

# MABE Meeting Minutes July 30, 2024

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## In Attendance:

Darrell Gible  
Steve Keech  
Jim Freeze  
Dan Engro  
Floyd Jennelle  
Keith Showalter, SDE  
Stephen Kalis, Fox Rothschild  
Charlotte Gehman

## Absent:

## Others in Attendance:

John Dean, EEMA  
Dave Friedman, EEMA  
Merle Stoltzfus, Borough Council

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

**Motion by Jim to approve the June 25, 2024, meeting minutes. Second by Darrell. Motion Approved.**

## Public Comment

Merle Stoltzfus noted that the developer of the Hopewell Manor Expansion project did not get his financing, so the project will be delayed until at least next spring.

## Correspondence/Communication

None.

## Treasurer's Report

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

Finance Committee Report – Dan says the account is right on target to be able to transfer a lump sum at the end of the year.  
Financial Planning for Upcoming Projects – George met with Keith and Charlotte today to review the projects and help determine the best plan to move forward. George hopes to be at the August meeting to go into further detail to determine funding for MABE projects.

## Operator's Report

Average daily flow of 71,000/gpd in June. Blower motor sieves were replaced. An outlet was added for the chemical pump. EcoTech Hydroexcavation account has been set up and now needs to be scheduled. John will take care of that. Train No. 1 was pumped out and prepped for sandblasting and painting. **Motion by Darrell to approve EEMA's Cost Estimate for the Air Diffuser and Drop Pipe Maintenance portion of the Tank Rehabilitation Project at a cost of \$25,500.00. Second by Dan. Motion approved.**

SSO Report – A storm took the autodialer out of service so no message was sent to alert that the pump was down. This resulted in a backup in a manhole. Steve requested EEMA provide a proposal to improve wiring for the autodialers at each pump station for power loss. John will have that for the next meeting or sooner. Keith noted that there was very little debris at the bottom of the tanks and that the condition of the tanks is very good and should not require patching. John will add the new pumps to the part inventory list. We now have a spare pump for every pump station.

## Engineer's Report

Act 537 Plan Report – Keith is still working with SSM.

Local Share Grant Application: **Application Modification** – Charlotte received an email from DCED to select only one project to request funding for this grant request. The decision was made to move forward with the influent building project.

ARPA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project – Keith requested the contractors schedule and the adjustments to the schedule.

ARPAH20 PA Grant Project – Keith has a new engineer to assist with the design of this project.

PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Tank Painting Project Update – Keith reviewed the contractors schedule and the adjustments to the schedule.

**Motion by Jim to approve Payment Application #1 for Zimmerman Environmental in the amount of \$65,623.25. Second by Darrell. Motion approved.**

**Motion by Floyd to approve Grant Payment Request for submission to CFA/DCED in the amount of \$71,384.00. Second by Jim. Motion approved.** Charlotte will issue the check with the August payables.

The tanks must cure for 5-7 days before they can be filled and put back into service. Keith estimated that the whole project should be completed in September.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Discussion of whether the Board could expand to have additional members based on the existing charter. Stephen indicates that an authority can have as many volunteers and committees as it chooses. Discussion of the types of bank accounts an authority can have.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Admin Update**

Annual Audit – **Motion by Floyd to approve the Draft 2023 Audit as presented. Second by Jim. Motion approved.**

Collections Update – Charlotte reviewed the status of collections for delinquent accounts.

### **Executive Session**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57p.

Next Scheduled MABE Board Meeting is **August 27, 2024, at 7:00p.**