

**MINUTES**  
**UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY**  
**1576 SPRING VALLEY ROAD**  
**STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801**

**Regular Meeting – February 18, 2026**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Lapinski, Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The meeting was held in the Board Room in the office of the Authority with the following in attendance in person: Messrs. Lapinski, Auman, Glebe, Kunkle, and Guss; Cory Miller, Executive Director; Jason Brown, Assistant Executive Director; Sierra Weight, Administrative Assistant; Daren Brown, Collection System Superintendent; Andy Breon, Plant Superintendent; Holly Martinchek, Assistant Plant Superintendent; Michele Aukerman, Rettew; Jason Wert, Rettew; C-NET; Ben Burns, HRG; Steve Morra, Quandel; Justin Bickel, Quandel; Emma Cherubini; Jacob Godshall. The following were in attendance via Zoom: Messrs. Daubert, Derr, and Nucciarone; Pam Adams, Centre Region Planning; Sam Robbins, State College Borough; Olivia Lopatofsky, State College Borough Engineer.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

UAJA Regular Meeting – January 21, 2026

**UAJA Meeting  
Minutes Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Guss, second by Mr. Derr, to approve the meeting minutes of the UAJA regular meeting held on January 21, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment**

**3.1 Other items not on the agenda**

None.

**4. Old Business**

**4.1 Biosolids Financial Status and Projected Start-up Presentation**

The Biosolids Project is entering the start-up phase. Many meetings have been held to discuss the start up of the entire system, breaking it down into a detailed sequence. In addition, the financial projections have been updated to reflect the current and projected project change orders.

**Recommendation:** No action, presentation and discussion only.

**5. New Business**

**5.1 Change Order No. 13, Contract 2022-01 Quandel Construction**

The Quandel CO is comprised of several items. The larger items are related to ductwork on the Dryer and the inbound scale for the facility. For the ductwork, there was significantly more ductwork on the final unit than was shown in the bidding documents by Veolia. The ductwork was modified and optimized by the team and UAJA was given credit for the previously shown materials. However, there are some additional ducts and footage, and this CO finalizes those costs.

For the scale, the Contractor proposed a deck scale that had less construction cost but required significantly more long-term operations costs and increased risks related to truck rollover. We asserted for an at grade scale that reduced those risks and long-term costs, but it required more excavation and rock was encountered. As this was an undefined item, we negotiated that the Authority should only be partly responsible for the change as the Contractor could have confirmed prior to work beginning. As such, this CO is only for a portion of the costs for the scale foundation installation.

The total amount of this change order is a net increase of \$151,548.00

**Recommendation:** Approve Change Order No. 13, Contract 2022-01 (Quandel) in the amount of \$151,548.00.

**Change Order No. 13  
Contract 2022-01  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Daubert, to approve Change Order No. 13 for Contract 2022-01 in the amount of \$151,548.00. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5.2 Change Order No. 10, Contract 2022-04 Hayden Power Group

This change order captures two work change directives previously issued: Adding two heaters to the new garage and relocating the disconnects for the gas compressors to address Code review comments. The total amount of this change order is an increase of \$21,480.65

**Recommendation:** Approve Change Order No. 10, Contract 2022-04 (Hayden Power Group) in the amount of \$21,480.65.

**Change Order No. 10  
Contract 2022-04  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Derr, second by Mr. Guss, to approve Change Order No. 10 for Contract 2022-04 in the amount of \$21,480.65. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5.3 Requisitions

BRIF #1061	East End Sales Flat Bed & Box Trailer Down Payment	\$5,970.00
BRIF #1062	Hite Company Persia Pump Station/Booster Station Parts	\$27,696.37
BRIF #1063	Xylem Water Solutions Persia Pump Project (Misc. Materials)	\$1,575.00
BRIF #1064	HRG Reuse Water Tank Maintenance Project	\$800.00
BRIF #1065	Cooper Electric Persia Pump Station Project (Misc. Materials)	\$470.41
BRIF #1066	Spartan Composites Composite Mats	\$21,520.00

**TOTAL BRIF-** **\$58,031.78**

**BRIF Fund  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve BRIF Fund #1061, #1062, #1063, #1064, #1065 and #1066 in the amount of \$58,031.78. The motion passed unanimously.

