

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 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, and Rob Reale Jr. Also present were: Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Michele Powl, Business Manager; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Not present: Rick Erb and Chuck Brewer, Board members; Jeffrey Shank, Solicitor; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

3. **REPORTS:**

- **Manager's Report:**

- **EAWA Vac Truck:** EAWA operations staff were able to demo 3 units from 3 different manufacturers, Vaccon, Huber and GapVax. We also received pricing for all 3 based on the options we were looking for, height/length as well as lead times. GapVax and Huber were the favorites and were able to be under 12' which means they would fit in our existing garage. GapVax was able to configure a combo truck without a front reel to save money and length. Our recommendation is to go with GapVax.

Action: "The Board approves/denies the proposal from GapVax for the purchase of a new vac truck through co-stars, not to exceed \$600,000.00."

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

- **Electric Rates:** Our current electricity rates expire at the end of the year. I have been doing some research and found several companies that can provide updated pricing including our current vendor, Constellation. That said, Mantis is a firm that goes to auction on EAWA's behalf. We would need to sign an exclusivity agreement which says that we can only get pricing from them and not go around them to compete. They handled ERSA's auction last year and their process shows real time what the vendors are bidding so they are competing against one another with the clock resetting every time a new bid comes in. An alternative is an energy advisor like JMI and Aurora Energy.

Action: "The Board approves/denies staff and legal working with Mantis to get new rates locked in for the Authority."

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

- **Operations Manager's Report:** Bock reported well levels slightly higher than a year ago, but need more rain to bring levels up. Treese asked about meter upgrade project. Calaman said Kentrel meter replacement is about 70% complete. Calaman discussed some customer issues with new Smart meter technology. By June or July, we should get a list to follow up any unscheduled meter appointments. Bock said Buckingham tower painting

is done and now filling the tower. Monthly plans for I-Hydrant installation will be for critical areas and new construction.

- **Engineer's Report:** Kreiger said that Wells 6&7 project is finalized for 60% design and resubmitted Public Water Supply Permit. GHD consultation meeting with PennVest is at beginning of June, for July application.

Water Treatment Plant project will post on PennBid 5/18/26, pre-bid meeting 5/27/26 and plan to open bidding on 6/24/26. Project will include 2 new pumps and EAWA may consider adding new diesel generator.

- **Distribution Study Discussion** - Dialog ensued about increased capacity at the plant and how to distribute to Groff Ave tank. Street path options for distribution were discussed - E High St to Mount Joy St to College Ave, or Market St to College Ave; with increased 10-12" pipe size. Additional water tank on the south side was brought up as well. Another model was to loop distribution to West Ridge Rd via Maytown Rd.
- **EDU allocations and overuse discussion** – Calaman said a study of account usage per EDU discovered water usage over original EDU allocation for many accounts. EAWA EDU policy needs to be established and educate how EDU is calculated. An impact fee was discussed to account for the overuse. An option to change rate schedule based on EDU overage could be considered.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS: Murphy asked for update on Abel account; and developer agreement for not using irrigation system. Calaman said developers reached out with some details using max daily demand or average daily demand. Calaman had several phone calls with Abel and was waiting to hear back for solution or to state their case. This is an issue of usage over EDU allocation. They found 2 leaks, but the leak was still present.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Treese called an executive session to update members on the Cornwall phone call last week.

8. ADJOURN: 8:24 PM

Action: "That the Board adjourns the regular meeting."

Motion: K Murphy

Second: J McCloud

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 6/8/2026 Meeting