

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD BY THE VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM PLATFORM AND IN PERSON ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, AT 6 PM, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 711 BIRKBECK STREET, FREELAND, PA. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. TIERNEY, MR. KUKLIS, ATTORNEY MALASKA, BRENDEN MILLER OF HRG, STEPHEN WALSH OF HRG, CHRIS FERDIK OF HRG (via Zoom), THE TECHNICAL MANAGER AND THE SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Michele Connors and Michael, who were present via Zoom, did not participate in the meeting. Atty Erinn McCaulley (via Zoom) and Mr. Joseph Petruce, in person, from Citterio USA.

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2026, and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2026, and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

APPROVE APRIL PAID INVOICES

Mr. Tierney made a motion to approve April paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$210,414.79, and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$144,153.34, and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2746-A).

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Kuklis made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$119,220.94, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$119,562.24, and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$222.01, and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2746-B).

There was a discussion of the electrical contract the Authority has in place, Mr. Kavitski inquired about the price per kW and Carlene stated the Authority is paying .0644 per kW.

Mr. Kuklis inquired how many years is the contract and Carlene stated 4 or 5 years, and it was just signed last year.

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2746-C.

Gill, 714 Ingham Street Refund, sold his home and had credit on account; Mr. Fisher made the motion to refund him and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2746-D).

Ratify the 2026 Water Budget, items were rearranged on the Budget, SRBC Grant Reimbursement was received. Mr. Kavitski explained the SRBC funds were placed in the Budget Line for salaries and health insurance for the Authority to hire new employees. Mr. Thomas made the motion to ratify the 2026 Water Division Budget and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2746-E).

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Brenden Miller of HRG, Inc., presented the Engineering Report. (Reference 2746-F). Brenden Miller introduced Stephen Walsh of HRG, who is the Group Manager of the Lehigh Valley Office.

Stephen Walsh stated the Lehigh Valley Office works with the Harrisburg Office. He will be attending some of the meetings. He has a Pennsylvania and New Jersey Engineering License and is familiar with Industrial Pretreatment Area. He stated most of his experience is Wastewater area, but he is familiar with Well Filtration and Pump Systems etc.

Brenden Miller stated it is possible at some point the Lehigh Valley Office may take over the Authority for the Harrisburg Office and this is possibly a year away, but HRG would like to have Stephen Walsh become integrated with the Authority.

Sewer Area

-SIUA and IPP Items – Chris Ferdik of HRG (via Zoom) discussed this area of the report. Citterio inspection with EPA done on April 2, 2026. EPA has 70 days or until June 11, 2026, to issue its PCI report to FMA. HRG recommends an internal review of EPA's PCI report prior to finalization and distribution of Citterio's 2026 inspection report. Additional items covered in the Engineering Report.

Headworks Analysis – finalization of the NPDES Permit before technical report can begin. TDS data is for

monitoring and alarming purposes only and HRG can analyze as appropriate. HRG will undertake as appropriate by the IPP Team with the EPA PCI follow-up work.

-Sludge Dewatering Project – The submittals were approved for the platform extension but schedule for installation was not given yet.

Mr. Kavitski questioned the failure with the VFD.

Brenden Miller stated he sent a warranty claim to Schwing with HRG opinion of the VFD overheating because the panel does not have a fan in it. Schwing came back and said they thought it was a defective VFD, so they sent a new one. The Authority had to haul sludge by Biros and had costs associated with this situation. Once the hauling invoices are received, they will be sent to Schwing asking for reimbursement. Ryan Smith has recorded the temperatures inside the panel which were 106 degrees.

Brenden Miller investigated temperature curve with the unit and found nothing.

Mr. Kavitski stated that type of unit Industry Standard is temps less than 95 degrees. He requests to see the manufacturer's calculations and after receiving all the numbers from Ryan Smith this unit requires at a minimum a cooling fan, if we used the correct HP. He stated he is not happy with Schwing.

Brenden Miller wants Ryan to keep collecting temperature data at the panel.

Mr. Kavitski stated the NEMA 4X is an expensive unit.

-NPDES Permit Renewal – All updated sampling was forwarded to PA DEP for Free Cyanide from February 11, 2026, to April 15, 2026, awaiting word from PA DEP now. Early to mid-Summer should be the time frame for another draft of the NPDES Permit.

FMA's Final NPDES Permit will not be officially issued until early to mid-Summer 2026.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if the tests came back with a non-detect and Ryan Smith stated for FMA Effluent yes, but Citterio had hit for two of the 10 weeks.

Brenden Miller wants to have a meeting with DEP to discuss the CSO Post-Construction Monitoring Plan or submit a memo first. Mr. Kavitski stated we can try the memo first.

-ACT 537 Special Study – HRG is waiting for the PAWC Agreement to be finalized.

Water Area

-Oak Street Water Storage Tank – Last month not a lot of physical construction has gone on but the Dark Fiber is ran to the tank area. Linde came out and did the testing at the tank. Satisfactory BacT test results were received and awaiting the VOC results.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about which lab was completing the VOC tests. Brenden stated he was not sure but would find out this information. Brenden thought the results would be received by this week.

Operations walk through was completed today by PA DEP with HRG.

Ryan Smith stated there are several items to be completed on the punch list – sample tap needs to be installed, mixer control box is broke, splash pad needs to be cemented yet.

Mr. Kavitski stated he went up to the site and had difficulty turning around. It is very tight and he has a car. The Authority has big utility trucks. Turn around area is very small and when driving down the road, not sure of the width of the road, 10 or 12 feet, the swale is right next to the road, concerned about wintertime if road is icy. Slopes are usually 3 to 1, I think it is wrong.

Brenden Miller stated add to the punch list and it will be discussed.

Linde and GR Noto both have APF requests and there is a PENNVEST Payment Request for approval tonight. Brenden Miller stated there should be one or two more payments submittals from the Contractors, but most has been paid out to date. There should be no issues with the contract times. PENNVEST walk through meeting to be scheduled yet.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the road and Brenden Miller stated we will schedule a meeting with Linde to discuss it. Mr. Kavitski stated there is a displacement in the road from maybe a piece of machinery which needs to be investigated.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the contract, was there money put in there to resurface the road and Brenden Miller stated only at the top where the pipe was placed.

Mr. Kavitski stated Foster Township would need to be notified when the tank is completed. There were a lot of stipulations from Foster Township, and we want to be sure all are covered.

Brenden Miller stated the NPDES permit needs to be completed too. He will look at the Foster Township items.

Ryan Smith inquired if the road will be built up at all where it changes from asphalt to dirt. Brenden Miller will look at it.

Mr. Fisher inquired if the arborvitaes were planted and Brenden Miller stated they are.

Brenden Miller stated the gate on the ladder for Oak Street and the Board motioned for a price not to exceed \$4,000, Drifton Precision Quote is at \$3,530. The ladder shield will cost around \$500 and Linde will install it. Brenden Miller will send a picture via email.

There was a discussion regarding the lock and the shield for the ladder and there is no extension to the ladder. The safety cable of the ladder was also discussed.

Brenden Miller stated Tank Project CO #2 for the Electrical Contractor. The CO is due to a discrepancy of \$50.

-SRBC Consumptive Use Mitigation Project (Digital Twin) – Data is being collected and operating as intended. There is an amendment to the FMA Retainer Agreement for the project. This is a small monthly charge for HRG to submit a report on the Water System, with both historical and projected information for the Authority. The report can be customized for what the Authority wants. Informal video on June 10th.

-Sandy Run Corrosion Control Study – DEP has corresponded with HRG which the corrosion control system for Sandy Run will need to be completed by September 2027. HRG recommends commencing design/permitting June 2026. HRG will provide a permit for the effort.

-Iron and Manganese Treatment – Grant application submitted in November 2025, and it will be a while before decision on the grant awards and awaiting the PFAS information.

Mr. Kavitski inquired with Ryan Smith if Well 12 was tested for Nate Eachus.

Ryan Smith stated he thinks it is next Wednesday and is waiting for sample bottles.

Mr. Kavitski stated EPA is changing some of the limits on the other PFAS/PFOS subclasses. We need to obtain both the PFAS/PFOS and Iron & Manganese removals at the same time. Brenden Miller requested to be kept informed of the progress of the PFAS Settlement.

-CFA Small Water & Sewer Grant – The grant for the Water Pigging Project was awarded to the Authority, which is only a partial of the total grant application. HRG and FMA will need to meet to see exactly what can be done for the amount awarded which was \$245,851.00. HRG would like to wait until the Oak Street Storage Tank is completed.

Brenden Miller stated he would like to contact a company for a time frame of when they will be in the area.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the pigging project; can the pipe be damaged or perforated.

Mr. Kavitski stated the odds are small.

Brenden Miller explained there are different strengths of stiffness of foam.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Authority does not want ice pigging, just traditional pigging.

Mr. Fisher stated if you are removing the scaling of the pipe, you are not going to expose a leak in the pipe.

Mr. Kavitski explained the strength of ductile iron pipe.

Brenden Miller stated if valves need to be installed in this area we need to coordinate with Ryan.

-CFA Small Water & Sewer Grant – A grant application was prepared and submitted for the Fe/Mn Well Project in November of 2025. HRG will report to the Board when a decision is made by CFA on the application.

-SRBC Grant Application – The application for the meter procurement was submitted in January 2026, and the Authority was not awarded the grant.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Office Manager has done some creative financing and the Authority can purchase more meters; it will all be explained in the Water Division Report.

Brenden Miller inquired if the Authority was going to install the meters and Mr. Kavitski stated yes.

SEWER DIVISION

Mr. Thomas made a motion to provide Citterio with the Final Consent Order for Signature and Payment of the NOV's and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2748-A).

Mr. Petruce thanked the Board for the motion.

Mr. Kavitski informed Mr. Petruce Atty Pompo, will send the Consent Order for Signature to Atty McCaulley tomorrow and have it returned to the Authority with payment in 10 days, May 29th deadline.

Mr. Petruce asked for it to be sent to Citterio tomorrow morning early so Giovanni can look it over.

Mr. Kavitski stated Carlene will inform Atty Pompo right after the end of the meeting tonight.

Mr. Petruce thanked everyone and stated he wants to keep working together.

Flow Penalty for Citterio is off the list due to the COA.

WATER DIVISION

Check Cathodic Protection-Harding Street Tank Ryan Smith stated it will be checked at the next inspection of the tank. Mr. Kavitski asked Ryan Smith to call around for anode replacement at the Harding Street Tank.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the Oak Street Tank being turned on and Brenden Miller stated he would check. Mr. Kavitski stated it should be turned on, and the Factory Representative should be there to be sure it is dialed in correctly.

Mr. Kuklis stated place locks on the electrical cabinet too.

Oak St Water Storage Tank Contract #24-03 General Construction Pay App #12-Linde Corp in the amount of \$184,023.04; Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Ref 2749-A).

Oak St Water Storage Tank Contract #24-04 Electrical Construction Pay App #4-G R Noto in the amount of \$41,107.50; Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2749-B).

Rescind CO #2 G.R. Noto in the amount of \$100,541.00; Mr. Thomas made the motion to rescind and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

Approve CO #2 Revised G.R. Noto in the amount of \$100,491.00 with the PENNVEST/DEP Change Order Supplement Form; Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2749-C).

Approve PENNVEST Payment Request #14 in the amount of \$245,801.77, for the Oak St Water Storage Tank Project; Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2749-D).

WaterSight Retainer Agreement with HRG, for a monthly lump sum of \$480.00 all inclusive; Mr. Kavitski made the motion to approve and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2749-E).

Ladder Quote – Brenden Miller will send an email with pictures for the Board to decide later.

Core & Main–Meter & Radio Reader Quote – Carlene explained the excel spreadsheet regarding the new employees' wages plus health insurance expenses along with budget amount for the new meters included in this year's budget already. SRBC reimbursement amount totaled \$203,500 minus wages & benefits gave a remaining balance of 119,140. The remaining \$42,200 in budget for meters totals together \$161,340. The quote from Core & Main is \$177,500 minus the \$161,340 minus a credit of \$11,215.75 at Core & Main would equal \$4,944.25 to be pulled out of ESSA Savings Account or Water General Fund. The remaining number of meters after this purchase to be replaced would be 651 to be purchased later.

There was discussion on who was going to install the meters and Carlene stated as soon as I have two dedicated guys, we will start making appointments to change meters and add the radio readers.

Mr. Kuklis inquired how many guys were at the wastewater treatment plant and Ryan Smith stated three guys and if a guy is needed here in Water, someone is pulled out of the treatment plant.

Mr. Kavitski stated at the end of the year maybe we can purchase meters again from Core & Main at a savings.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Core & Main Quote for meters & radio readers at the cost of \$177,500.00 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2749-F).

MANAGER REPORT

Ryan Smith presented the Technical Manager report. (Reference 2749-G).

LRM will provide a new chlorine pump to the Authority to replace the one with issues.