Construction Fund #055	Hillis-Carnes Engineering Sludge Drying Project- Inspection	\$175.00
Construction Fund #056	Quandel Construction Group Pay App. #26- Sludge Drying Project-General	\$469,840.07
Construction Fund #057	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #16- Sludge Drying Project-Plumbing	\$62,271.55
Construction Fund #058	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #21- Sludge Drying Project-HVAC	\$19,333.48
Construction Fund #059	Hayden Power Group Pay App. #22- Sludge Drying Project-Electrical	\$530,577.58

**TOTAL 2025 CONSTRUCTION FUND (Biosolids)-** **\$1,082,197.68**

**Construction Fund  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Auman, second by Mr. Guss, to approve Construction Fund #055, #056, #057, #058, and #059 in the amount of \$1,082,197.68. The motion passed unanimously.

Revenue Fund #225	Debt Service, Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$1,000,000.00
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**TOTAL REVENUE FUND-** **\$1,000,000.00**

**Revenue Fund  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Auman, to approve Revenue Fund #225 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Reports to Officers

### 6.1 Financial Report

The different cost centers of the YTD budget report for the period ending January 31, 2026, were reviewed with the Board by Jason Brown.

### 6.2 Chairman's Report

Mr. Lapinski noted that a member vacancy remains open on the board, as we wait to hear from the Borough on who will be appointed.

### 6.3 Plant Superintendent’s Report

#### Septage Operations Report

The following comments are as presented to the Board in the written report prepared by Andy Breon, Plant Superintendent.

#### SEPTAGE OPERATIONS

#### LBS/SOLIDS

	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026
PORT MATILDA	734	780	2469	2339	1009	734
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	400	517	434	584	267	600
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE PARK	0	367	0	0	0	0

#### TOTAL GALLONS

	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL	29,825	38,215	37,345	20,075	10,195	5,450
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE HOME	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
PORT MATILDA	5,500	5,500	10,500	11,000	5,500	5,500
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,000	8,000	6,000
<b>TOTAL GALLONS</b>	<b>41,325</b>	<b>51,715</b>	<b>53,845</b>	<b>39,075</b>	<b>23,695</b>	<b>16,950</b>

#### PLANT OPERATIONS:

- Total Monthly Influent Flow: 143.16 MG
- Monthly Average Influent Flow: 4.62 MGD
- Highest Daily Influent Flow (1/31): 5.36 MGD
- Lowest Daily Influent Flow (1/1): 3.60 MGD
- 12-Month Rolling Effluent Average: 3.00 MGD
- Current Year Effluent Average: 3.36 MGD

#### On-line Treatment Units:

- 4- Primary Clarifiers
- 2- Aeration Basins
- 4- Secondary Clarifiers
- 8- De-nitrification Filters

Reuse Water Distribution Data

	January	Year to date gallons
Best Western Hotel	25,000	25,000
Centre Hills Country Club	0	0
Stewart Drive Hydrant	0	0
Collections Maintenance Garage	0	0
CINTAS	673,674	673,674
Red Line Car Wash	552,000	552,000
Centre Concrete	0	0
Plant Site Wetlands	6,528,000	6,528,000
Plant Ozone Heat Exchanger	3,711,864	3,711,864
Plant Usage	61,000	61,000
GDK Park Vault	25,346,000	25,346,000
Kissinger's Pond	0	0
Mountain View Country Club	0	0
Total Gallons	36,897,538	36,897,538
Plant effluent temperature monthly average	56.1°	
Wetland temperature monthly average	51.5°	

**Plant Maintenance**

- Replaced the packing in Booster Station Pump #2.
- Repaired the Alum feed line and installed heat tape.
- Rebuilt High Service Pump #1.
- Replaced the VFD for RO Feed Pump #3.
- Replaced the diaphragm in Primary Pump #11.
- Repaired the wiring on Odor Control Fan #2.
- Repaired the GDK Wetlands under soakers.

**6.4 Collection Systems Superintendent's Report**

The following comments are as presented to the Board in the written report prepared by Daren Brown, Collection System Superintendent.

**Mainline Maintenance:**

Mainline Cleaning – 11,168 ft cleaned/cut with root cutter.  
 Mainline televising – 0 ft televised – 98 manholes inspected.  
 New lateral install (Memorial Dr. Harris Township)  
 Worked in shop and office  
 Brushing backlot right of ways  
 Locating cleanouts for GIS

**Lift Station Maintenance:**

Cleaned (17) wet wells.

Had startup at Persia lift station new control panel and pumps

**Next Month Projects:**

Cleaning and T.V. mainlines  
GIS for mapping  
Lateral installation for Clear water (1601 Houserville Rd)

**Inspection:**

Mt. Nittany Elementary (complete)  
335 Innovation Park (90% complete)  
Shiloh Commercial Park (held pre-construction meeting)  
Patton Crossings (Cava Restaurant – 75% complete)  
Blaise Alexander Hyundai (10% complete)

**Mainline Construction:**

- a. Grayspointe 7B (waiting on pre-construction meeting)
- b. Summit Park (waiting on pre-construction meeting)

**New Connections:**

a. Single-Family Residential	5	c. Commercial	1
b. Multi-Family Residential	0	d. Non-Residential	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6</b>

PA One-Calls Responded January 1 thru January 31, 2026: 264

**6.5 Consulting Engineer’s Report**

The following comments are as presented to the Board in the written report prepared by the Consulting Engineer.

