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, Michael 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.

ii. **1376 Campus Road Development (Phase 1) Water Extension and Development Agreement–** 75 EDUs for Phase 1A. Total EDUs planned for development is 494; *Phase 1A includes 70 houses and Phase 1B includes 280 apartments.*

Action: "That the Board contingently approves the Water Extension &

Development Agreement for the 1376 Campus Road Development

(Phase1A) upon receipt of construction security."

Motion: Second:

iii. 1376 Campus Road Development Water Capacity Reservation Agreement – 75 EDUs previously included in Phase 1A. Five-year reservation of capacity for remaining phases totaling 419 EDUs;

Action: "That the Board contingently approves the Water Capacity

Reservation Agreement for the 1376 Campus Road Development

(Phases 1B, 2, 3 & 4) upon receipt of reservation payment."

Motion: Second:

Actions ii. and iii. relating to the Campus Road Development have been tabled for further discussion. No motions were made for approval.

iv. Phase 2 Professional Services for Cast Iron Water Main Replacement Project: Second of a multi-phase project for replacement of the cast iron distribution piping. Scope includes replacement of approximately 10,630 linear feet of 4-inch, 6-inch, and 8-inch diameter cast iron pipe. Issuance Notice to Proceed will be contingent upon receipt of a funding offer from PENNVEST. Contingent approval is requested due to the compressed timeframe for all phases and to begin surveying as soon as practicable following funding approval.

Action: "That the Board contingently approves Professional Services

Agreement for Phase 2 of the Water Main Replacement Project with

HRG with an estimated not to exceed fee of \$468,700.00."

Motion: K Murphy Second: C Brewer Approved

- v. **Personnel Tom Shaud:** Tom has indicated that he intends to retire from full time employment on July 31. He has indicated a willingness to continue as a part-time employee of the Authority on an as-needed basis.
- **b.** Operations Manager's Report: Bock presented his report to the board for their review. He noted that system flushing was halted due to drought conditions.
- c. Engineer's Report: Kreiger from GHD presented his report. Poplar Street Water Main Replacement Project will soon be up for bid and the High Street survey has

been completed. Wells 6 & 7 design is over 30% completed and they have engaged with venders. 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