

WEAVERLAND VALLEY AUTHORITY

4610 Division Highway
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

June 12, 2023

1. OPEN MEETING

- A. **Minutes approval (May 8th)**
- B. **Public Comment** (public comment otherwise at time of each agenda item)

2. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & OTHERS

A. Correspondence

Action Items:

- a. Lapp, 716 Pleasant Dr. – Requests penalty waiver of \$29.00

B. **Administrative Report**—*Denise Bensing*

C. **Financial Report**—*Denise Bensing*

Action Items:

- a. Approval of Financial Report and pay the bills
- b. Approve WWTF & System Project Payment Requisition

D. **Engineer's Report**—*Becker Engineering*

Action Items:

- a. Blue Ball Water System: Consider authorizing public bidding of the Twin Springs well project.

E. **Solicitor's Report**—*Frank Mincarelli*

F. **Operations Report**—*Bruce Crabb*

G. **Day-to-Day Committee Report** – *Harold Kilhefner*

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Sunset Ave. St. - Line Replacement** (Water)

5. ADJOURN

Weaverland Valley Authority

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

The Board of the Weaverland Valley Authority (“Authority”) met at the East Earl Township building 4610 Division Hwy, East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on June 12, 2023. Chairman Kenneth Witmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present: Kenneth Witmer, Harold Kilhefner, Jason Firestine, Terry Zook, Scot Ash, Randy Miller, and Scott Marburger. Also, present were Dan Becker, Becker Engineering; Rob Hallman, Becker Engineering; Bruce Crabb, Operations Supervisor, and Denise Bensing, Administrator.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Jason Firestine, seconded by Terry Zook, that the minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Ken noted that the Operations Report is being moved to the beginning of the agenda because Bruce needs to leave for another commitment.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Bruce reported that they have been having issues with the guide rail system at the Cedar Lane pump station for years. They recently replaced the gasket on the guide rail system but they will be pulling out the rails so they can replace the current piping with plastic. They would also like to replace the pumps and railings in the future. The work will be done by the operations staff.

Bruce also reported that they would also like to redo the Linden Street pump station. He explained that when the Terre Hill system was acquired, this pump station was being operated manually. Bruce would like to replace the pumps with Liberty pumps and also replace the guide rail system. He noted that the pipes appear to be galvanized and should be replaced. He reported that the operations staff will also complete this work

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. M.J. Reider lab reports (Shady Maple) May
2. Lancaster Conservation District – Notice of NPDES (Stormwater General) permit will expire March 11, 2024. Becker is aware.
3. PA DEP – Notice of NPDES Permit for the new treatment plant. Becker is aware.
4. M3 Explo/Trinity Drilling & Blasting – Formal Notice of Intention to File Lien Claim. This is due to the fact that HRI has an unpaid bill for their services. Frank was notified and Frank sent notification to HRI’s bond holder.
5. Barton & Loguidice (Earland Dr. Lot 14) – Developer is requesting water and sewer service for this property. Dan noted that they are still waiting on design drawings to be submitted. The water and sewer service will be addressed in the review letter.
6. Blakinger Thomas Law Firm – Lien filed for 111 N. Hill Rd.
7. Brendan Stanton, Inc. – Indemnification for SBR tank raceways – Dan explained that the contractor wants to run the cables above the walkways and not use cable trays on the walkways. Becker does not recommend signing.

8. Jess Lapp, 716 Pleasant Dr. – The customer is requesting their penalty of \$29.00 be waived because they did not receive the bill. Denise noted that they have been late a couple of times in the past but it wasn't recently. They also paid the bill including the penalty. Jason Firestine made a motion to waive the \$29.00 penalty, seconded by Scott Marburger. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was read with \$215,765.15 (Sewer \$165,699.64 Water \$50,065.51) in bills for approval.

