

MABE Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026

In Attendance:

Darrell Gibble
Dan Engro
Steve Keech, Chairman
Greg Siwik - via telephone
Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild – via telephone
Lorrie Stolz

Absent:

Floyd Jennelle

Others in Attendance:

Mike Trojecki

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Dan Engro and seconded by Darrell Gibble to approve January 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence/Communication

2026 Landscape Maintenance Proposal **Motion made by Darrell Gibble and seconded by Dan Engro to accept the 2026 Landscape Maintenance Proposal from Heilner Landscape Co. Motion carried by all.**

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the February payables per Check Register presented. **Motion made by Dan Engro and seconded by Darrell Gibble to approve the January payables as presented. Motion carried by all.**

Finance Committee Report – Dan reviewed the account balances.

Operator's Report

John Dean stated the average daily flow was 77,000 gallons a day in January. He stated there were no NPDES violations for the month; the plant is running normally, and all sample averages are below permit limits. John discussed maintenance that was performed at the treatment plant which included replacing the motor in Blower #2, clearing frozen debris from the lakeside unit, and he stated the decant pump line froze. John stated that Saddle pump #2 needs to be pulled, it is running 2 to 3 hours more than pump #1. He stated they will need a crane truck and operator for this. Steve Keech mentioned the access to the Saddle pump station is not ideal and suggested using a backhoe to hoist the pump out. John Dean said he will get a price for a new pump. John stated that the company he purchased the filter panels from contacted him, they are no longer carrying those panels and offered him what they had in stock; John stated he only had to pay for shipping. Steve asked John to get quotes for service for the generator at the plant; Steve would like to have this for the next meeting.

Engineer's Report

2025 Chapter 94 Report – Keith discussed the Chapter 94 report. **Motion made by Darrell Gibble and seconded by Dan Engro to approve the 2025 Chapter 94 Report and Authorize Chairman to sign the required documents for submission to DEP. Motion carried by all.**

Tensor Motorcar Project – Keith stated the Deed of Dedication has been executed and recorded. He recommended approval to release the remaining escrow less payment of any outstanding engineering and legal invoices. **Motion made by Darrell Gibble and seconded by Dan Engro to approve releasing remaining escrow funds less payment of any outstanding engineering and legal invoices. Motion carried by all.**

Act 537 Report – Keith stated SDE is reviewing and should have this wrapped up by next month.

PA Small Water & Sewer **Saddle Pump Station Improvements** Grant – Keith stated Grant Agreement documents were received and signed by the designated Board members. SDE will prepare design and bid documents.

Local Share **Headworks/HVAC** Grant Project – Keith stated he is working on this and will be sending it to Stephen Kalis for review shortly.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer **Collection System Rehab** Grant Project – Keith stated ART submitted an invoice in the amount of \$66,181.35 which has been reviewed by SDE. SDE has prepared Grant Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$64,104.00 for review and approval by MABE for submission to DCED. **Motion made by Darrell Gible and seconded by Dan Engro to approve Grant Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$64,104.00. Motion carried by all.** Keith stated SDE will prepare bid documents for other collection system line repairs needed.

ARPA H20 PA **Plant Upgrade** Grant Project – Keith stated he is working on this project.

Easement Plans/Right of Way Project – Keith is working on this project.

Rouse Chamberlain development in West Nantmeal Twp. – Keith stated there is nothing new on this project.

STP Generator and Pump Station #1 Backup Power – Keith stated he will follow up on this; Steve Keech stated he would like to have this done by the next meeting.

Steve Keech asked Keith for a bidding schedule for the grant projects.

Solicitor's Report

Stephen Kalis stated he, Keith and Lorrie are working to close out the escrow for the Tensor Motorcar project. He stated the escrow can be released once all Engineering and Legal invoices are paid.

Stephen mentioned he received a phone call from Rouse Chamberlain's solicitor inquiring if there had been any further discussion regarding sewer connections for their proposed development in W. Nantmeal Twp.

Steve Keech mentioned the property at 28 W. Main Street was recently sold and the new owner brought to the authority's attention that there is a third apartment in the house. The previous owner never paid a tap-in fee for the sewer connection and has not been paying the quarterly fees for sewer services for this EDU. Stephen said it would be the new owner's responsibility to pay for the connection fee and quarterly fee. Steve Keech requested Lorrie to contact the new owner and request he pay the connection fee and begin invoicing for the additional EDU.

Old Business

None

New Business

Vixen Hill property – Steve Keech stated the Vixen Hill property is for sale and the prospective buyer will be meeting with the Borough's Engineer and Zoning Officer to discuss adding two buildings to the property. Steve stated before the Borough can approve anything the buyer will need to bring their plan before the Sewer authority for approval.

Abandoned lagoons final grades - Steve asked Keith for a cost for clean fill. Keith stated clean fill could cost between \$5000. - \$10,000. Steve stated currently the area is 4 – 6 feet low and holds water and stated it should be filled in. Keith suggested meeting with the Conservation District beforehand to see what would be required; the Board agreed. Keith will schedule that meeting.

Admin Update

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Stolz

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **March 31, 2026, at 7:00pm.**