

**EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2025 - 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, Rich Sheidy, Jeff McCloud, Chuck Brewer and John O'Connell. Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; Michael Krieger, Engineer; and Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant; Not present: Rick Erb, Board member, Michele Powl, Business Manager; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Members of the public: Jennifer Reese with GeoServices, Ltd.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. REPORTS:

a. Manager's Report:

i. **Additional Water Source:** Jennifer Reese from GeoServices, Ltd. provided the Board with a geological map and report. A discussion followed on the locations with the best probability for a successful new well location based on their geological findings. An additional geographical electromagnetic surface study should be performed to find the optimum drilling location for test drilling. GeoServices, Ltd does not provide this service.

ii. **Revised Cornwall Quarry Parcel Sale Agreement:** A draft was provided to the Board for their review. Becker and Shank have a meeting scheduled with Cornwall for further clarification.

iii. **StoneyBrook Phase 4A Water Extension Agreement –** Agreement signed by Developer (44 EDUs).

Action: "That the Board contingently approves the Water Extension & Development Agreement for StoneyBrook Phase 4A, subject to receipt of Letters of Credit"

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

b. Operations Manager's Report: Bock reviewed his report for the Board, noting DEP gave a full inspection of EAWA's filter plant for performance. DEP rates plants as commendable, satisfactory or needs improvement. EAWA received a commendable rating. Out of approximately 300 plants only 31 have received a commendable rating. To enhance reporting on the Consumer Confidence Report, EAWA will be adding additional testing every quarter for sodium.

c. Engineer's Report:

i. **Updated Tapping Fee Calculation:** Draft provided by GHD. The updated tapping fees resolution will be available for approval at the regular board

meeting. A policy by the Board to review and update tapping fees on a regular schedule was recommended by GHD. The criteria needed to set up a policy by expenditures and or time frame for a tapping fee policy will be determine by the Board at a future date.

- ii. **Distribution System Study:** Comprehensive updated study of the Hydraulic Model with upgrades including the last 10 years and anticipating the next 20 years of customer growth. Potential storage alternatives, locations, updating and new demands on the system to be included.

Action: “That the Board approve the professional engineering agreement for the water storage and distribution system.”

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

- iii. **West High Street Water Main Project – Amtrak Crossing Options**
GHD proposed three options, directional drilling, aqua bore and open cutting. Their recommendation is to use directional drilling adjacent to the street contingent on discussions with Amtrak.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. BOARD MEMBER’S REMARKS: None

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Was held after the regular meeting.

8. ADJOURN: 8:04 PM

9. Action: “That the Board adjourns the work session meeting.”

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

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, Authority Manager

Approved at 4/14/2025 Meeting