**Retainer Services (001178.0693)**

- HRG is preparing the pump station capacity tables for the Chapter 94 Report.

**Puddintown Interceptor Act 537 Special Study (P001178.0725)**

- The CRPA submitted compiled comments from various stakeholders consisting of local organizations, municipalities and agencies.
- Comment responses are to be returned to CRPA so that a new schedule can be developed.

**West Patton (Meeks Lane) Pump Station Basis of Design (R001178.0730)**

- HRG is working with Developer (S&A Homes) to design the proposed pump station and force main.
- The revised special study was presented at the Patton Township Planning Commission meeting, at the LUCI meeting, and at the CRPA meeting.
- The special study will now be discussed at the COG General Forum meeting on March 23, 2026.

**Reclaimed Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation (R001178.0742)**

- The project has been advertised with a bid opening on February 13, 2026, at 11 AM.

**Oakwood Trunk Sewer Relocation and Upgrade (R001178.0749)**

- Design drawings were updated to address comments from PSU.
- The Component 3 Sewage Facilities Planning Module has been prepared and will be provided for signatures and then submitted to College Township.

**Developer Plan Reviews:**

- Mount Nittany Elementary Additions & Renovations (R001178.0756): As-built drawings were reviewed and recommended for approval on February 3, 2026.
- 335 Innovation Building at Innovation Park (R001178:0757): As-built drawings were returned with comments on February 4, 2026.

**6.6 Construction Engineer’s Report**

**WWTP NPDES Permit – Phosphorus Study (094612027)**

- We are working with a firm to develop a scope to model Spring Creek based on data collected.

**Ozone Disinfection for Effluent (094612023)**

- The Contractor and the manufacturer (Aqua Aerobics) are completing punchlist items, including additional training for the operators.

Payment Requests to Date						
Contract Number	Application for Payment #	Current Payment Due	Contract Price to Date incld/CO	Total Work to Date	% Monetarily Complete	Balance of Contract Amount
2021-05 GC			\$5,458,723.91	\$5,323,473.91	97.52%	\$401,423.70
2021-06 EC			\$350,000.00	\$326,500.00	93.29%	\$39,825.00
2021-07 MC			\$223,000.00	\$223,000.00	100.00%	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$6,031,723.91	\$5,872,973.91	97.37%	\$441,248.70

