

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD BY THE VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM PLATFORM AND IN PERSON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 711 BIRKBECK STREET, FREELAND, PA. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. TIERNEY, MR. KUKLIS, ATTORNEY MALASKA, THE ENGINEER, THE TECHNICAL MANAGER AND THE SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – MOMENT OF SILENCE

MICHAEL BECK OF CORE & MAIN ON RADIO READ METERS

Mr. Beck spoke about the Sensus Software (AutoRead) price increase; Sensus never contacted the Authority. Sensus is no longer selling this software, there is new software called FlexRead, and it is cheaper. This is web-hosted and cloud-based software and user friendly. The Authority can be transitioned very easily with a few things needed for completion. The handheld computer will be replaced with an android tablet or a cellphone with unlimited number of users. The AutoGun information will be read back to a tablet or a cellphone for all customers' water usage. Core & Main will provide a box of radio reads to the Authority for no charge. A box of radio reads has twenty-seven in each box, which is compatible with the system the Authority has now. Core & Main will be doing the FlexRead software, command link box and radio reads for the cost of \$4,300.00 for the year. FlexRead will work with the radio reads which mount over the touchpad installed on the customers' homes.

Mr. Kuklis inquired about the security of the software with it being web-based.

Mr. Beck said the radio frequency is owned by Sensus and no one else has the ability to connect to the frequency. Any interference on the radio frequency the FCC shuts it down immediately. The radio read is a walk by or drive by system with the command link box, which costs \$900.00. This system is one step closer to the automatic read meters with the antenna towers, which the Authority did have a study done years ago. The radio read system can be completed over time. Cellular or a hot spot would work best to load the route, or own Wi-Fi but this is not needed when reading the route. Once the read is captured you will not lose it. The Authority will have the ability to assign or reassign the route to other people. The Meter Reader would be the person to ask for the placement of the radio readers first; customers with dogs or fenced in yards would probably be first.

Meeting will be continued for the ability to vote on this quote.

ALEX ALKONS OF KARL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Mr. Alkons joined the meeting via Zoom Link, a certified trainer for the confined space entry program. The PDFs of the training were sent to Ryan Smith's email.

Mr. Fisher inquired if they were laminated and Mr. Alkons said yes.

Mr. Thomas inquired why such a long wait to get the information here. Mr. Alkons said he was to blame for the cards being late. He wanted to make sure the cards would make the minimum criteria for OSHA.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if there was any hands-on or any actual entry performed with the confined space training.

Mr. Alkons stated we did not physically go into any hole in the training. We walked through the procedure conceptionally.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if access forms were filled out. Mr. Alkons said no.

Mr. Kuklis stated the Board assumed it would be hands-on training in the areas the Authority has. The intention was for one of the guys to go into the hole to use all equipment, so they had an idea of how it all worked for this facility.

Mr. Alkons stated the employees put on the body wear.

Ryan Smith said yes, the body wear and tripod were done but not in a confined area.

Mr. Alkons stated he went over all the items and videos were watched regarding the procedures as well.

Mr. Tierney stated that no practical training applied and totally disagreed that conceptual training would qualify.

Mr. Alkons said he totally disagreed.

Mr. Tierney stated the understanding of the training was the employees would be put in a real situation. Hands-on training was our understanding and that did not happen.

Mr. Alkons stated if the Authority is not satisfied, he could do a physical observation of each employee going into a confined entry, but his understanding was this would be adequate.

Mr. Tierney stated the Authority is not happy with the training. Mr. Kuklis inquired about why the training took place when the Authority did not have all equipment present.

Mr. Alkons stated most of the spaces the Authority has can be reclassified by OSHA standards. If you eliminate all hazards within the confined space, no mechanical or electrical, that could injure an employee

and evaluate the air using the meter, can now be a non-classified confined space. My understanding was the employees would enter the spaces as a non-classified confined space or a non-permit confined space. Mr. Alkons stated the confined space training which the employees took part in is acceptable training per OSHA. If the Authority would like hands-on, he can certainly come back and provide this training later. Mr. Kavitski stated the Board appreciated Mr. Alkons taking the time tonight to explain things and will look for the items you are to send to the Authority. Mr. Fisher inquired when the cards/certificates would be sent to the Authority. Mr. Alkons stated within a week.

