

**EAWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2026 - 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, Rick Erb, Rob Reale Jr and Chuck Brewer. Also present were: Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; Michele Powl, Business Manager; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Keith Murphy, Board Member; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Action: "That the Board approves the WS Meeting Minutes of 12/3/2025 and Board Meeting Minutes of 12/8/2025, as presented."

Motion: R Reale Jr **Second:** C Brewer **Approved**

5. **REPORTS:**

a. **Manager's Report:**

i. **PENNVEST Payment Request Application #9:**

Action: "The Board approves submission of the Payment Request #9 to PENNVEST in the amount of \$ \$31,224.43, which reimburses EAWA expenses for engineering, legal, and Phase 1/2 construction expenses for the Cast Iron Main Replacement Project."

Motion: R Reale Jr **Second:** J McCloud **Approved**

- ii. **Discussion of Self Directive Retirement Options for EAWA Employees:** We have been looking at several options to allow employees the ability to invest the EAWA contribution pension plan as they please. Several options exist but each has it's processes for any conversion.

Action: "The Board directs staff to work with its legal counsel to investigate the option of transferring the current pension plan from Fulton Bank to CBIZ with Conrad Siegel being the actuary."

Motion: R Reale Jr **Second:** C Brewer **Approved**

- iii. **Hydrocorp Proposal:** Per the EPA and DEP, EAWA needs to have an official cross connection control plan which we do not currently have. We do require

backflow on new construction (we provide for residential), but we don't have a formal plan. This proposal is to assist in the drafting of an ordinance/plan which will be adopted by the Board with implementation to follow. This is the first step of the program which will be followed by creating an inventory of high and low/med risk accounts which will need to have inspections/testing done on an annual or 5-year basis depending on the classification. Some accounts may need to install new devices to come in compliance with the plan. Hydrocorp does offer a turnkey solution, but it is over \$30,000.00. Our thought was to get the plan established and then try and implement the rest in-house utilizing surveys for the inventory build out. Again, this is the first step and creates a formal policy/ordinance that would be enforceable for cross connection and backflow. A lot of municipalities pass this cost onto the property owner so in the case more assistance is needed, we could bill customers for inspections done by a 3rd party as well.

Action: "The Board approves the proposal from Hydrocorp to prepare a CCC plan for EAWA at a cost of \$10,000.00."

Motion: R Reale Jr **Second:** R Sheidy **Approved**

- b. **Operations Manager's Report:** provided at the January 7 Work Session Meeting.
- c. **Engineer's Report:** provided at the January 7 Work Session Meeting
- d. **Financial Reports:**
 - i. Paid Bills Detail (*Operating Fund*) (12/29/25) distributed with package (\$106,889.30 for balance);
 - ii. Paid Bill Detail (*Capital Fund*) (12/29/25) distributed with package (\$1,474,375.98 for balance);
 - iii. Paid Bill Detail (*Developer's Escrow Fund*) distributed with package (\$628.50 for balance);
 - iv. Statement of *Operating* Revenues & Expenditures for period of DECEMBER YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$1,412,339.04, Expenditures: \$420,823.65 & Income: \$62,819.33.
 - v. Statement of *Capital* Revenues & Expenditures for period of DECEMBER YTD, distributed with package. Balance: \$7,096,563.88, Expenditures: \$1,594,927.80 & Income: \$284,287.95.

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

Motion: R Sheidy **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 \$123,087.63 (01/12/26).”

Motion: J McCloud **Second:** R Reale Jr **Approved**

9. BOARD MEMBER’S REMARKS: Sheidy asked about update on Cornwall. Treese said it will be brought up at executive session and at a future meeting. Reale Jr asked for update on building design for Wells 6 & 7. Calaman said DEP suggested size increase for extra capacity in additional Nitrate processing. Building size would change from 30 x 30 to 30 x 40 pending township approval. Treese expressed importance of attending the Feb 4th work session meeting. Meeting will include a system status presentation and review of critical issues.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Treese called an executive session.

11. ADJOURN: 7:39 PM

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

Motion: R Sheidy **Second:** R Reale Jr **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 2/9/2026 Meeting