

**EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 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: Rick Erb, Rich Sheidy, Jeff McCloud, Chuck Brewer and John O'Connell. Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Michele Powl, Business Manager; and Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant; Not present: Keith Murphy, Board member. Members of the public: Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **MOTION:** Chair moves to hire Mr. Austin Calaman effective April 1, 2025, as Authority Manager and requests a second by the entire Board. **Approved**
 - b. **MOTION:** Chair moves to accept the resignation of Mr. Del Becker due to his retirement as Authority Manager to be effective as of April 11, 2025, and requests a second by the entire Board. **Approved**
4. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Manager's Report:**
 - i. **2024 Financial Audit:** presentation by Jennifer CruverKibi, CPA, Partner, Maher Duessel. Audit results – EAWA received an overview at the highest level of Best Opinion.

Action: “That the Board accepts and approves the 2024 Financial Audit results and reports as presented.”

Motion: R Sheidy **Second:** J O'Connell **Approved**
 - ii. **Engagement of Eckert Seamans:** to provide legal services related to environmental law issues specific to real estate sales. The Board previously requested additional review of potential property sales agreements.

Action: “The Board approves the engagement of Eckert Seamans to provide review of potential property sales agreements.”

Motion: J O'Connell **Second:** C Brewer **Approved**
 - iii. **Buckingham Tank Rehabilitation Project:** Five bids were received on March 6, 2025. Entech Engineering has provided a Bid Certification and recommends Bid Award to the low bidder, Worldwide Industries Corporation.

Action: “That the Board authorizes Notice of Intent to Award and preparation and execution of the Agreement with Worldwide Industries Corporation for the Buckingham Tank Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$452,842.00 contingent upon the receipt of acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds, Certificates of Insurance, executed Agreements, and other information as identified in the Contract Documents.”

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

- iv. **Buckingham Tank Rehabilitation Project:** Entech Engineering issued Request for Proposal for Construction Phase inspection services for construction observation for the rehabilitation project. Entech recommends approval of a professional service agreement with Doug Declerk for these services. EAWA has worked with Mr. Declerk in the past. Contingent approval is recommended by staff pending the award of the construction contract.

Action: “That the Board contingently approves the professional services of Doug Declerk in the amount of \$29,935.00 for the Buckingham Rehabilitation Project, subject to award of the construction contract.”

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

- b. **Operations Manager’s Report:** Bock presented the board with his monthly report.

- i. **President’s Award – Partnership for Safe Water:** EAWA has been selected to receive this year’s award, only the 19th such award in Pennsylvania. It will be presented at the Pennsylvania AWWA State Conference in May and also at the Denver National AWWA Conference in June. The Partnership for Safe Water is a national initiative developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the American Water Works Association, and four other prestigious drinking water organizations. The Partnership's mission is to improve the quality of water delivered to customers by optimizing water treatment system operations.
- b. **Engineer’s Report:** Poplar Street Project: Working on individual hook ups. Locust Street is next. High Street permits have been submitted for directional drilling under the train tracks. Treatment Plant Upgrades: Membranes will be purchased directly through COSTARS. An additional permit has been submitted for a 3rd membrane skid added to the project. Well 6&7: Will prepare design documentation. Distribution Study and Water Storage Model: Will update GIS information on the model. Water Allocation Permit Study: A 10-year study which includes monitoring the flow at both locations on Back Run and Conewago Creek including biological study.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

- 7. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:** Sheidy remarked that he attended a Board Member training session which was insightful. He also asked for an update regarding an additional water supply. Becker replied that the next step will be additional testing. McCloud gave his congratulations to the staff for the National Award and clean audit. Brewer commented that the staff made it happen with their efforts through the entire year. Treese commented on Becker's retirement that he couldn't say enough for what he has done for the authority during his career with EAWA.
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session was held after the regular meeting.
- 9. ADJOURN: 7:32 PM**

Action: "That the Board adjourns the work session meeting."

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

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

Approved at 5/12/2025 Meeting