while the Parties negotiate and works towards a final definitive inter-governmental agreement regarding the work necessary to complete extension and construction; and

WHEREAS, to complete study and analysis of such an option the City is amenable to authorizing the City Engineers, Willett & Hoffman, to prepare such design plans and proposals as may be necessary to submit an expansion of the system plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Trustees have duly considered the issues and have determined it to be in the best interests of the College to authorize proceeding to authorize the reimbursement of engineering costs that may be incurred and to direct the Administration to continue to work with City to explore and develop and if viable, complete a draft of a final definitive inter-governmental agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Sauk Valley Community College as follows:

SECTION 1: Incorporation. The recitations contained in the Preamble to this Resolution, are true and correct and incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2: Plan Development. The Administration is authorized to work with the City, as well as the City engineers, Willett & Hoffman, to explore and develop plans permitting extension of the City wastewater system to the College property, which such plans should include all necessary facilities and equipment as necessary to connect the system to the College and decommission all current College wastewater treatment facilities.

SECTION 3: Cost Reimbursement. To the extent that costs are incurred by the City, for services provided by City engineers under Section 2 of this Resolution, the Board authorizes payment and reimbursement of all such costs. Such costs may be reimbursed to the City, or paid directly to Willett & Hoffman.

SECTION 4: Authorization of Plan Submittal to IEPA. Upon completion and approval by the City of the necessary preliminary plans for extension of the City system to connect to the College, as prepared by Willett & Hoffman, the College President is authorized to

execute such documents as necessary, or as requested by IEPA, to demonstrate College approval of the technical parts of such plans.

SECTION 5: Negotiation for Definitive Agreement. The Administration is directed to work collaboratively with the City of Dixon to determine final and definitive feasibility and plan for possible extension of the City system to the College property. This shall include negotiations over the financial terms of such extension the design of such connection and decommission of current College wastewater facilities; and a draft definitive agreement

SECTION 6: Non-Binding. It is the intent and directive of the Board that the terms of any final and definitive agreement relating to wastewater treatment connection and decommissioning of current facilities be brought before the Board for final review, consideration, and approval.

This resolution read and approved this _____ day of August, 2025.

Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Board Secretary