JOHN NONNEMACHER & MICHAEL GAIZICK OF SNYDER & CLEMENTE-2024 AUDIT

Mr. Nonnemacher thanked the Board for having Snyder & Clemente complete the 2024 audit. He was happy to report the audit went very well and had full cooperation from Carlene and the Authority. The fieldwork was completed, and they are rendering an unqualified opinion, meaning a clean record for the Authority's financial statement. They looked at the numbers and the internal control with actions from when they were initiated, testing of payroll, cash disbursements, cash receipts and capital improvements and so forth. There are big capital projects going on and as the project is progressing to completion all the invoices are placed in a work in progress bucket. When the project is completed, it starts being depreciated over its life. Governmental accounting needs full transparency so the last couple of years pension liability needs to be placed on the books, and the Authority has a net pension asset which is very unique. Full disclosure of the financial statements needs to be such; a reader would be able to assess the whole organization by reading the audit.

The summary version of the income statement is that the water side has a net profit of about \$500,000 and the sewer side about \$300,000. Balance Sheet side working capital ratio is very good. I need to congratulate you at the beginning of the audit, the entrance interview consists of various questions for changing from the year prior such as rate increase, personnel changes, any litigation, capital acquisitions, and so forth to look for an inherited risk. The longer-term view of the organization here is done well. You look at what you have done and what you are accomplishing, and you are doing that and their entities that do not pay attention to the infrastructure and it is only a matter of time before it shows up in leaks and breakdowns.

Mr. Kavitski thanked John and Michael for all their work, and we try to do our best. The Board works well together and hopefully we can continue with projects. Mr. Kavitski stated he was impressed with Carlene receiving an unqualified opinion on the audit. Mr. Fisher and the other Board Members also thanked her. (Reference 2645-A).

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens were present at the meeting.

APPROVE JUNE MINUTES

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes dated June 18, 2025, and

Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 18, 2025, and

Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2025, and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.

APPROVE JUNE PAID INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve June paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$439,878.43, and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$334,405.96, and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2645-B).

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Kuklis made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$393,889.12, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$62,818.12, and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$74.89, and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2645-C).

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2645-D.

Carlene informed the Board two Certificates of Deposit are maturing on July 30, 2025, but it is too early to contact the bank for rates. Carlene will contact the bank when the renewal date is closer and inform the Board of a renewal rate for a decision of term.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Brenden Miller and Justin Mendinsky of HRG, Inc., presented the Engineering Report. (Ref. 2646-A).

Sewer Area

-SIUA and IPP Items – Chris Ferdik of HRG discussed this area of the report.

Citterio provided the July 2025 progress report today. Improved IPP compliance since February meeting. July 7th Letter sent to Citterio regarding the TDS limits. The meeting with Citterio on July 10, 2025, was overall a successful one and the next meeting is scheduled for August 29th at the Authority Office. Citterio presently has a grant total of \$267,375.00 in civil penalties.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about Citterio's current treatment system, and if it can handle the waste, how could they automate chemicals and not know.

Chris Ferdik thought technology should have been looked at prior to chemicals. Veolia seems to be looking at working with what they have first. Chris Ferdik will be developing the next meeting agenda on Citterio.

Mr. Fisher stated the meeting was good, but his suggestion is to let Citterio respond to line items.

-Sludge Dewatering Project – The substantial completion was done on July 8, 2025, and a punch list was generated from the walkthrough inspection. There was a plug blow out on Tuesday, and a Sherwood Logan Rep, Eric came to the WWTP. One of the best issues between last month's meeting and this meeting is that PSI, the general contractor, did not realize they were to coordinate with JDV Conveyor and Velodyne, the polymer system company for the startup of the equipment. May need to investigate the chemical dosing changes.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the load at the plant. Ryan Smith stated may need to decant differently.

