

MABE Meeting Minutes April 29, 2025

In Attendance:

Darrell Gible
Steve Keech
Dan Engro
Greg Siwik
Floyd Jennelle
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Charlotte Gehman

Absent:

Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild

Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA
Mike Trojecki, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p by Steve Keech who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Motion by Floyd to approve March 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Second by Darrell. Motion Approved.

Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Communication

PMAA Region 1 Dinner Follow-up from Greg - Greg shared the information and connections he made at the dinner.
TriCounty Halter Landscaping Merger - Charlotte let the Board know that Tri-County Landscaping has merged with Halter Landscaping. This is the contractor we use for snow removal.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the April payables per Check Register presented. **Motion by Floyd to approve the April payables as presented. Second by Greg. Motion approved.**

Finance Committee Report – Dan transferred funds for the April payables. He reviewed the account balances. The bi-annual loan payment will come out of the Money Market on May 1st, 2025. One Citadel money market is coming due in June. Board will likely roll it over after reviewing the interest rates. Charlotte and Dan will continue to implore Truist to help us understand why we are no longer earning interest in the Money Market account.

Controller Services Recommendation - Review of the controller services from RKL and Brown Plus. **Motion by Darrell to approve Brown Plus at the rates noted in their engagement letter. Second by Greg. Motion approved.**

Operator's Report

Average daily flow in March was 74,000 gallons a day. Both trains were running normally and within permit in March. Replaced two belts in the blower building. Portable generator connections are older. Steve asked John to get a quote to improve the connections. 2.3 million gallons treated for the month. All pump station numbers look good.

Blower #3 Air Release Valve - The valve was replaced. The Lakeside brush broke so that part has been ordered and received. The new brush will be installed this week. It is a labor-intensive repair as the unit must be pulled from the pit. EEMA is implementing a new software that they hope will be an additional aid to communication.

Engineer's Report

Tensor Motorcar Project – Review of request by Dave Stoltzfus to return Construction Escrow Funds.

Motion by Floyd to approve return of Construction Escrow Funds of \$8,111.36 to Stoltzfus Enterprises for the Tensor Motorcar Project. Second by Dan. Motion approved.

Act 537 Report – Keith needs to get back in touch with SSM to finalize.

PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddler Pump Station Improvements** Grant - Grant application was submitted on April 25th.

Local Share **Pump Station Improvements** Grant Application – Waiting for awards anticipated for September 2025.

Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project - Keith met with his staff but they still need a site visit to prepare the bid documents and will ask Stephen to review.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project -Keith has confirmed that the contractor can accept CoStars. Keith wants to get quotes for televising prior to asking for approval from the Board. Keith expects to have a sewer televising quotes for the May Board meeting and would like to get the work completed this year.

ARPA H2O PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project - Still working with Purestream on a proposal.

Easement Plans and Right of Ways - Keith expects Kevin Mohn of SDE will need to make a trip to the office to review with Charlotte what easements are missing.

Solicitor's Report

None

Old Business

TVEC Pump Station Rehab Project - Need to confirm the easement on site and get quotes and a plan and notify the school district.
New Computer Equipment/Staff - Steve has had discussions with Merle and Lorrie Stolz. Lorrie is willing to try managing both jobs. Merle and Steve are revising the agreement between the Borough and MABE.

New Business

Electric Boxes at WWTP – EEMA is checking with Service Electric to find out if the boxes at the WWTP are still in use as they tend to sit in water when it rains .

Admin Update

Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59p.

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **April 27, 2025, at 7:00p.**