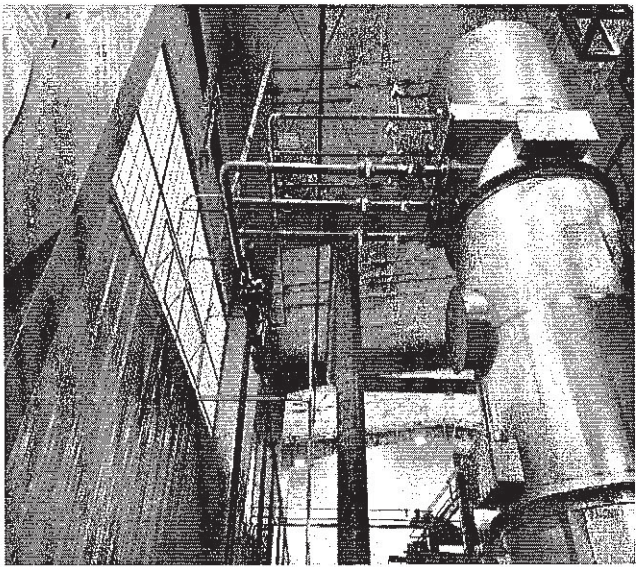
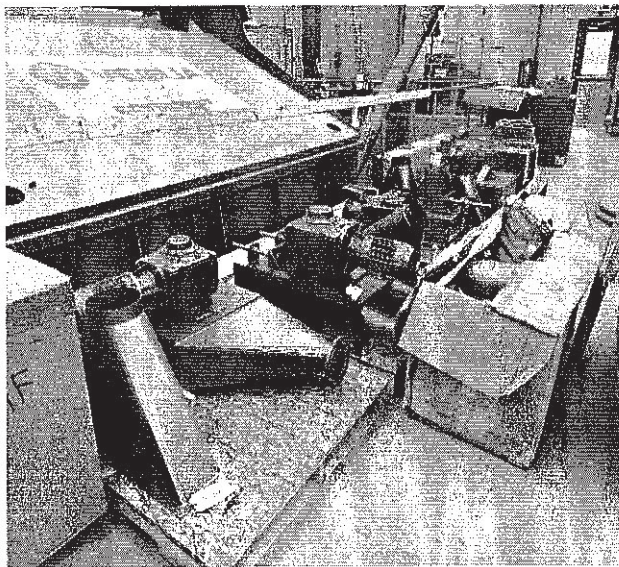
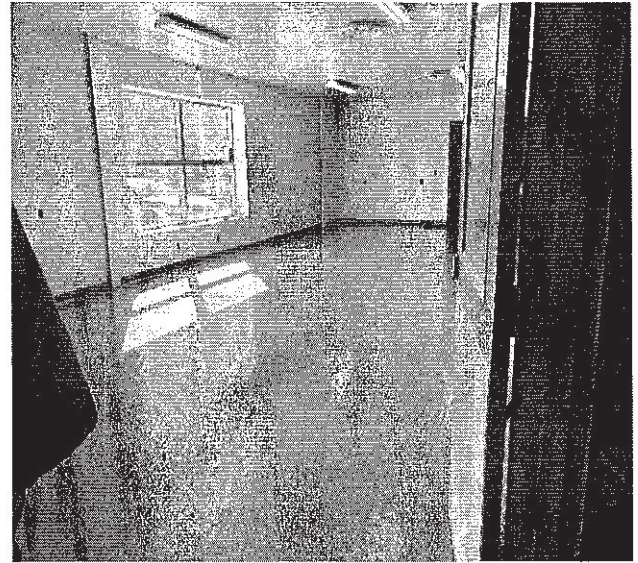
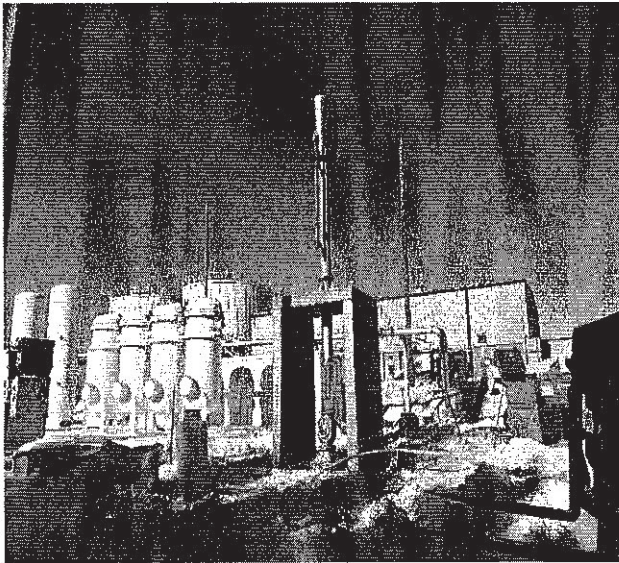
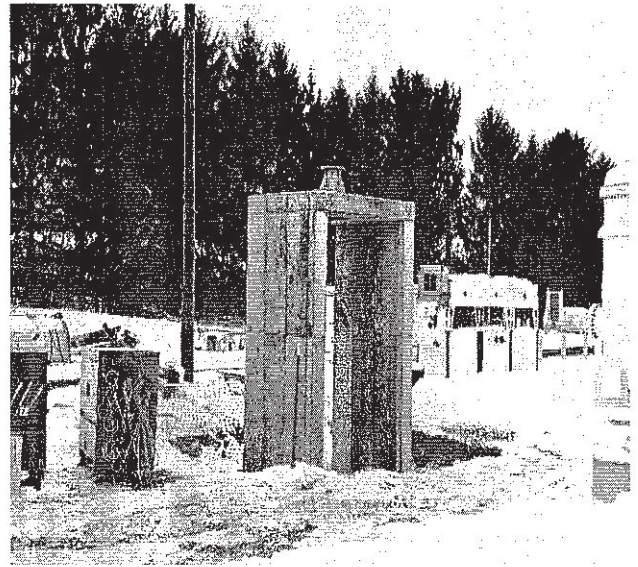
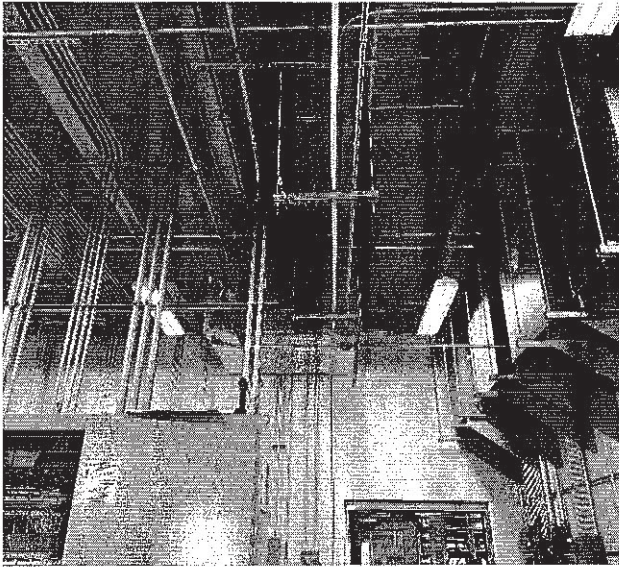
- No applications to process this month.