Brenden Miller stated about the equipment delays the electrical contractor submitted a Change Order for the bonding extension. Brenden Miller drafted a memo and sent it to Attorney Malaska for review. HRG is recommending the Authority go to Sherwood Logan for the cost of the Change Order with correspondence from Attorney Malaska. Attorney Malaska stated the delay with the equipment certainly was not caused by the Authority and the Authority should go to Sherwood Logan who was the supplier of the equipment.

Schwing started the equipment without Velodyne on site which caused a short in panel, any cost of this should be passed on to the general contractor for not coordinating all parties for the startup. All information regarding this matter will be passed to Attorney Malaska as well. Change Order 1A is on the agenda for approval tonight. Brenden Miller stated Change Order 1 as a reminder for the Board that was presented at the May Meeting regarding the filtrate pump station that was approved for time and material basis. The cost of this Change Order was \$56,956.31, PENNVEST Change Order Form must be done. The final amount of the Change Order is \$47,467.75. PSI AFP #4 is also on the agenda tonight for Board approval.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the platform issue on the Sludge Dewatering Equipment.

Brenden Miller stated HRG re-reviewed the design, access to the back half of the press is not needed.

Mr. Kavitski stated if Schwing puts covers on both sides of the equipment then you need access to both sides. The platform needs to be wider with handrails. The operators should not have to pull out the dumpster and get a ladder to open the lids to spray down the centrifuge. This is a safety issue and a hazard, and the Authority needs a platform to walk around just like the other side. A platform should be around the back side and Mr. Kavitski spoke to Luke Swails regarding this issue.

Justin Mendinsky of HRG said he would like to go to the facility to look at the design.

Mr. Kavitski said there is a beam going around the center and it would need to be wrapped with a bumper guard because you would need to duck under this beam. If you need access to these doors, you should not have to go pulling the dumpster out to access the doors then work with a hose off a ladder, which is not acceptable.

Brenden Miller stated a meeting to discuss a resolution to the platform issue; it will be scheduled.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the new sludge press equipment.

Ryan Smith stated the operators have resumed pressing sludge. Representative Eric recommended a poly dolly for the polymer system, to have the polymer drum horizontal, instead of upright like the old system.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the weight of the polymer in a 55-gallon drum.

Ryan Smith stated the operators move the drums around on the dolly now and a new poly dolly is supposed to make things better.

Mr. Kavitski stated as long as it will work and how many drums are used.

Ryan Smith said every couple of weeks the drums are changed out. Mr. Kavitski inquired if a bulk system would be better. Ryan Smith said there are times when there are issues with the polymer, so we stay with drums instead.

Ryan Smith stated there is a leak underneath the large red pressure tank, looks like a water line dripping and the floc tank looks like the gasket up the top pushed out.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the pictures the Board received from the treatment plant.

Ryan Smith explained the flocc tank is the brains of the new unit so the system runs off the pressure in the tank, so when the pressure drops, it calls for more flow sludge and inside the screw press itself there is a sludge plug that develops under normal operation, and it was so thin, it got washed out and the pressure dropped in the tank and it called for more flow through the tank and it blew right out of the press and overflowed out the door.

Mr. Kavitski stated the air lines, are coming off, a clamp should be used instead of sticky tie backs.

-NPDES Permit Renewal – HRG and FMA received an email from DEP on July 2, 2025, concerning the renewal status of the NPDES Permit. DEP inquired about the CSO Post Construction Monitoring Plan, which DEP claimed should have been submitted with the FMA's 2021 NPDES Permit renewal application. A copy of the Long-Term Control Plan dated February 2017 was provided to DEP as well as reminder OF FMA's Chapter 94 annual CSO reporting duties. On July 9, 2025, DEP decided to officially issue the Authority's Draft NPDES Permit. HRG and the Authority staff will continue to correspond with DEP as necessary, including submission of any comments. The Headworks Analysis will need to be completed. Mr. Kavitski inquired if there were any changes in the TDS limits and Chris Ferdik said he saw no changes.

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

Water Area

-Oak Street Water Storage Tank – Virtual job conference held on July 3rd. Caldwell Tank is scheduled for July 28th and Linde will temporarily cease work on-site until the tank is completed. AFP #5 was submitted by Linde and PV Payment Request #7 to be approved for submission tonight.

