

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 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 Robert Reale, Jr. Also present were Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor, Michele Powl, Business Manager and Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Not present: Jill Gebhart Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: Peter Wertz; Solicitor, Andy Miller; representing Catalyst and Judie Bowman; Cornwall Borough representative.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Julie Bowman inquired if there were any updates about Cornwall Boroughs previous request for their roadway design and land acquisition. The Board informed her that a decision had not been made.

3. **REPORTS:**

- **Manager’s Report:**

- **Klein Mills Irrigation “stop gap” agreement:** attached is the “stop gap” agreement with the developer of Klein Mills that prevents usage of irrigation consumption until a separate Irrigation Agreement can be finalized between EAWA and the Developer.

Action: “The Board approves/denies the “stop gap” agreement with Klein Mills related to irrigation usage.”

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____ **Approved**

Tabled until the April board meeting.

- **Klein Mills Phase 3 Development Agreement:** This phase includes 47 EDU’s and falls under the water reservation capacity agreement where the developer paid 10% of the tapping fees to reserve capacity. Conditional approval upon review and approval of legal counsel.

Action: “The Board approves/denies the Klein Mills Phase 3 Development Agreement”

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

- **Operations Manager’s Report:** Was presented to the Board. A new technician has been hired. Bock noted that 2 leaks were repaired and that Well 5 was down for a couple of days due to motor failure.

- **Engineer’s Report:**

- **PennVEST Proposal for Well 6/7:** GHD has provided the attached proposal for the costs associated with PennVEST assistance/administration for Well 6/7 should we proceed forward with an application.

Action: “The Board approves GHD’s proposal for PennVEST assistance and administration for the Well 6/7.”

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

- Poplar Street water main replacement construction has been completed.
- High Street Water Main Replacement layout and permitting is in process.
- GHD will be submitting a Minor Permit for a new coagulant by mid-April.
- A response for the Water Allocation Renewal Permit was submitted to DEP
- GHD is working on finalizing their report on the Water Distribution Study and Hydraulic Model update.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Discussion Regarding VAC Trucks:** Calaman presented the Board with options of buying new vs used. A decision will be made at the monthly Board Meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. BOARD MEMBER’S REMARKS: Reale inquired whether a natural gas contract has been reached by EAWA. Calaman replied there are 3 quotes to review. Brewer commented that EAWA needs to develop policies by reviewing past operations. This would avoid long discussions that have previously been discussed. Trease commented that he approached the Borough about going from 7 board members to 6. He also wished Calaman a Happy Anniversary for being with the authority for 1 year and congratulated him on the fine work he has done. The Board is extremely happy with his being with the Authority. The Board will have a celebratory luncheon for Calaman April 25th at the 1923 Restaurant at noon.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board adjourned for an executive session at 6:32 to discuss Klein Mills Development and resumed the work session meeting at 7:32.

8. ADJOURN: 8:15 PM

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

Motion: K Murphy **Second:** C Brewer

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 05/11/2026 Meeting