EAWA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 - 8:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER: The EAWA Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Dale Treese, Chairman. Members present: Keith Murphy, Rick Erb, Rob Reale Jr and Chuck Brewer. Also present were Austin Calaman, Authority Manager; Jeff Shank, Solicitor, Jason Bock, Operations Manager; and Michele Powl, Business Manager. Not present: Jeff McCloud, Michael Krieger, Engineer; Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant and Jill Gebhart Admin Assistant. Members of the Public: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

1. REPORTS:

a. Manager's Report

- **Discussion of DRAFT letter for the surcharge policy**
  - Comments regarding uniform language and simplifying the chart. Austin Calaman will be sending those comments to Rettew with the hope that the final DRAFT will be reviewed by the Board at the October 7th work session meeting.

- **Discussion of HVAC project for the WTP:** as you know, we've been working with vendors on replacing our undersized HVAC system for the main plant along with converting over to Natural Gas. We secured pricing from Frey Lutz and Leo Kob for the scope with Leo Kob coming in with the best pricing. Both sets of pricing are through Co-Stars.

  Action: "The Board approves the proposal from Leo Kob for the replacement of Unit 4 (WTP Unit) and conversion to Natural Gas at a price of $55,000.00."

  Motion: **Rick** Second: **Rob** **APPROVED**

- **Resolution 2026-15: Developer contributions to future capital projects.**

  Action: "The Board approves resolution 2026-15, as presented."

  Motion: **Keith** Second: **Chuck** **APPROVED**

- **Discussion of DRAFT 2027 Operations and Maintenance Budget (Notes/Summary Provided)**
  - Revenue
    - Overall, I went on the conservative side when it comes to projecting revenues. I used 35% of the last quarter (summer months- highest months) revenue since the 4th quarter revenue doesn't hit until 2027. I also included the 7.5% rate adjustment, which should reflect an increase of 7.5% on revenue. I also kept total customer count relatively the same to be conservative on the addition of new customers.
  - Expenses
    - Distribution and Treatment remain steady with the largest impacts going to be electricity, natural gas, fuel, chemicals and annual contracts. The biggest item of discussion for admin is the health insurance renewal costs. Also

assumed a COLA adjustment for salaries and wages based on social security adjustments.

- Debt Service
  - An item to keep in mind is that the interest payments will continue to increase based on what is being pulled from the PennVEST reimbursements. This interest is an expenses on the loan so we get reimbursed until we get to the cut off where principal and interest payments start.

- **Discussion of DRAFT 2027-2031 DRAFT Capital Improvement Plan (Notes/Summary Provided)**
  - Water Storage
    - The Buckingham Tank was rehabbed in 2026 so that line item dropped off going into 2027. We did keep some funds in the water storage section for Torpee Meter installations to get accurate readings of what is going into the towers as well as leaving. We also added a line item for purchasing land for an additional tower based on GHD's study.
  - Water Production
    - There are several bigger ticket items in this group of projects. The Clearwell bypass project is partially funded through PA Gaming Grant funds, which should help reduce the financial impact. That project will provide an ability to bypass the Clearwell for cleaning and emergency purposes. We also put in for funding to purchase the pumps themselves which were originally going to be rented. DEP was not happy with pump rentals, hence the potential of buying them. We did receive a 2nd grant for the cost of the permanent pumps. We're working with JHA to finalize the design and get everything out to bid.
    - Well 6/7 has been discussed at length. The board voted to proceed with a new building which does increase that cost by about a million, but staff will look to value engineer where possible. We will also work to expedite that project as much as possible since it is a top priority. We submitted for a PennVEST loan to cover the cost of this project.
    - We had a meeting with Kohl Brothers to discuss all our pumps in our system. Conewago came up in discussion as well as several well pumps. We allocated funds over the next couple years.
    - Back Run and Conewago allocation improvements are really placeholders for now. We're working with GHD on the sampling as well as the design for the weir on Back Run. We're also discussing a bank restoration project which GHD provided a proposal for in 2018. We're noticing erosion coming closer to the Reservoir Bank.
  - Water Treatment
    - **3rd Skid** – we have bid the contract and awarded all 3 contractors with GC, Electrical and HVAC contracts. We're looking at 12 months for filter delivery and we will also have the HVAC contractor take a look at Mini splits for the guys main office in the old plant.
    - **Hydraulic Choke Point** – This is a pending project based on the outcome of the 3rd membrane project. Included is the upgrade of both distribution pumps so we will be able to tell if we still have a hydraulic issue once everything is finished.

- **Pre-treatment/DB's/TOC** – We did install the SolarBee mixers and saw some lower temps this year but still dealing with disinfection by-products. We also installed the LG Sonic as a PILOT project to try and reduce the DB's that we're experiencing. These measures are low-cost in comparison to implementing pre-treatment which would be the next steps.

- Fleet
  - The Vac Truck PO's were cut to both International and GapVAX. The truck has arrived and is paid for. The GapVAX portion is scheduled to be complete the end of the Q1 or beginning of Q2. We also added a skid steer or forklift since we're having more and more issues with offloading and moving material being delivered in a safe manor. We currently only have a hand cart or removable forks for the front end of the backhoe. Going with a skidsteer gives some flexibility for additional use with attachments like a milling machine, brush hog, etc… New machines are $100K just for the machine while we could get a slightly used unit for roughly $60K.

- Admin and Support
  - The plant geothermal is anticipated to be completed in 2026 while the other units are budgeted for in the next 3-5 years. All gas lines will be plumbed for full replacement but we will only be doing 1 of the 4 units. I added the computers and servers because they too would be a capital expense which would be on a reoccurring replacement program of 5 years or so. The planned meter replacements are one off's from the existing project with Sensus, LB Water and Kentrel. Another offering that was added was the leak detection logger system through LB Water which includes devices placed in each valve to listen for leaks.

- Cast Iron Main Replacement
  - Right now, we've wrapped up two of the four phases of the PennVEST project. The next phase includes Harrisburg Ave from Anchor Rd to Well 6/7 as well as Nolt to Mill and then Mill Rd. I include the High Street and Market projects with no allocation since we're still ironing out final details timelines and trigger points with demand and developer contributions. Kept the looping allocation in there since that was one of the initial projects that GHD recommended. Also added a section based on the Boro's anticipated paving scheduled for the next couple years.

- **Discussion of Cash Flow Graph**

  - Visuals of the capital account(s) were passed out. The visual shows the funds in all the capital accounts through 2036 and assumes 3% ROI and annual transfers from the water revenue account along with tapping fee revenue. Biggest notation was the 2029-2031 years when the PennVEST P+I starts on the large loan while the WTP Bond is coming to the end which means double debt service payments of large size. Coming out of 2031, we should normalize.

2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

3. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

4. **BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:**

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Yes – no action to follow

6. **ADJOURN: 11:26 AM**

Respectfully submitted,

A Calaman, Authority Manager

Approved at 10/12/2026 Meeting