Mr. Kavitski inquired with Brenden Miller if he knew the name of the German manufacturer of pumps, maybe we should try another pump type.

Well 12 new VFD Panel not on site yet.

Well 6 replacement has stalled again. Modern Pump would install one of their sensors, at no charge, but we would not own it.

M & J Quote to mill Ridge Street Area at the cost of \$6,180.00, Mr. Kavitski stated the quote seemed high. The Board decided not to approve the quote.

Mr. Tierney inquired about the number of issues we have had with the Schwing Press this year.

Brenden Miller stated 4 issues.

Netzsch pumps no bids on MunicibiBid will extend the time frame, Board stated lower the reserve price to \$5000.

Decant Upgrade Quote tabled to next month. The guys are manually decanting at this time to allow better settling. Mr. Kavitski would like to look into this further before making the purchase.

Wireworxs – Rooftop Receptacles for Decant Upgrade – Tabled this quote to next month.

Cleveland Bros for Sewer Maple Street Trench Box Rental - Board discussed the option to purchase a trench box.

Mr. Kavitski suggested to total up what is needed to rent and price per foot and then look at Contractors price per foot.

Mr. Thomas suggested obtaining Contractors quotes and the Board will revisit this project.

Ryan Smith informed the Board we have the material to complete the project.

Mr. Kavitski suggested contacting M & J since they are here in town and put together a list of costs in-house and speak to J Leiphart and ask for a quote.

Mr. Thomas suggested completing the worst section. Mr. Kuklis agreed.

M & J Quote Yale Street Manhole Repairs – 2 Manholes at \$5,000 per manhole total \$10,000, Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2750-A).

Mr. Fisher inquired if the sewer camera was used for Maple Street if all the roots were removed and Ryan Smith stated the guys ran the camera when this was an issue with the customer.

Mr. Kavitski and Mr. Fisher suggested waiting until next year to complete the Maple Street area.

Mr. Fisher suggested running the camera in July to check on things.

Mr. Kuklis inquired if the camera was fixed and Ryan Smith stated no, it will not record and I do not know why. Ryan Smith stated he needs to call the manufacturer to have it done.

Mr. Kuklis stated we should have this area documented.

ENGINEERING INVOICES

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve HRG Invoice #207537 \$440.00 and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2750-B).

ATTORNEY REPORT

Atty Malaska stated he covered all items in Executive Session.

OPEN/OTHER ACTIONS

Rainfall for the month was 5.73"

Guyette Phone System Voice over IP Quote – The SCADA system tested fine in the Water Division but at the Sewer Division there was a problem. George from Guyette stated he could get the system to work.

Mr. Kavitski stated the new phone system will save the Authority money. The issue is why it is blocking the callout at the Sewer Division. Mr. Kavitski recommends Board approve the quote based on the callout issue being straightened out, if it is not, we do not proceed.

Carlene stated maybe we would need to keep one Verizon phone line for the Sewer SCADA Callout System and change everything else to Voice over IP.

Mr. Kuklis suggested if we make the switch all should be done.

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to tentatively approve providing the Sewer SCADA Callout is resolved; the quote cost is a one-time set up fee \$1,109.27 and \$228.46 per month afterwards and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2750-C).

1104 Walnut Street Large Water Leak – Customer was away on vacation the Board agreed to give the customer 6 months to pay the large balance. (Reference 2750-D).

1041 Birkbeck Street Sidewalk Repair – Customer owns the sidewalk not the Authority and customer dug the service line not the Authority. The Board denied the repairs and Atty Malaska agreed with the decision. (Reference 2750-E).

Mr. Tierney made the motion to hire Edward Graaf Jr. as a full-time laborer and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. He was originally hired as a part-time Meter Reader and interviewed for a Full-Time Laborer Position and the Board has offered him a full-time position with a start date of May 11, 2026.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to hire Nicholas Petrick as a full-time Laborer and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0.


Mr. Tierney made the motion to hire Joseph Polumbo as part-time summer help and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Kavitski recommends having land surveys done at Well 9, Well 10, Well 12 and lot across from Well 12 so property pins are found. There is a tree in the Well 9 area, which should be cut down, and the Authority is not sure if the tree is on our property or not. Mr. Kuklis made a motion to obtain the quote and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Executive Session was held prior to the meeting.

Mr. Tierney made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

These minutes are certified to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Paul Thomas, Secretary



Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary