

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2024 - 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, Chuck Brewer and John O'Connell. Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Bernadette Hohenadel, Solicitor; Michael Krieger, Engineer; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Keith Murphy and Rick Erb, Board Members; Michele Powl, Business Manager; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** EAWA staff is receiving many calls about the pipe survey.
3. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Manager's Report:**
 - i. **DEP Comments on Surface Water Allocation Permit Renewal and Response:** DEP provided a technical review of EAWA's 2021 permit application for the same allocation of water. Becker illustrated the flow with a diagram of the Cornwall Quarry, Snitz Creek, Back Run, Conewago Creek, EAWA Reservoir, and Conoy Creek. DEP proposed limits may necessitate increased water pumping from quarry to yield more flow into Snitz Creek, and increased flow at Back Run and Conewago Creek prior to intake for the Reservoir. Currently normal flows are unknown with no measurement equipment in place. After the intake at the Reservoir, proposal would require 4 times the quantity of water than current quantity, to meet the bypass requirement and meet our need for supplemental water. DEP proposed changes would have significant effects for water studies, flow measuring equipment, upgraded pumping station, may impact our compliance with LCSWA agreement, and change existing NPDES permits for Conewago Creek and Cornwall Quarry discharges. EAWA letter of response was sent to DEP outlining the ramifications for each line item of DEP's proposal. Discussion ensued on what the new flow requirements were based on, the impact on overall processes and next steps warranted.
 - ii. **Draft Audit Documents:** Maher Duessel will present and discuss 2023 Audit at April 8, 2024 Board Meeting.
 - b. **Operations Manager's Report:** Jason Bock presented the Operations report noting PRWA conference training for technicians, supplying Masonic Village during their water system repairs, Well #5 pump replacement.
 - c. **Engineer's Report:** Michael Krieger stated the Chlorination System project is closing out. Poplar St design is mostly finished and still waiting on easement. Getting started with 3 new projects: High St, Well # 6 & 7 improvements and Treatment Plant upgrade.
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:

O'Connell said the DEP permit proposal will likely impact ability to provide service to new Developments.

Sheidy commended Becker's letter of response to DEP.

McCloud said the Boro has received requests to waive fees for trash when home owner is away. Any requests for same with water? Becker responded no; that with current rate structure, it is more cost effective for home owner to be billed at base rate than for water turn off/on rate.

Brewer asked status on damage to the Reservoir wall due to downed trees. Becker said tree service is coming to take more trees down, and the plan is to incorporate those modifications into the treatment plant project.

7. ADJOURN: 7:31 PM

Action: "That the Board adjourns the regular meeting."

Motion: C Brewer

Second: J McCloud

Approved

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: A brief executive session was held to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken; the Meeting was not reconvened.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

Approved at 5/13/2024 Meeting