Water & Sewer Collection Fund	\$16,840.89
Business Checking Water Fund – ENB	\$100,000.00
FDIC Insured Sweep Account – Water	\$978,950.32
FDIC Insured Sweep Account - Sewer	\$3,880,496.87
Business Checking Sewer Fund - ENB	\$250,000.00
FDIC Insured Sweep Account – Fulton	\$1,033,695.33
Joint WWTP Business Checking – Fulton Bank	\$0.00
Joint WWTP Business Checking – Ephrata National Bank	\$0.00

A motion was made by Harold Kilhefner to approve the financial report and pay the bills, seconded by Jason Firestine. Motion carried unanimously.

Denise presented Payment Requisition #13F for the WWTP and Conveyance System project. The amount of the requested loan advance is \$3,137,067.60. Harold Kilhefner made a motion to approve the WWTF & System Project Payment Requisition #13F in the amount of \$3,137,067.60, seconded by Terry Zook. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Rob presented current drone footage of the construction site for the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) as well as construction along SR 625 and the Terre Hill pump station site. Significant progress is being made now that they are out of most of the rock.

Dan Becker reported:

CA/CM: Dan reviewed the design flows for the new treatment plant. Given the existing and allocated flows, the plant will have an estimated 68,000 GPD or 272 EDU’s of capacity available for future flows.

Dan noted that HRI anticipates the reopening of SR0625 by the end of June. Once SR0625 reopens, Union Grove Rd. (SR1044), will close. The focus will be on getting the Terre Hill pump station operational.

Terry asked when the property owners on Reading Rd. will receive their 60-day connection letter. Dan explained that he can't give a date yet but he would estimate the letters to go out in September or October.

322 Properties: The contractor would like to begin the work on Phase 2. Financial security will need to be posted.

New Holland Borough Flow Restrictions: The NHB engineer indicated that a draft report will be issued to NHBA by June 28, 2023.

Frontier Fiber Optic Conduits: Dan reported that there is a meeting scheduled for June 13th 9:30 a.m.

Earland Dr. Lot 14: The capacity has been granted. Becker is waiting on design drawings.

DEP Lead and Copper Rule Revision: Dan noted that DEP is requiring all public water suppliers to complete a lead service line inventory by Oct. 16, 2024. Becker held a meeting to review the inventory requirements which Bruce and Denise attended.

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs): The CCRs were submitted to DEP on June 9, 2023.

Terre Hill Water System: Becker is in the process of addressing the comments from SRBC for Well 6.

Blue Ball Water System: J. Roy’s, Inc. completed the rock boring probes. The results showed that there does not appear to be any significant rock that would impact the project. Becker revised the bidding documents

and recommends the Authority authorize rebidding the project. Jason Firestine made a motion to authorize bidding the project in accordance with the schedule provided at the May 2023 Authority meeting, seconded by Harold Kilhefner. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Frank presented a report via email. Frank communicated with the Pact 2 (Contract #1) attorney regarding the change order proposals submitted. The contractor is contesting the amount of the reduction in its contract price due to the elimination of the Frogtown Rd. pump station. The contractor is claiming the credit should be \$500,000-\$600,000. They are also claiming they should be due for price adjustments for inflation and delays caused by HRI.

Frank also addressed several claims by HRI for price adjustments due to the expanded trench widths. Frank put HRI on notice concerning Pact2’s proposed claim. Also reviewed was a claim from a subcontractor of HRI for an unpaid invoice. HRI’s surety company has been notified.

A Lateral Transfer and Maintenance and Repair Agreement was drafted for Triple Acres (Sauder Hardscape).

NEW BUSINESS:

Ken reported that Scot Ash will be moving out of the Township and will no longer be able to serve on the Authority board. His last meeting will be July 2023. Ken spoke with Justin Sauder regarding a replacement for Scot. Ken thanked Scot for his dedication and involvement on the board.

Having no further business, Harold Kilhefner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56, seconded by Scot Ash. The next meeting will be held on July 10, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Bensing

Cc: Scot Ash
Harold Kilhefner
Scott Marburger
Randy Miller
L. Eugene Pierce
Kenneth Witmer
Jason Firestine
Terry Zook
East Earl Township
Terre Hill Borough
Robert Rissler
Dan Becker, Becker Engineering
Frank Mincarelli, Blakinger Thomas
Terry Kauffman