

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 3, 2024 - 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The EAWA Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dale Treese, Chairman. Members present: Keith Murphy, Jeff McCloud, and Chuck Brewer, Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; Bernadette Hohenadel, Solicitor; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Michael Krieger, Engineer; Donna Bissinger, Admin. Assistant. Not present: Rich Sheidy, Rick Erb and John O'Connell; Board Members, Michele Powl, Business Manager and Jill Gebhart, Admin Assistant. Members of the public: Jill Gebhart.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

3. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Manager's Report:**
 - i. **DEP Meeting – June 17:** Following is a summary of items discussed:
 - Each surface allocation permit is viewed as an entirely new permit and the previous permit does not set any precedent. Since the last one was applied for 28 years ago, the new permit needs to comply with current regulations and policies. When renewed, it will be for a period of 25 years. (*The current permit stays in effect until a new permit is in place.*)
 - The Department has "some" leeway in the limits contained in the new permit regarding the required pass-by flows, but they would likely not revert to the requirements of the previous allocation.
 - For the quarry, the discharge to Snitz Creek for the environmental flows will be re-examined, potentially reducing that number.
 - For our intake on the Conewago, we can request lower limitations, but that must be supported with data. We will need to examine existing data and potentially acquire additional data to develop a lower proposed limit. They did indicate that the new limit would necessitate pumping from the Quarry more frequently.
 - If we are pumping from the Quarry, we would be unrestricted with our withdrawal from the Conewago regardless of streamflow status, i.e. one gallon pumped from Quarry = one gallon available for withdrawal.
 - For the Reservoir diversion from Back Run, additional metering to demonstrate that flow in the creek is being maintained. The current structure will not accommodate that metering.
 - They indicated following our discussion that they had a better understanding of the complexity of our system.
 - Of note, they indicated that given the growth in our system, the Authority should consider adding another source of water. This is the first time this has been suggested by DEP.
 - Follow-up: DEP visited the Quarry on June 27.

been completed. Wells 6 & 7 design is over 30% completed and they have engaged with vendors. They have the surveys for the treatment plant back and are ready to begin the project.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS: Murphy inquired if there has been an update on the Market Street water main break insurance reimbursement to EAWA. Response was no. Dr Treese outlined the Board's priorities for the upcoming budget meetings. They will need to include finances, rates, personnel succession plan and operations structure. He stressed that the 5-year block leading to 2029 will be crucial for the water authority. Becker commented on the recent Supreme Court ruling on the Chevron Doctrine and its potential impact on regulations in the future.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

8. ADJOURN: 7:35 PM

Action: "That the Board adjourns the regular meeting."

Motion: K Murphy

Second: J McCloud

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

Approved at 08/12/2024 Meeting