Ryan Smith stated he will contact PTD to start the Pole Survey.

-SRBC Water Conservation Grant – HRG has begun implementation of the Digital Twin and is working to incorporate the existing WaterGEMS model into the system. Staci Hartz has been meeting with Bentley Software to set up the program with an August 8th go live date. Once it is up login information will be given to the Authority for access to the system. Keystone and Garland have been meeting for the ability to link to the PC at the Authority. Keystone's work will be added to the grant and HRG is requesting a quote from Keystone Engineering now. The Board is happy with the presentation from Mike Beck of Core & Main regarding the Sensus Meters. Brenden Miller will look at the Core & Main quote for smart meters with the possibility to run radio readers for the customers through the grant too.

Mr. Kavitski said he was happy with the presentation which Mike Beck provided and was glad the Authority met with Core & Main.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the leak logger equipment, if the Authority has a major leak, would it contact us immediately or 24 hours later.

Brenden Miller explained the data loggers only read once a day, if there were a major leak it would trip an alarm.

Mr. Fisher inquired about modifying a data logger with an auxiliary power source to read continuously. Brenden Miller said he was not sure about that question, and he would find out the answer. The Digital Twin will monitor all continuously, but the leak loggers are to pinpoint approximately where the leak is located.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Rate of Change Alarm through the SCADA System would inform the Authority of a major leak.

Ryan Smith stated the leak at Adams Street, the call first came from a customer and right after that, the data logger sent an alarm too.

Mr. Kavitski stated we need to see if the data loggers can be used with solar power so the system could provide readings several times a day instead of once a day.

Brenden Miller stated the batteries with the data loggers are programmed for reading once a day only, so the batteries will last 5 years or so. Research on solar is approximately \$6700.00 per unit.

Ryan Smith stated it may be challenging to filter out a leak versus all the traffic for readings during the day.

Brenden Miller stated maybe pick roads with less traffic would work. He will reach out to the vendor to discuss this option.

Mr. Kavitski stated the pipe tuberculation may also interfere with the data loggers due to signals not being as strong.

Brenden Miller stated once the entire package is together it will be more beneficial.

Mr. Kavitski stated Digital Twin with all SCADA programming will be a major amount of information.

-Sandy Run Corrosion Control Study – No comments/updates from PA DEP.

-PFAS, Iron and Manganese Treatment – Water quality parameters were sent to AdEdge. HRG is waiting on preliminary design documents from AdEdge.

-ARPA Grant Administration – No update.

-CFA Small Water & Sewer Grant – The Grant was submitted for the Water Main Pigging with the anticipated award date of March 2026.

Justin Mendinsky of HRG said the Board asks a lot of great questions. HRG wants to be part of the team with the Authority and wants to continue to provide a high level of service.

SEWER DIVISION

Mr. Kuklis made a motion to approve the Dewatering Upgrade Project Contract #24-01 General Construction Pay App #4 - PSI Pumping in the amount of \$13,540.90 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2648-A).

Brenden Miller stated PENNVEST is aware Change Order 1A is coming to replace the original Change Order 1.

Mr. Kavitski asked for a motion to rescind Change Order 1 so there are no issues with PENNVEST.

Mr. Tierney made a motion to rescind Change Order #1 in the amount of \$56,956.31 and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Tierney made a motion to approve Change Order 1A in the amount of \$47,467.75, and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2648-B).

Mr. Kavitski explained the Chestnut Street Sewer Replacement Project bids came in too high, so it needs to be publicly bid, and it is too deep for the Authority employees to replace.

HRG Agreement for the Chestnut Street Sewer Replacement with the Survey Phase, Mr. Tierney made the motion with a not to exceed price of \$11,100.00 and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0. (Ref. 2648-C).

PA American Water Addendum Extension until October 31, 2025, Mr. Kavitski asked for a motion to extend or deny the extension. Mr. Tierney made the motion to deny the extension and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

WATER DIVISION

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve Oak St Water Storage Tank Contract #24-03 General Construction Pay App #5 – Linde Corp in the amount of \$96,400.12 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2648-D).

Mr. Kavitski asked for a motion to rescind PENNVEST Payment Request #7 in the amount of \$247,787.91 from last month for the Oak Street Tank Project, Mr. Tierney made the motion to rescind and Mr. Kuklis second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the Revised PENNVEST Payment Request #7 in the amount of \$355,691.79 for the Oak Street Tank Project and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2648-E).

SmartSights – XL Reporter Pro Annual Subscription in the amount of \$2,400.00, Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2648-F).

MANAGER REPORT

Ryan Smith presented the Technical Manager report. (Reference 2648-G).

MegAlerts System showed possible pump failure at Well 4, the pump is currently shut off. The flow stayed the same, but the MegAlerts showed the pump steadily dropped off last month.

Mr. Kavitski stated it is the motor and not the pump. This well motor was just converted approximately 6 years ago, when the Well was rehabbed with a new pump, motor and cable in 2019. Leib Drilling did the replacement of the equipment.

Ryan Smith inquired about vertical turbines because there have been failures with other submersible pumps at other well locations.

Mr. Kavitski stated a vertical turbine was in Well 4 prior to the rehab which was there for probably fifty years.

Ryan Smith stated the water system is being run even with the Well 4 down but it could be used in an emergency.

Mr. Kavitski stated the quote is above the bidding requirements, so the Authority needs to obtain two more quotes. He also said maybe the cable was nicked on the way down not exactly sure what is wrong until the pump and motor are pulled out of the Well. The Well is not plum which makes things more difficult.

Mr. Fisher inquired about the level sensor being placed down the Well when the pump and motor are replaced. Mr. Kavitski stated yes it will be completed at the same time.

Brenden Miller stated that changing the pump and motor check with DEP to be sure a permit application is not needed. Justin Mendinsky stated another client needed a permit application even though they did not change the pump or motor size.

Ryan Smith stated he pulled the DEP allocation numbers and compared them to the SRBC numbers, SRBC set the limit at 58,000 gpd for Well 4 and DEP says 252,000 gpd.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if Well 4 is capable of that volume.

Ryan Smith said no but he was just pointing out the differences.

Mr. Kavitski stated the Authority needs to speak with Jay Lynch because he did the grandfathering of the Wells, and the Authority was saying the amounts were too low.

Ryan Smith spoke with Jay Lynch, who recommended a permit modification for Well 10, the pump is not big enough to pump more gallons per day.

Mr. Kavitski said to have Jay Lynch attend the next monthly meeting. A smaller pump was put into Well 10 several years ago during the drought situation. Now a bigger pump would be a better situation and still be under the SRBC limits.

Mr. Kuklis inquired about Well 17, and what the Authority is permitted to pump.

Ryan Smith stated 342,000 gpd at Well 17 and we are pumping around 100,000 per day, which is the DRBC. DEP limit is 312,000 gpd.

Mr. Kavitski stated if pumping more at Well 17 the water levels drop too fast.

Ryan Smith stated during the drought in October and November last year, Well 17 was triggering low level alarms at times.

Brenden Miller stated Jay Lynch should look at the PFAS, iron and manganese levels at Well 10.

Ryan Smith informed the Board about A1 primary waste pump valve not operating properly.

Mr. Kavitski inquired what circumstances it was triggering to open when it should not have been. Need to find the root of the problem.

Ryan Smith stated maybe the actuators should have been replaced instead of being repaired, especially for the price the Authority paid.

Ryan Smith went over the Biros quotes – 1 for half day and 1 for full day, with help from Authority staff. Tank A is worse than Tank B. Ryan Smith recommends buying a pump truck for the Authority.

Mr. Kavitski stated they are too expensive to purchase; they are approximately one million dollars.

Mr. Tierney made a comment about a bank robbery, and everyone laughed. Mr. Tierney stated well I am on record with that one.

Ryan Smith discussed the Sewer Budget, specifically the maintenance budget is depleting so he had the idea to reallocate some of the funds from the Sludge Hauling which was not used during the downtime of the Sludge Dewatering Project.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if these funds are from our monies or the construction monies.

Ryan Smith stated our funds because hauling was not done for three months.

Mr. Kavitski asked for a motion not to exceed \$2,660.00 for the four hours. Carlene explained quote will be higher than \$2600.00 because of the \$200.00 per ton and .16 cents per liquid on top of the \$2,600.00.

Mr. Fisher stated if you are spraying it all with a hose to contain to one side of the tank, you certainly will be adding the amount of liquid to haul.

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve the Biros Quote to clean the EQ tanks with a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2649-A).

Next item the metal grating over the sump drains by the filtrate discharge of the press, Aluminum grating quote from A to S Metals – 4 sections total 2-1/4" high by 3/16" thick bars and they would measure for the fit \$3,380.00. Fiberglass Grates on Grainger.com – 2 Pack 4 x 6 and price under \$2,000.00 and they can be cut inhouse. Ryan also spoke to Fibergrate Composite Structures for grates rated for the weight of the skid steer to run over the grates and the company is working on a quote.

Mr. Kavitski inquired that the grate which the skid steer runs over; leave that one and just replace the other sections.

Ryan Smith stated we could do that yes.

Mr. Kavitski said without having the weights determined and not sure if the grates could hold the weight.

The quotes for either aluminum or fiberglass grates are tabled until next meeting.

HACH DR300 Ammonia Meter handheld unit was discussed.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the spectrophotometer; does it not work.

Ryan Smith said that unit is for the Water Division.

Mr. Kavitski thought the Authority purchased one for both divisions.

Ryan Smith stated he will check at the Sewer Plant in the laboratory.

Table until the next meeting.

Ferguson Exchange/Return/Correction of the Wyoming St PS Plug Valve

Ryan Smith stated he purchased parts for the Wyoming St PS from Ferguson. The employee from Ferguson who I was working with sold me the wrong plug valve. The plug valve the Authority needs is to be buried, and the one Ferguson sold us is not this type. There was an additional invoice approved at last month's meeting for the fittings etc. and the Authority has not paid this invoice yet. The total of all parts from Ferguson, \$19,129.19; issues with the delivery parts were incorrect and determined that the valve should not be buried due to the quality of the paint, metals, and the hardware. I told Carlene not to pay the \$8,189.19 invoice because the Authority needs to work this out with Ferguson. Looking at all the parts, the Authority will keep the coupler and pipe only at the cost of \$1,897.34. The original plug valve will be returned to Ferguson and FMA will receive a check for \$8,752.00 which has a 20% restocking fee, the original price was \$10,940.00.

Mr. Tierney stated they sent us the wrong thing, and we are paying a restocking fee.

Ryan Smith stated yes, I am arguing with them over the fee.

Mr. Tierney stated that we should not pay the restock fee.

Mr. Kuklis stated we did not get what we wanted.

Ryan Smith stated I am still in conversation with them over the restocking fee.

Mr. Kavitski inquired what was actually requested from Ferguson.

Ryan Smith stated an 18-inch full port plug valve to be buried at the Wyoming St PS. The guy I originally worked with they removed from this job. And it is his fault.

Mr. Fisher inquired if any of this is in writing; what you wanted.

Ryan Smith stated I think it's in my emails to Ferguson.

Mr. Tierney stated the quotes should show this; the quote was approved at a Board Meeting.

Ryan Smith stated a new quote was recently given to him for the correct plug valve, MJ accessory kit and gaskets, which came to \$11,898.00. Total cost from Ferguson will be \$15,983.34 (this total includes the loss on the restocking fee) compared to the original estimated cost of \$19,129.19 which still is a project savings of \$3,145.85. I would like to move forward with the right parts and fittings, return the valve and fight for the restocking fee to be waived, and schedule this project after the others are done – Chestnut St and North/Laurel Streets; would like to complete in the Fall of this year. Any questions.

Mr. Tierney stated so many questions but ones you cannot answer.

Next Item – Poly-Doly for \$717.00 for the polymer feed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve the purchase and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2650-A).

