

Weaverland Valley Authority

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2021

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 14, 2021. Vice-Chairman Harold Kilhefner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present: Harold Kilhefner, Gene Pierce (via Zoom), Tom McDermott, Jason Firestine, Scott Marburger and Randy Miller. Also, present were Dan Becker, Becker Engineering; Charles Haley, ELA; and Denise Bensing, Administrator.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Tom McDermott, seconded by Jason Firestine, that the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. SRBC Notice of Violation – Dan explained that groundwater level monitoring is required for Wells 1, 3, & 6 in Terre Hill. The work on well 3 & 6 has been completed but the work on well 1 has not. Jeff Bologna will respond to SRBC prior to the deadline of July 5, 2021.
2. M.J. Reider lab reports (Shady Maple) May. Denise noted that there will be no surcharge.
3. M.J. Reider Lab Results – Quarterly Nitrates for Terre Hill & Twin Springs.
4. PA DEP - Construction Permit for East Earl Well No. 4. Dan noted that the Authority is still waiting for SRBC Docket approval. Well No. 4 is on the June 17, 2021 SRBC meeting agenda for Docket approval. When Docket approval is received, the project can be put out for bid which will hopefully be July 2021.
5. PennDOT – Highway Occupancy Permit for Usner/Eby connection, 1259 Main St. This form was signed by Denise and submitted by Roger Fry.
6. Becker Engineering – Lighthouse Church review letter #3. Dan noted that are a few comments still to be addressed.
7. David Miller Associates – Burkholder Trailers water capacity request (1 EDU). Jason Firestine made a motion to approve the request for 1 EDU of water capacity for Burkholder Trailers, seconded by Gene Pierce. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Penalty Waiver Requests – Weaver, 1295 Edgewood Dr. \$27.06
Wolf & Kline, 101 New St. Unit 2 \$43.61
Loaded Iron FLP, 970 East Earl Rd. \$54.12
Jason Firestine made a motion to waive penalties for the three requests, seconded by Scott Marburger. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was read with \$93,264.56 (Sewer \$65,658.49 Water \$27,606.07) in bills for approval.

Water & Sewer Collection Fund	\$7,429.98
Business Checking Water Fund – ENB	\$100,000.00

FDIC Insured Sweep Account – Water	\$784,139.86
FDIC Insured Sweep Account - Sewer	\$2,192,005.06
Business Checking Sewer Fund - ENB	\$250,000.00
FDIC Insured Sweep Account – Fulton	\$1,026,393.65
Joint WWTP Business Checking – Fulton Bank	\$2,500.00
Joint WWTP Business Checking – Ephrata National Bank	\$2,500.00

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

ENGINEERS’ REPORT:

Chuck Haley reported that ELA still anticipates the Authority being able to go out to bid in August. There are four items to be completed prior to being given the go ahead to bid.

1. Executing the Amendment to the Letter of Conditions
2. USDA, ELA and Becker Engineering will participate in Zoom Meeting on June 22, 2021 to review/discuss USDA comments regarding the construction plans and specifications.
3. Authority Bond Counsel to provide draft closing documents to USDA for review
4. USDA approval of Becker Engineering revised E-500

It is anticipated that the Notice to Go to Bid will be ready for the July meeting as long as these items are complete.

Randy Miller made a motion to conditionally approve the signing of the updated/amendment to the Letter of Conditions once it is acceptable by ELA and Frank, seconded by Jason Firestine. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Becker reported:

Wildflower Development: The developers told Becker they would submit record drawings for Phase 2 by June 1, 2021. To date, the record drawings have not been received.

Horst Farm Market: The grinder pump station was installed June 11, 2021.

Timberline Estates: There are still outstanding issues to address prior to the sewer facilities being dedicated.

Transfer of Terre Hill NPDES Permit: An email was received this week from DEP seeking consent to issue the permit electronically.

Usner/Eby Sewer Connection: There are still a few items to be addressed. Becker is waiting for resubmission from Fry Surveying.

Terre Hill Water System: A pre-application meeting was held with SRBC on June 2, 2021. Becker is planning on submitting an aquifer test waiver based on historical water use and the conceptual model. Based upon Becker Engineering’s evaluation, they will request maintaining the current instantaneous yield of 0.216 MGD and the current average 30-day yield of 0.100 MGD.

Blue Ball Water System: The DEP Construction Permit to connect Well No. 4 to the current system was received. Well No. 4 is on the June 17, 2021 SRBC Agenda for Docket approval. After the Authority receives SRBC Docket approval for Well No. 4, the project can be bid. Bruce and Becker met with Dave Gettle to discuss converting the communication system at Well No. 4 to an internet-based system. Harold questioned the safety in going with an internet-based system given the recent cyber-attacks. Dan pointed out that the Authority will need to make sure all systems and system protections be kept up to date.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Frank Mincarelli distributed his report via email which included reviewing USDA required items to be completed prior to bidding. He also reviewed the engineer’s review letter to Lighthouse Church and reminded the engineer that a Developer’s Agreement is still needed from the church. Frank also prepared a draft resolution (2021-08)

rescinding the emergency declaration that was enacted by the Authority last year. Jason Firestine made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08, seconded by Scott Marburger. Motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Bruce's report was distributed to the board. It was noted that the storms from the prior week caused a call out to the WWTP for high influent flow.

Having no further business, Tom McDermott moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19, seconded by Scott Marburger. The next meeting will be held on July 12, 2021 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
Thomas McDermott
East Earl Township
Terre Hill Borough
Robert Rissler
Charles Haley, ELA
Gary Martin, Becker Engineering
Frank Mincarelli, Blakinger Thomas