

MABE Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Floyd Jennelle
Steve Keech, Chairman
Greg Siwik
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering via telephone
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild
Lorrie Stolz

Absent:

Dan Engro
Mike Trojecki

Others in Attendance:

John Weidman, Brown Plus
George Firrantello

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

Motion made by Greg Siwik and seconded by Darrell Gibble to approve March 31, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence/Communication

None

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the April payables per Check Register presented. **Motion made by Darrell Gibble and seconded by Floyd Jennelle to approve the April payables as presented. Motion carried by all.**

John Weidman, Brown Plus discussed account balances. He stated the PPL invoices and Inks Disposal invoices are a little higher than this time last year. Lorrie will email a copy of the Inks Disposal invoices to John Dean to review. John also discussed the long-range plan. George Firrantello asked Keith Showalter if there are any large projects that would like done that have not been planned for; Keith stated we received a grant for the Saddler PS, he would like to continue to apply for grants as they become available. Steve Keech stated he would like to consider selling the ten (10) acres where the lagoons used to be and possibly put in a solar field.

Operator's Report

John Dean stated the average daily flow was 76,000 gallons a day in March, he stated this is typical for this time of year; there were no NPDES violations. He stated the plant is running normally and all sample averages are below permit limits. John discussed the maintenance that has been done at the plant. He stated that the Sigma control panel will be installed on Tuesday, May 5th at the Corbett PS. John stated he is currently in the process of setting up an account with AIM.

Engineer's Report

- Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Working on this project.
- PennDOT Emergency Permit – Keith stated he renewed the permit online and the current permit expiration date is 8/11/2026.
- Act 537 Report – Keith stated he is working on this project.
- Capital Improvements Plan Update – Keith stated he had a follow-up Teams meeting with John Weidman of Brown Plus; the Long-Range Plan has been updated based on projected schedule.
- ARPA Small Water and **Sewer Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – Keith stated the televising and lining work has been completed; he is finalizing the bid documents for the remaining work that is needed; he will send these documents to Stephen for his review.
- ARPA H2O PA **STP Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – Keith stated he will need to request a grant extension.

- STP Generator and Pump Station #1 Backup Power – Keith stated the project will cost \$55,000. Steve Keech stated he would like to get this done this summer.
- Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – Keith stated the manufacturer and production is behind schedule and delivery is expected in September. He is completing the Bid Documents for the installation; he will send this to Stephen Kalis for review.
- 2025 PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant –Keith stated he would like to get this surveyed. Keith will let John Dean and Lorrie know when it is scheduled to be surveyed so Lorrie can let the HOA know.
- 2025 LSA Grant **Sewage Pump Station Improvements** – Keith stated he prepared and submitted the grant application and associated documents.
- Acceptance of Clean Fill at STP Site – Keith stated he is gathering past information regarding filling and grading of the lagoon area and will contact the Chester County Conservation District to confirm permit requirements for accepting clean fill.
- 127 E. Conestoga Rd – Keith stated DEP is requiring an Intermunicipal Agreement with W. Nantmeal Twp to serve this lot. Keith stated the MABE will need to replenish the original escrow account to cover additional engineering and legal expenses. Stephen Kalis suggested requesting an additional escrow in the amount of \$1,500. Lorrie will send a letter requesting the additional escrow funds.
- 6 Brewery Lane, C&M Best Choice (Vixen Hill property) – Keith stated the previous sub-division plan that was submitted to the Borough was recorded at the County in 1991. Steve Keech stated he would like to confirm that there are sewer easements there, he suggested they should televise the lines and laterals to prove they are acceptable to the authority, and what type of material they will be using there that will be going through the sewer lines. Stephan Kalis and Keith will work on this together.

Solicitor's Report

No report

Old Business

None

New Business

Steve Keech discussed an EPA warning letter the MABE received. John Dean discussed the concerns addressed in the EPA letter from the inspection that occurred at the plant in March of 2024. John stated that the EPA inspections are random. Steve asked Keith if this would affect any of the grants that we have applied for or will apply for; Keith does not feel this will impact the grants. John Dean and Stephen Kalis drafted a response letter; John will send that letter out tomorrow.

Admin Update

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **May 26, 2026, at 7:00pm.**