

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 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: Keith Murphy, Jeff McCloud, Chuck Brewer, Rick Erb and Rob Reale, Jr. Also present were Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor and Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Not present: Rick Erb and Rich Sheidy, Board Members; Michele Powl, Business Manager. Members of the Public: Jill Gebhart and Jeremy Zimmerman.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeremy Zimmerman from Cornwall United Development updated the board about a possible distribution center being located near the quarry with his environmental concerns.
3. **REPORTS:**
 - i. **Manager's Report:** Buckingham water tower will be offline at the beginning of March to be refurbished and painted. A Vac Truck was demonstrated to the operations department. The authority manager will review additional Vac Truck quotes and present his recommendations to the board at the March meeting.
 - ii. **Operations Manager's Report:** Bock presented the Board with his monthly report. He noted a main break on Cedar Street and that the wells are still low.
 - iii. **Engineer's Report:** Poplar St Project has been closed out and the timeline for the High St Project needs to be decided. Water Treatment Plant Project is on hold. The allocation permit to DEP and the minor permit amendment for the Coagulant Testing Proposal have been submitted. The mixers for Westridge and Groff Avenue water tanks have been permitted. Wells 6 & 7 permits have been submitted to design a nitrate filtration system to meet a larger use capacity.
Water Distribution Hydraulic Modeling System bugs have been worked out. The model will change as the EAWA system changes. First and biggest challenge for the Distribution Model will be community growth and water capacity.
4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - i. **Discussion of well 6/7 design and improvements:** GHD has been working on several items related to the design of Well 6/7. One of them was the sizing of the nitrate system for future capacity. GHD will be presenting the cost difference between the direct replacement to the current system and the upgraded capacity option to produce 500 gpm.

Action: "That the Board directs GHD to include/exclude the upsized nitrate system for the design of well 6/7."

Motion: K Murphy

Second: R Reale, Jr.

APPROVED

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- i. **Discussion and Presentation of EAWA Distribution System:** All members of the Board were shown how the distribution of water and water pressure are monitored in the plant daily in real time. Bock answered the Boards questions and explained what current and future needs are to continue functioning efficiently.
6. **BOARD MEMBER’S REMARKS:** Murphy suggested that public comments should be limited to 5 minutes. Treese announced that there will be an executive session at the Monday Board Meeting.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None
8. **ADJOURN: 9:13 PM**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 3/9/2026 Meeting