

# WEAVERLAND VALLEY AUTHORITY

4610 Division Highway  
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## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 14, 2024

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### 1. OPEN MEETING

- A. **Minutes approval (September 9<sup>th</sup>)**
- B. **Public Comment** (public comment otherwise at time of each agenda item)

### 2. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & OTHERS

#### A. Correspondence

Action Items:

- a. Harting Subdivision (Impact Engineering) – Request to defer posting of financial security
- b. Blue Ball Mennonite Church, 143 Ewell Rd. – Request for fire suppression for proposed gym
- c. Mike Timmons, 1475 Conestoga View Dr. – Request to install fence crossing Authority easement

#### 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. Approve purchase of spare parts/equipment
- b. Harting Subdivision – Approve sanitary sewer & water facility design

#### E. **Solicitor's Report** – *Susan Peipher*

#### F. **Operation's Report**—*Bruce Crabb*

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Miller, 108/110 Spring Grove Rd. – Requesting waiver of additional sewer EDU
- B. Sunset Ave. St. - Line Replacement (Water)

### 5. ADJOURN

# Weaverland Valley Authority

## Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2024

The Board of the Weaverland Valley Authority (“Authority”) met at the East Earl Township building 4610 Division Hwy, East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on October 14. Chairman Harold Kilhefner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following board members were present: Harold Kilhefner, Ken Witmer, Craig Tomlinson, Scott Marburger, Gene Pierce, and Terry Zook. 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 Gene Pierce, seconded by Terry Zook, that the minutes of the September 9, 2024, meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Harting Subdivision (Impact Engineering) – The Hartings requested approval to defer posting of sanitary sewer and water facility financial security noted in Becker’s August 24, 2024 review letter. Dan explained that there is no issue with deferring financial security because the Hartings are not developing the properties. They are planning to sell the properties to be developed. Dan also explained that Becker recommends approving the sanitary sewer and water facility design conditioned upon the items noted in the August 24, 2024 review letter being adequately addressed. Gene pierce made a motion to approve the sanitary sewer and water facility design conditioned upon addressing the items noted in the August 24, 2024 review letter, seconded by Scott Marburger. motion carried unanimously. Gene Pierce made a motion to approve the deferral request, seconded by Terry Zook. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Blue Ball Mennonite Church, 142 Ewell Rd. – The church is proposing to build a gym and is requesting to connect the sprinkler system to the public water supply. Dan explained that it has been the policy of the Authority to not provide fire suppression. He also noted that the Authority water system has not been modeled by Becker. Modeling needs to be done to know what the system can supply and to ensure that the domestic and fire flow demands would not adversely impact the Authority’s water distribution system. Mr. Martin explained that they have been advised that they would need a fire flow demand of 350 GPM for 60 minutes. The church would like to avoid installing a water tank and fire pump if possible. Dan noted that Becker can do some preliminary work after they receive plans.
3. Michael Timmons, 1475 Conestoga View Dr. – Mr. Timmons would like to construct a fence which would cross the Authority easement. Mr. Timmons explained that there will be a gate where it crosses the easement. Gene Pierce made a motion to approve the easement encroachment conditioned on the execution of an Easement Encroachment Agreement, seconded by Craig Tomlinson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. M.J. Reider lab reports (Shady Maple) September weekly lab results. There will be no surcharge for September.
5. Regional WWTP Final NPDES Permit.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was read with \$176,258.67 (Sewer \$131,179.84 Water \$45,078.83) in bills for approval.

Water & Sewer Collection Fund	\$7,853.11
Business Checking Water Fund – ENB	\$100,048.77
FDIC Insured Sweep Account – Water	\$1,065,800.71
ENB Checking – Twin Springs Project	\$0.11
FDIC Insured Sweep Account - Sewer	\$5,321,347.91
Business Checking Sewer Fund - ENB	\$250,121.93
FDIC Insured Sweep Account (Debt Reserve Acct.) – ENB	\$1,291,338.96
Short-Lived Asset Account - ENB	\$70,187.13
Joint WWTP Business Checking (Construction Acct.) – ENB	\$785.48

A motion was made by Terry Zook to approve the financial report and pay the bills, seconded by Scott Marburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Denise presented Payment Requisition #29 for the WWTP and Conveyance System project. The amount of the requested loan advance is \$854,280.82. Craig Tomlinson made a motion to approve the WWTF & System Project Payment Requisition #29 in the amount of \$854,280.82, seconded by Gene Pierce. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Dan Becker** reported:

CA/CM: Subsequent to the final paving of the WWTF site, there are several areas that experience water ponding after rain events. One area is near a manhole and is approximately 2" deep. The Authority needs to decide if they want to live with how it is or have it fixed/patched. The hoist has been installed and the UV system has been addressed. HRI completed the grinder pumping unit electrical conduit installation and currently, they are installing grinder pumping unit floats and pumps. Becker continues to track costs incurred by the Authority as a result of HRI's actions. These charges should be back charged to HRI.

Becker continues to track resident issues. Many of the issues have been resolved. Of the remaining issues, Becker intends to recommend satisfying those issues at next month's meeting.

Spare Parts/Equipment for Project: Becker prepared a list of spare parts and equipment they recommend purchasing. The list includes items such as spare pumps, modules, UV lamps, and connectors. The list totals approximately \$135,000. These items were not included in the original project plans so they cannot be included in the USDA financing. Gene Pierce made a motion to approve the purchase of the spare parts and equipment, seconded by Craig Tomlinson. Motion carried unanimously.

PA Auction Center: The property owner has been in communication with the Authority to notify them that the new fire suppression system is operational. The valve to the water tank is closed.

NHBA 2025 Flow Projections: Becker issued correspondence to NHBA dated Sept. 20, 2024, detailing anticipated 2025 flows.

Twin Springs Project: The telemetry system and chemical feed systems are projected to be completed by December 13, 2024.

## **OPERATION'S REPORT:**

Bruce reported that the WWTP was out of compliance for fecal coliform. The issues with the UV systems have now been resolved. Bruce noted that he had 71,500 gallons of sludge haul from the plant in preparation to repair the sludge pipes. Bruce also reported that it was found that the noise coming from the blowers was due to the pipe header alignment. The operations staff did a temporary repair.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Susan reported that lien letters have been sent to property owners with delinquent balances. She also reported that at the September meeting, the board approved the waiver of a tapping fee for 108 Spring Grove Rd. contingent upon East Earl Township revoking the occupancy permit. East Earl Township notified Denise that the property doesn't have an occupancy permit and therefore, it cannot be revoked. The board needs to decide if they would just like to proceed with recording an agreement. The board would like Susan to proceed with drafting an agreement.

Having no further business Scott Marburger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Ken Witmer. The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Bensing

Cc: Harold Kilhefner  
Scott Marburger  
Randy Miller  
L. Eugene Pierce  
Kenneth Witmer  
Jason Firestine  
Terry Zook  
Craig Tomlinson  
East Earl Township  
Terre Hill Borough  
Robert Rissler  
Dan Becker, Becker Engineering  
Susan Peipher, Appel, Yost & Zee