

**EAWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2025 - 6:30 PM**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 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; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Keith Murphy and Rick Erb, Board Members; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Michele Powl, Business 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 01/08/2025 and Board Meeting Minutes of 01/13/2025, as presented."

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

5. REPORTS:

a. Manager's Report:

- i. 2025 Chemicals** – Quotes received 2/6/2025, summary provided.

Action: "That the Board accepts the chemical price quotations as received and presented."

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

- ii. Pledge of Account:** regarding the PENNVEST financing requirements:

Action: "MOTION, for the purpose of securing repayment of a debt obligation issued by the Elizabethtown Area Water Authority ("Account Holder") to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("PENNVEST") dated March 5, 2025 in the maximum principal amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) (the "Debt Obligation"), the Account Holder hereby pledges, transfers and assigns, all of its right title and interest in and to that certain account identified above. It is understood and agreed that this pledge shall be limited to the sum of One Million One Hundred Eighty-five Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five and 16/100 Dollars (\$1,185,125.16)"

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

- iii. **PFAS/PFOA Settlement:** two settlement deadlines approaching; two national class action suits that water utilities can apply for. Discussion ensued about the deadline in early April, chemical concentrations low, time investment, costs and net results. Consensus of board was not to pursue class action application.
 - iv. **Cornwall Quarry Property – Approach to Potential Sale:** Discussion on proposed sale of the 8-acre land strip including sale option for larger piece of land. Approach can be negotiating a price with developer, public sale, or bid with reserve. Questions were raised about water rights, water quality, and environmental liability. With developer's timeline for the smaller strip of land, EAWA will focus on selling just the 8-acre strip, allowing more time to work out details for sale of the larger parcel around the quarry. J Shank, EAWA council, will explore water rights and consequences regarding DEP and EAWA future.
- b. **Operations Manager's Report:** presented at Work Session meeting.
- c. **Engineer's Report:** Becker stated focus was on construction project on N Poplar St and refining tapping fees.
- d. **Financial Reports:**
- i. Paid Bills Detail (*Operating Fund*) (01/24/25) distributed with package (\$186,351.47 for balance);
 - ii. Paid Bill Detail (*Developer's Escrow Fund*) (01/24/25) distributed with package (\$234.00 for balance);
 - iii. Statement of *Operating* Revenues & Expenditures for period of JANUARY YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$971,183.77, Expenditures: \$364,348.48 & Income: \$909,585.71;
 - iv. Statement of *Capital* Revenues & Expenditures for period of JANUARY YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$11,602,247.07, Expenditures: \$28,267.51 & Income: \$909,811.07.

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

Motion: J O'Connell **Second:** J McCloud **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 \$66,788.38 (02/10/25), Unpaid *Capital* Fund Bills Detail totaling \$25,373.05 (02/10/25) and Unpaid *Developer Escrow* Fund Bills Detail totaling \$1,396.75 (02/10/25).”

Motion: R Sheidy **Second:** C Brewer **Approved**

9. BOARD MEMBER’S REMARKS: Sheidy thanked Becker for giving him the plant tutorial today and explaining our supply obligation for new customers. Dr. Treese called for a short executive session after the board meeting tonight.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURN: 7:32 PM

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

Approved at 3/10/2025 Meeting