**Ozone Disinfection for Effluent Project Schedule**

Milestone	Date
Notice to Proceed Issued	12/27/2021
Substantial Completion	03/27/2023
Requested Substantial Completion Date	11/10/2025

**Anaerobic Digestion Project (094612026)**

- All four contractors have continued with equipment installations, conduits, wiring, and pipe insulation. RETTEW and Quandel have been coordinating with Veolia for scheduling of the anaerobic digestion commissioning tasks, which should begin within the next month.



- Contract 2022-01 (GC) – Change Order No. 13 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 13 in the amount of \$151,548.00 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes the work associated with additional work for the truck scale foundation, added

ductwork for the Dryer and an extension of the fire wall in the Dryer Building to satisfy comments from Code.

- Contract 2022-04 (EC) – Change Order No. 10 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 10 in the amount of \$24,480.65 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes the work associated with adding heaters to the new garage in the Anaerobic Process building and relocating motor disconnects to address concerns from Code.

<b>Payment Requests to Date</b>						
Contract Number	Application for Payment #	Current Payment Due	Contract Price to Date incld/CO	Total Work to Date	% Monetarily Complete	Balance of Contract Amount
2022-01	26	\$469,840.07	\$69,285,635.42	\$62,951,060.40	90.86%	\$9,482,128.05
2022-02	16	\$62,271.55	\$892,290.99	\$767,639.42	86.03%	\$163,033.53
2022-03	21	\$19,333.48	\$1,165,424.00	\$888,406.55	76.23%	\$321,437.82
2022-04	22	\$530,577.58	\$7,566,471.39	\$5,460,865.97	72.17%	\$2,651,692.02
		\$1,082,022.68	\$78,909,821.80	\$70,067,972.34	88.79%	\$12,618,291.42

- Application for Payment No. 26 has been received for Contract 2022-01 (General Construction) in the amount of \$469,840.07. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 26 in the amount of \$469,840.07.
- Application for Payment No. 16 has been received for Contract 2022-02 (Plumbing Construction) in the amount of \$62,271.55. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$62,271.55.
- Application for Payment No. 21 has been received for Contract 2022-03 (HVAC Construction) in the amount of \$19,333.48. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 21 in the amount of \$19,333.48.
- Application for Payment No. 22 has been received for Contract 2022-04 (Electrical Construction) in the amount of \$530,577.58. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 22 in the amount of \$530,577.58.

**Anaerobic Digestion Project Schedule**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Notice to Proceed Issued	January 8, 2024
Revised Substantial Completion	March 31, 2026

**College-Harris Pump Station**

- The initial scope of work to clean and re-coat the piping has been completed. The new check-valve components have arrived, and the Contractor will begin installation the week of February 16<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Payment Requests to Date</b>						
Contract Number	Application for Payment #	Current Payment Due	Contract Price to Date incld/CO	Total Work to Date	% Monetarily Complete	Balance of Contract Amount
2025-01			\$168,340.50	\$111,155.00	66.03%	\$57,185.50
		\$0.00	\$168,340.50	\$111,155.00	66.03%	\$57,185.50

- No application has been received this month for Contract 2025-01.

## 6.7 Executive Director's Report

- The billing department of the authority has received roughly 33% of its yearly questionnaires back within the first two weeks of issuing them – much greater return than previous years.
- Progress continues to be made into the investigation of water meter readings versus EDU assessed connections.
- Comments were made to the board about how important water conservation is to the authority.

## 7. Other Business

None.

## Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Auman, to go into an executive session at 4:51 pm, to discuss real estate negotiations. A motion was then made by Mr. Auman, second by Mr. Guss to come out of executive session at 5:28 pm. Both motions passed unanimously.

## 8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Auman, second by Mr. Guss, to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary