

**EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 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: Keith Murphy, Jeff McCloud, Rich Sheidy, Rick Erb, Chuck Brewer and John O'Connell. Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Michele Powl, Business Manager; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
3. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Manager's Report:**
 - i. **Lebanon County Dept of EMS Special Operations request:** draft MOU provided by the County. With tighter language in the MOU, stronger indemnification provisions, responsibility in terms of safety and insurance, time frame to renew year to year, limited training times during the year; the consensus of the board was favorable to this request.
 - ii. **Cornwall Properties Request for Consideration of Sale of Portion of EAWA Cornwall Property:** Borough requested the Developer consider alternative access to proposed development. A sale agreement should include that Cornwall Properties put up a fence, and provide storm water management to protect water quality. Becker suggested agreement includes option to buy more of the property - entire piece of land surrounding the property on one end. Mike Swank from Cornwall Properties will attend a future meeting.
 - iii. **Vema H2 Access:** Requesting permission to enter property to perform rock analysis for hydrogen production feasibility. The board was favorable to conditional approval with appropriate release form and statement of insurance.
 - iv. **Phase 1 Cast Iron Main Replacement Bid Results:** Bids received September 13, 2024. See Bid Summary. Informational only, Becker will ask the board approval for Joao low bid at the point it meets the PENNVEST funding timeline.
 - v. **N Poplar St Main Replacement:** Bids received September 27, 2024. See Bid Summary. Becker will ask to proceed with awarding low bid to Ebersole Excavating at next meeting.
 - vi. **Professional Services Agreement:** PRworks Inc. recently assisted MESA with PR efforts related to the Authority formation.

Action: "That the Board approves the Public Relations Services Agreement with PRworks Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000."

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** J McCloud **Approved**

- b. Operations Manager's Report:** Jason Bock presented report. Replaced 1" line leak at Rheems, worked on items from EPA recommendations, new techs were certified for handheld analyzer, Cornwall pump running again, wells are still down, creeks normal.
- c. Engineer's Report:** Michael Krieger - Poplar St bidding opening, High St projects walked with Becker and Bock; started design. Wells 6 & 7 drawings back from vendor. Existing membrane replacement submitted minor public water supply permits to DEP Sept 10, 2024 and they are past the administrative report and will begin the technical review. The treatment plant project working with skid vendor and close to submitting permit for that.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS: Dr Treese said there was discussion at prebudget meeting on restructure for the Authority. Move discussion from Oct 16 to Work Session Meeting Nov 6, 2024.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8. ADJOURN: 7:36 PM

Action "That the Board adjourns the regular meeting."

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Motion: K Murphy **Second:** J O'Connell **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

Approved at 11/11/2024 Meeting