

**EAWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2023 - 6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The EAWA Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dale Treese, Chairman. Members present: Jeff McCloud, Rich Sheidy, Rick Erb, Chuck Brewer and John O’Connell. Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; George Alspach, Solicitor; Michele Powl. Business Manager; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Keith Murphy, Board Member; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Action: “That the Board approves the WS Meeting Minutes of 11/1/2023 and Board Meeting Minutes of 11/13/2023, as presented.”

Motion: J O’Connell **Second:** J McCloud **Approved**

5. REPORTS:

a. Manager’s Report:

i. 2024 Board Meeting Dates & Holidays Observed

Action: “That the Board approves the Public Notice containing the 2024 Board Meeting Dates and Holidays Observed.”

Treese noted that 9/21/2024 is a prebudget meeting.

Motion: R Sheidy **Second:** J O’Connell **Approved**

ii. Resolution 2023-11: Requesting Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Monies for the design and construction of a 1-log bypass piping system;

Action: “That the Board approves Resolution 2023-11 requesting Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Monies for the design and construction of a 1-log bypass piping system.”

Motion: J O’Connell **Second:** C Brewer **Approved**

iii. Preliminary Water Rates 2024: The recently approved budget includes a 3.5% increase in water revenue for 2024. Becker said approval will be on the agenda in January 2024. Average residential increase approximately \$6.00 per quarter. Brewer stated that if capital budget allocations for expenditures support need for

increases, we need to make sure projects are completed. Otherwise, questions may arise if increases are warranted. Becker replied that plans for spending this year are slowed by waiting on grant funding decisions for projects.

- b. **Operations Manager's Report:** Becker presented the Operations report for Jason Bock. Bock indicated in his report that the recent rains will help the well levels, as they are still low. Another challenge is the meter suppliers saying supply is better but still short for next year. This creates issues for installation for new customers and broken meter replacements. We currently have meters on hand but no the radio transmitters needed for them. This impedes the meter upgrade program. Supply chain issues with manufacturers still a problem. Brass fittings are also in short supply. O'Connell expressed about capital improvements that we can have the programs in place but without needed supplies we cannot fulfill intentions.
- c. **Engineer's Report:** No update from Engineering. Becker did have a kick off meeting conference call with HRG and Borough personnel last week., letting them know what the authority priorities are going forward for water main replacement. Effort will be made to phase our work in coordination with the Borough's projects
- d. **Financial Reports:**
 - i. Paid Bills Detail (*Operating Fund*) (11/21/23) distributed with package (\$798,651.07 for balance);
 - ii. Paid Bill Detail (*Capital Fund*) (11/21/23) distributed with package (\$36,182.17 for balance);
 - iii. Statement of *Operating* Revenues & Expenditures for period of NOVEMBER YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$1,603,077.58, Expenditures: \$903,166.03 & Income: \$111,630.89;
 - iv. Statement of *Capital* Revenues & Expenditures for period of NOVEMBER YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$8,972,654.78, Expenditures: \$81,771.21 & Income: \$156,677.38.

Action: "That the Board accepts the NOVEMBER Statement of Revenues & Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget)."

Motion: C Brewer **Second:** J O'Connell **Approved**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. BILLS PAYABLE: Refer to Unpaid Report;

Action: “That the Board pays bills listed on statement of Unpaid *Operating* Fund Bills Detail totaling \$28,788.62 (12/11/23) and Unpaid *Capital* Fund Bills Detail totaling \$45,604.57 (12/11/23).”

Motion: J McCloud **Second:** R Sheidy **Approved**

9. BOARD MEMBER’S REMARKS:

O’Connell stated he will attend PENNVEST meeting on 12/21/23 with Brewer and Becker. Board members expressed a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

11. ADJOURN: 6:59 PM

Action: “That the Board adjourns the regular meeting.”

Motion: J McCloud **Second:** R Sheidy **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

Approved at 1/8/2024 Meeting