

606 Cambria St.
Portage, PA 15946

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENTS

Dino Scarton, Chairman
Mark Stancovich, Vice Chairman
Thomas Riskus, Treasurer
John Bilchak, Assistant Secretary
John Williamson, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charles Gouse, Superintendent
Joe Beyer, the EADs Group
Josh Nider, the Eads Group
Dr. Makayla Zonfrilli-Lang, Borough Manager
Mike Jubina, Township Resident
Melissa Husar, Office Assistant
Travis Hutzell, KSA Group
Damian Zampogna, McClure Company

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Scarton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.
- II. **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – at 5:02 p.m. Mark Stancovich motioned; John Williamson seconded to enter executive session to discuss Personnel and Litigation MOTION CARRIED: 5/0 at 5:41 p.m. Mark Stancovich motioned; Thomas Riskus seconded to come out of executive session and resume regular meeting MOTION CARRIED: 5/0
- III. **PERSONS REQUESTING BE ADDED TO AGENDA** - Damian Zampogna (McClure Company) – Asked if the board had the documentation for the Easements for the PASD Solar farm. The board has the documents; they will be signed and notarized.
- IV. **COORESPONDENCE** - None
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
John Williamson motioned; Thomas Riskus seconded to approve April 2026. Motioned carried 5/0
- VI. **INVOICES**

Invoiced were not available at the meeting.
- VII. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
John Bilchak motioned; Thomas Riskus seconded to approve April 2026. Motioned carried 5/0
- VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT PROVIDED BY CHARLES GOUSE**
 1. **Leaks** – 6
 2. **Meter Pit Installs** - 3
 3. **Plants** – Report not provided by DJ/Tony
- IX. **ENGINEER REPORT PPROVIDED BY JOE BEYER**
 1. Emergency Action Plan (EAP) (no update)
 2. **Notice of Violations:**
The next date for issuing another notice shall be no later than **June 2, 2026** (every 3 months).
 3. **Waterline and Water Meter Replacement Project**
 - Approx. 4.2% of mainline installed, and work completed to date is approx. 2.00% of contract price. Time is at 8.05%
 - **Pay app #2** is in the amount of \$131,927.49
 - Continental sends out weekly construction schedule of work being planned.
 - A request has been sent to PENNVEST for an Extension of Funding Offer Settlement Deadline
 - April 2, 2026, next Project Meeting scheduled at 10 a.m. in Board Room
 - PENNVEST consented to proceed with construction prior to loan closing on 02/04/2026

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4. BAMR Waterline
 - o Cost was provided to PADEP, they will schedule a time to discuss once it is reviewed
5. Well Drilling in Martindale
 - o Per email 02/10/2026 Casselberry has scheduled a pre-well drilling site visit with the driller 9am 02/26/2026. This was canceled. EADs have not heard anything since.
6. Inter connection with HSWA – HSWA planned abandonment late 2027, early 2028 Meeting to discuss scheduled for 03/31/2026 at 9:00 a.m. at HSWA Board Room.
7. COA signed 07/01/2025
 - a. Well Cleaning and Pump Replacement (information from Mountain Research)
 - i. All complete except restoration
 - ii. Thoughts about re-permitting to a higher withdrawal rate
 - iii. Mountain Research recommends every 5 years for camera and cleaning of the wells
 - b. Bens Creek Plant Modifications (Task Order #5)
 - i. Substantial completion 03/26/2026, final completion 04/25/2026. CO&A deadline is 03/31/2026
 - ii. Work in progress: not much work accomplished since last month, delays in obtaining the vault (the vault is now installed and 90% of the equipment)
 - iii. Contacted PADEP to discuss time extensions due to delays. Conference call scheduled for 03/13/2026 9am
 - iv. **Change Order Time Extension Requested** – HRI and Darr
 - v. **Pay apps**- HRI, Inc. #2 in the amount of \$5,973.74, Darr Construction – did not submit for the month
8. Martindale Plant/Tank Site (future) (no update)
9. Get the Lead Out Initiative (on going, by EPA)
10. SOP for reservoir use at Martindale awaiting plant personnel provide for review
11. PRV Upgrade between Mtn Ave. and Park Ave. tank – provided information to Pumpman for equipment costs.
- x. **KSA REPORT PROVIDED BY TRAVIS HUTZELL**
Submitted Letter of Support for Legislative Grants
- xi. **SOLICITOR REPORT PROVIDED BY ATTY TOBY MCILWAIN**
 - a. Southern Corrosion Tank Care Agreement
 - i. Approved at January 15, 2026, Meeting, pending Solicitor Review
 - ii. Solicitor changes sent to Southern Corrosion on February 20, 2026, and February 23, 2026
 - iii. Changes were accepted by Southern Corrosion on February 23, 2026.
 - iv. Document sent to Chuck Gouse on February 25, 2026
 - v. Documents can be executed
 - b. PASD Solar Easement
 - i. Tabled at February 19,2026 meeting
 - ii. Confirmed with EADS that easement drawing was correct
 - iii. Easement will be for 90' x 15' area to assist the solar company in constructing and maintaining the access road
 - iv. Solicitor revisions sent to School District Solicitor (Denny McGlynn) on March 6, 2026.
 - v. Solar Company sent further revisions on March 9, 2026
 - vi. MABP Solicitor rejected most of the suggested changes and forwarded to School District Solicitor on March 10, 2026
 - vii. Final Document and revisions were accepted by the Solar Company on March 11, 2026
 - viii. Easement should be placed on Agenda for approval
 - ix. Easement can be executed and notarized after approval at March Meeting.

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- c. PennVest Update
 - i. Settlement/Closing on the loan must occur on or before April 16, 2026, or the Authority risks losing the funding /grant.
 - 1. If this occurred, the Authority would have to re-submit the project for funding, and there is no guarantee that the Authority would receive the grant funding.
 - ii. PennVest has taken the position that it will not proceed to closing while the C&R appeal is pending. There is very little chance that the appeal will be resolved by the April 16, 2026 deadline to close
 - iii. PennVest Chief Counsel has instructed us to submit a written request to extend the timeframe for closing on the loan.
 - iv. A written request for an extension of time to settle/close was submitted to PennVest on March 6, 2026.
 - v. I am working with PennVest Chief Counsel to get an extension of time, which PennVest permits for “extenuating circumstances”. PennVest Counsel will be recommending to the PennVest Board that the Authority be granted an extension of time.
 - vi. PennVest will meet next on March 30, 2026. We will receive a response to our request after that meeting.
- d. C&R Litigation /Appeal
 - i. For the first two (2) months while the case on appeal, C&R did nothing to advance its appeal.
 - ii. However, on March 11, 2026, C&R finally files as Application for Expedited Appeal, which if granted by the Commonwealth Court, will make the appeal move more quickly through the appellate court.
 - iii. We will soon file a Motion to Dismiss the appeal on the basis that construction has started, and public funds have been expended; therefore, C&R will not be able to get any relief from the litigation. Essentially, the issue is moot.
 - iv. The motion to dismiss will be filed as soon as possible, but in order to increase our chances of success we are waiting to get a little further along with the construction and payments.
 - 1. This filing will take place after payments are approved at the March 19, 2026 monthly meeting
 - v. It will most likely take between sixty (60) and one hundred twenty (120) days (or more) for the Commonwealth Court to decide after the Motion is filed.

XII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- XIII. **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** – at 6:27 p.m. Mark Stancovich motioned; John Bilchak seconded to enter executive session to rediscuss Personnel MOTION CARRIED: 5/0 at 7:03 p.m. Thomas Riskus motioned; John Bilchak seconded to come out of executive session and resume regular meeting MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

XIV.

XV. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Stancovich motioned; John Williamson seconded to approve 0233-25-03 Benscreek Water Treatment Plant Darr Time Extension change order MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

John Williamson motioned; John Bilchak seconded to approve 0233-25-02 Benscreek Water Treatment Plant HRI Time Extension change order MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

Mark Stancovich motioned; John Bilchak seconded to approve 0233-25-02 Benscreek Water Treatment Plant HRI Application for Payment \$5,973.75 MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

Mark Stancovich motioned; John Williamson seconded to approve 0233-25-01 Waterline Project Continental Construction Application for Payment #2 \$131,927.49 MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

Mark Stancovich motioned; John Bilchak seconded to approve Hiring Office Secretary Melissa Husar Effective 03/11/2026 at \$16.00 per hour and Brittany Michaels Effective 04/06/2026 at \$15.00 per hour MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

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Mark Stancovich motioned; John Bilchak seconded to accept PASD Solar Easement a Roll Call Vote was held Mark Stancovich voted Yes, John Bilchak voted Yes, John Williamson voted Yes, Thomas Riskus voted No, Dino Scarton voted Yes.

Thomas Riskus motioned; Mark Stancovich seconded to advertise for Full Time, Part Time, and/or Seasonal Laborers. MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

Mark Stancovich motioned; Thomas Riskus seconded to pay half of the cost to the borough for repairs to the roller totaling \$1,135.23 MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

XVI. **ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE MONTH**- None

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Stancovich motioned; John Williamson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Gouse