Carlene inquired if we could revisit the Wyoming St PS Plug Valve

Mr. Kavitski stated wait for word on the waiver of the restocking fee prior to purchasing the other items.

Mr. Thomas stated Ryan Smith wants to purchase the correct items now.

Ryan Smith said he is back and forth with another employee at Ferguson regarding the restocking fee.

Mr. Thomas stated okay, let us wait until the restocking fee is settled.

Last Item – For the percent solids on the Digester – The system now takes too long to dry it out, 24-hours later, until the percent total is received with the furnace we have now. The Ohaus Moisture Analyzer will help the employees save time with a result in minutes. It is a critical part of the press; day old data is not good for the percent solids. Schwing recommended this product. Model is MB32.

Mr. Kavitski inquired with Brenden Miller whether this piece of equipment could be added to the Dewatering Project.

Ryan Smith stated the Sewer Division Budget has money in the testing equipment.

Justin Mendinsky of HRG said they would need to check with PENNVEST to see if the equipment would be eligible.

Mr. Kavitski stated if the equipment cannot be placed on the project, then the Authority will purchase using the budget money.

Mr. Kuklis made the motion to approve, either through the project or by Authority funds, and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2650-B).

Mr. Fisher inquired about the way the Authority employees will use the poly-doly with the 55-gallon drums. The employees will need to have half the weight of the drum.

Ryan Smith inquired if Mr. Fisher has ever moved items on a dolly.

Mr. Kavitski inquired what the weight of the polymer is.

Ryan Smith said he was not sure of the weight.

Mr. Kavitski stated if it is more than 10.5 lbs. per gallon this dolly is only good for 600 lbs.

Mr. Fisher is explaining to Ryan when the 55-gallon drum is upright, you will need to lift the dolly, then lay the dolly and drum on this side, that is a lot of weight for two men to handle.
 Ryan Smith said there are special handles for clearance. The angles and the physics you have the leverage. It is designed to handle a 55-gallon drum.
 Mr. Fisher stated I am not disputing the design. I am asking if the employees can do it. The vertical to horizontal is the concern.
 Mr. Kavitski stated to check with the polymer weight and if it is more than 10.5 lbs. per gallon look for something different.
 Mr. Fisher stated I think you are going to have trouble with it but that is my opinion.
 Ryan Smith said he will look into it. I did read reviews online and they were all good.
 Mr. Fisher stated I am sure there are good reviews, but do we have enough muscle to do this.
 Ryan Smith stated I will get a weight on the polymer.

ENGINEERING INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve HRG Invoice #195191 \$3,000.00; Invoice #196214 \$25,741.48; Invoice #196216 \$12,744.50; and Invoice #196217 \$4,710.00 and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2651-A).

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Malaska stated the two parcels of land were closed, PAWC draft, Citterio and the bond extension for the Sludge Dewatering Project.
 Mr. Kuklis inquired if the property boundaries are marked. Attorney Malaska stated he understood there were pins there. He recommended Luzerne County GIS to eyeball, where the pins are from a recent survey. Carlene stated the Board discussed having Baer & Evans to come in and do a survey after purchase.

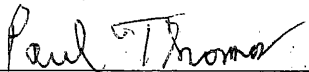
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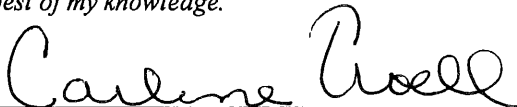
Rainfall for the month was 6.13".
 Increase water off and on charge right now is \$30.00 off and \$30.00 on. Attorney Malaska inquired about the staff time completing this task. Attorney Malaska was glad to hear the Authority is sending two employees together to complete it, it is better to send two in case of disputes.
 Mr. Kuklis made the motion to increase the amount to \$50.00 off and \$50.00 on and Mr. Tierney second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Tierney made the motion to approve Michele Connors as Secondary Contact for PMRS Pension Fund and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Tierney made the motion to continue the meeting until Wednesday July 23, 2025, at 10 AM and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

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


 Paul Thomas, Secretary


 Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary