

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

Regular Meeting – January 21, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mr. Miller, Executive Director, called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026. The meeting was held in the Board Room in the office of the Authority with the following in attendance in person: Messrs. Lapinski, Nucciarone, Glebe, Derr, Kunkle, and Guss; Cory Miller, 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; David Gaines, Solicitor; Ben Burns, HRG; Steve Morra, Quandel; Justin Bickel, Quandel; John Sepp, PennTerra Engineering; Ron Ferris, Bobby Rahal; Tom Songer; Pat Ward; Steve Balkey; Galen Dreibelbis; Tommy Songer; Bob Hershey; Gary Schultz; Will Barton, Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority. The following were in attendance via Zoom: Messrs. Daubert, Auman and Ulbrecht; Emma Cherubini, Penn State; Sam Robbins, State College Borough; Olivia Lopatofsky, State College Borough Engineer.

2. Board Reorganization

Chairman Approved

A motion was made by Mr. Derr second by Mr. Guss, to elect Mr. Lapinski as Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller turned the meeting over to Mr. Lapinski for the remaining election of officers.

**Board Member Positions
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Guss, second by Mr. Derr, to elect the remaining 2026 Board Members to the same positions as 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

**UAJA Staff and
Advisors Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Guss, to approve all staff and advisors as presented in the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

UAJA Regular Meeting – December 17, 2025

**UAJA Meeting
Minutes Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve the meeting minutes of the UAJA regular meeting held on December 17, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Tom Songer discussed Non-Residential billing and the work of the rate committee. Pat War discussed volumetric billing. Will Barton introduced himself as the new Executive Director of the Spring Benner Walker Joint Authority. Steve Morra and Justin Bickel discussed the continued relationship with UAJA as the general contractor for the biosolids project. Bob Hershey discussed UAJA having a water conservation incentive to encourage less water usage.

4.1 Other items not on the agenda

None.

5. Old Business

5.1 Spring Valley Road and UAJA Properties Cooperation Proposal

Ron Ferris has purchased the parcel of land through which UAJA’s Spring Valley Road passes. Mr. Ferris has plans to develop the property which includes moving and upgrading Spring Valley Road and converting it to a Benner Township Road. John Sepp, engineer for Mr. Ferris, will present to the board the proposal of Mr. Ferris. The presentation is included in the agenda report. No action is required at this time.

Recommendation: No action, presentation and discussion only.

5.2 Open Records Policy Schedule of Fees

Each year UAJA needs to adopt a schedule of fees associated with our Open Records Policy. This fee schedule is shown below (the law does not allow for a retrieval fee):

1. Fees for the actual cost of mailing.
2. 25 cents per single-sided page for duplication.
3. Reasonable fees to cover other types of actual costs such as data conversion, electronic access, etc.

Recommendation: Adopt the fee schedule as presented.

**Open Records Policy
Schedule of Fees
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Derr, to approve the Open Records Policy Schedule of Fees as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business

6.1 Change Order No. 12, Contract 2022-01

This change order adds a water line to get beneficial reuse water to the gravity belt thickeners and adds the general contractor work for the headworks building and new bar screens. The upgrade to the headworks building is needed to remove more particulate matter from the influent flow, which will ultimately result in less trash and debris in the digesters and will be less likely to foul nozzles in the dryer.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 12, Contract 2022-01 (Quandel) in the amount of \$852,084.00.

**Change Order No. 12
Contract 2022-01
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Guss, to approve Change Order No. 12 for Contract 2022-01 in the amount of \$852,084.00. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Change Order No. 05, Contract 2022-02

This change order is for additional flow tests and calculations required for the dryer building. The amount is an increase of \$2,690.63.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 05, Contract 2022-02 (Myco) in the amount of \$2,690.63.

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| Change Order No. 05 Contract 2022-02 Approved | A motion was made by Mr. Derr, second by Mr. Ulbrecht, to approve Change Order No. 05 for Contract 2022-04 in the amount of \$2,690.63. The motion passed unanimously. |
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6.3 Change Order No. 05, Contract 2022-03

This change order is for the elimination of two support columns resulting in a deduction, and the addition of work for the headworks building. The net amount is an increase of \$230,954.77.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 05, Contract 2022-03 (Myco) in the amount of \$230,954.77.

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| Change Order No. 05, Contract 2022-03 Approved | A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Guss, to approve Change Order No. 05 for Contract 2022-03 in the amount of \$230,954.77. The motion passed unanimously. |
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6.4 Change Order No. 09, Contract 2022-04

This change order is for the addition of some wiring for an emergency stop control, and additional work associated with the upgrade to the headworks building. The change order total is an increase of \$200,714.33.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 09, Contract 2022-04 (Hayden) in the amount of \$200,714.33.

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| Change Order No. 09, Contract 2022-04 Approved | A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Derr, to approve Change Order No. 09 for Contract 2022-04 in the amount of \$200,714.33, and an increase of 105 days. The motion passed unanimously. |
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6.5 Requisitions

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| BRIF #1055 | Lezzer Lumber Pipe Rack- Supplies | \$803.28 |
| BRIF #1056 | Hite Company Persia Pump Station Project- Supplies | \$485.16 |
| BRIF #1057 | Xylem Water Solutions Persia Pump Station Project- Control Panel | \$110,614.15 |
| BRIF #1058 | HRG Reuse Water Tank Maintenance Project | \$625.00 |
| BRIF #1059 | Keystone Engineering | \$2,558.77 |

Scum Pump Replacement

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| BRIF #1060 | Schaedler Yesco Aeration System Engineering | \$23,914.23 |
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TOTAL BRIF- **\$139,000.59**

**BRIF Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Guss, to approve BRIF Fund #1055, #1056, #1057, #1058, #1059 and #1060 in the amount of \$139,000.59. The motion passed unanimously.

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| Construction Fund #037 | Rettew Ozone Disinfection Project | \$12,000.00 |
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TOTAL 2021 CONSTRUCTION FUND- **\$12,000.00**

**Construction Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Glebe, to approve Construction Fund #037 in the amount of \$12,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

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| Construction Fund #048 | Rettew Sludge Drying Project-Engineering | \$86,791.52 |
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| Construction Fund #049 | Rettew Headworks Improvement Project- Engineering | \$17,650.00 |
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| Construction Fund #050 | Hillis-Carnes Engineering Sludge Drying Project- Inspection | \$425.00 |
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| Construction Fund #051 | Helena Agri-Enterprises Sludge Drying Project- Lime | \$7,140.00 |
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| Construction Fund #052 | Quandel Construction Group Pay App. #25- Sludge Drying Project-General | \$1,630,647.30 |
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| Construction Fund #053 | Myco Mechanical Pay App. #15- Sludge Drying Project-Plumbing | \$7,980.00 |
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| Construction Fund #054 | Hayden Power Group Pay App. #21- Sludge Drying Project-Electrical | \$164,003.36 |
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TOTAL 2025 CONSTRUCTION FUND (Biosolids)- **\$1,914,637.18**

**Construction Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Derr, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve Construction Fund #048, #049, #050, #051, #052, #053 and #054 in the amount of \$1,914,637.18. The motion passed unanimously.

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| Revenue Fund #224 | Debt Service, Operation and | \$1,000,000.00 |
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Maintenance Expenses

TOTAL REVENUE FUND-

\$1,000,000.00

**Revenue Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Ulbrecht, to approve Revenue Fund #224 in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports to Officers

7.1 Financial Report

The different cost centers of the YTD budget report for the period ending December 31, 2025, were reviewed with the Board by Cory Miller.

7.2 Chairman’s Report

- Mr. Lapinski thanked those that came in for public comment.
- Mr. Lapinski acknowledged that the board members representing Ferguson Township have renewed their terms. The board still awaits to hear from the State College Borough for a replacement board member.

7.3 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

| | July 2025 | August 2025 | September 2025 | October 2025 | November 2025 | December 2025 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| PORT MATILDA | 1447 | 734 | 780 | 2469 | 2339 | 1009 |
| HUSTON TOWNSHIP | 400 | 400 | 517 | 434 | 584 | 267 |
| EAGLE CREEK MOBILE PARK | 300 | 0 | 367 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TOTAL GALLONS

| | July 2025 | August 2025 | September 2025 | October 2025 | November 2025 | December 2025 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL | 26,485 | 29,825 | 38,215 | 37,345 | 20,075 | 10,195 |
| EAGLE CREEK MOBILE HOME | 2,000 | 0 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PORT MATILDA | 10,500 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 10,500 | 11,000 | 5,500 |
| HUSTON TOWNSHIP | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |

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| TOTAL GALLONS | 44,985 | 41,325 | 51,715 | 53,845 | 39,075 | 23,695 |
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PLANT OPERATIONS:

- Total Monthly Influent Flow: 136.66 MG
- Monthly Average Influent Flow: 4.41 MGD
- Highest Daily Influent Flow (12/19): 4.95 MGD
- Lowest Daily Influent Flow (12/25): 3.26 MGD
- 12-Month Rolling Effluent Average: 2.96 MGD
- Current Year Effluent Average: 2.96 MGD

On-line Treatment Units:

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

Reuse Water Distribution Data

| | December | Year to date gallons |
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| Best Western Hotel | 21,000 | 351,000 |
| Centre Hills Country Club | 0 | 29,365,100 |
| Stewart Drive Hydrant | 0 | 97,000 |
| Collections Maintenance Garage | 0 | 10,000 |
| CINTAS | 549,204 | 7,273,851 |
| Red Line Car Wash | 404,000 | 5,466,000 |
| Centre Concrete | 0 | 1,731,000 |
| Plant Site Wetlands | 5,227,000 | 63,230,000 |
| Plant Ozone Heat Exchanger | 3,031,176 | 26,841,244 |
| Plant Usage | 118,000 | 4,433,000 |
| GDK Park Vault | 37,171,000 | 366,674,000 |
| Kissinger's Pond | 0 | 0 |
| Mountain View Country Club | 0 | 19,727,000 |
| Total Gallons | 46,521,380 | 525,199,195 |
| Plant effluent temperature monthly average | 59.1° | |
| Wetland temperature monthly average | 56.0° | |

Plant Maintenance

- Replaced the block heater on the Plant Emergency generator.
- Replaced the AWT MF CIP Caustic Pump.
- Replaced the diaphragm in Primary Pump #3.
- Replaced the main contactor in the control panel for Centrifuge #2.

7.4 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 – 13,917 ft cleaned/cut with root cutter.
Mainline televising – 1,248 ft televised – 11 manholes inspected.
2 mainline repairs in Harvest Circle (Ferguson Township)
Brushing backlot right of ways
Locating cleanouts for GIS

Lift Station Maintenance:

Cleaned (9) wet wells.
Replaced e-one grinder at 114 Banner Way (Laurel Hills)
Replaced e-one grinder at 636 Rosslyn Rd. (Huntridge Manor)
Installed new control panel at Persia Lift Station

Next Month Projects:

Brushing back-lot sewer mains
GIS for mapping
Mainline cleaning
Persia Lift Station startup

Inspection:

Mt. Nittany Elementary (waiting on final as-builts)
335 Innovation Park (90% complete)
Shiloh Commercial Park (held pre-construction meeting)
Patton Crossings (Cava Restaurant – 50% 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:

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| a. Single-Family Residential | 6 | c. Commercial | 0 |
| b. Multi-Family Residential | 0 | d. Non-Residential | 0 |

TOTAL 6

PA One-Calls Responded December 1 thru December 31, 2025: 256

7.5 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)

- An updated retainer agreement has been prepared, retaining the same scope and fee as 2025.

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.
- A letter was sent to the PA DEP requesting guidance on how to incorporate the Greystar Development that was previously not included in the special study.

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.
- Patton Township desires to have someone attend their planning meeting to resolve questions.

Reclaimed Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation (R001178.0742)

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

Oakwood Trunk Sewer Relocation and Upgrade (R001178.0749)

- Design drawings were submitted to PSU for review and comment.
- The component 3 Sewage Facilities Planning Module is being prepared.

Developer Plan Reviews:

- CREW 814 Planned Residential Development, Phase 1 (R001178.052): Revised Design Plans were reviewed and returned with additional comments to the Developer’s Engineer on December 16, 2025.

7.6 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)

- A walk-through with the Contractor will be performed on December 17th. The Definitive Certificate of substantial Completion has been provided via separate cover.

| Payment Requests to Date | | | | | | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |

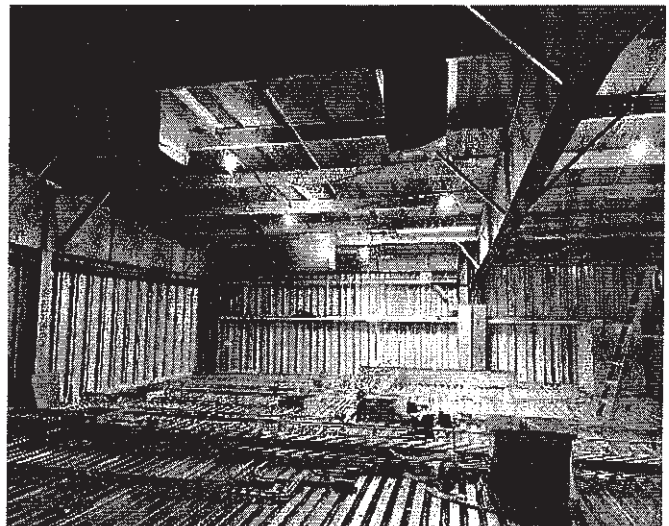
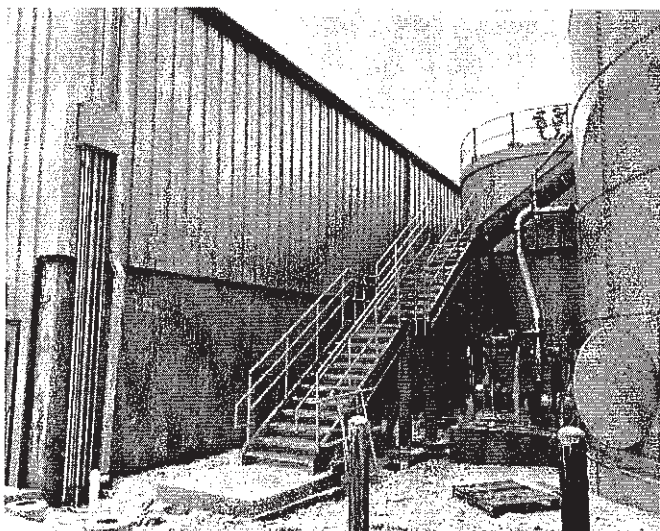
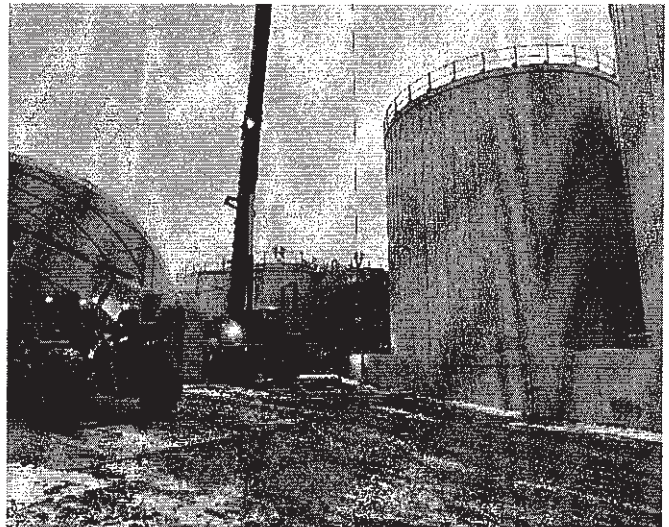
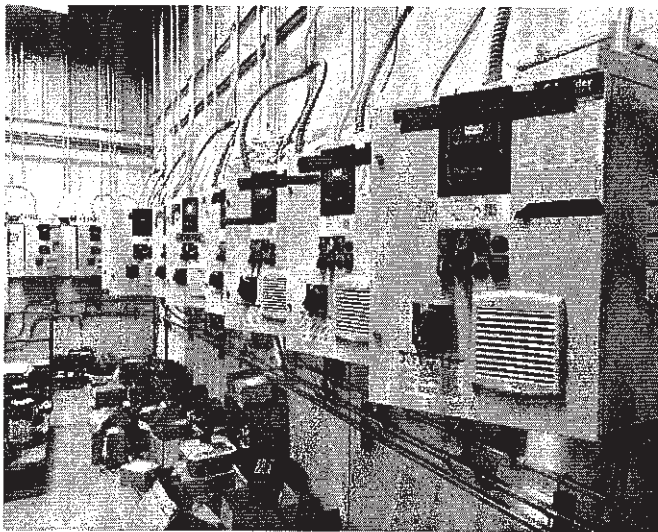
- No applications to process this month.

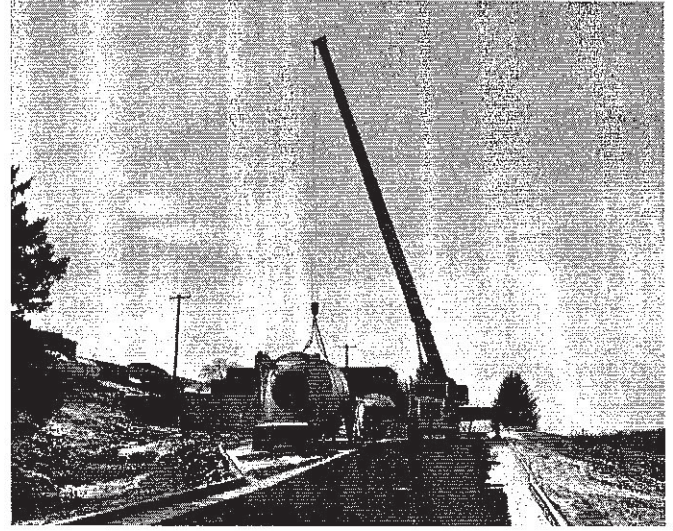
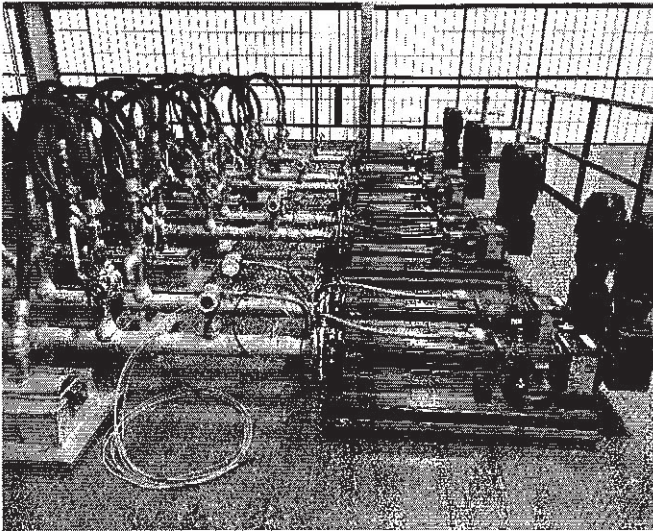
Ozone Disinfection for Effluent Project Schedule

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

Anaerobic Digestion Project (094612026)

- The Contractors have continued to install stainless steel piping, as well as heat-tracing and insulation. The elevated walkway and handrail are nearly complete. Gravity belt thickeners were checked and started by the manufacturer. All motors have been checked for proper rotation and remaining VFD’s have been installed. Work inside the Dewatering Building will commence within the next two weeks.





- Contract 2022-01 (GC) – Change Order No. 12 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 12 in the amount of \$852,084.00 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes the work associated with installing the new Headworks screens and additional upgrades at the Headworks Building. The Change Order also incorporates Work Change Directive No. 16 which added bypass piping to use reuse water for the gravity belt thickeners.
- Contract 2022-02 (PC) – Change Order No. 05 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 05 in the amount of \$2,690.63 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order is for additional flow testing and hydraulic calculations performed by the fire suppression system vendor, to ensure adequate reuse water flow and pressure is available for the system.
- Contract 2022-03 (MC) – Change Order No. 05 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 05 in the amount of \$230,954.77 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes the work associated with the new heating system in the Headworks Building as well as credits for pipe supports that were not needed.
- Contract 2022-04 (EC) – Change Order No. 09 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 09 in the amount of \$200,714.33 and an increase of 105 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes the work associated with the installation of the new Headworks screens and other minor modifications at the Headworks Building. The Change Order also incorporates Work Change Directive No. 5 which added control wiring for the Sysadvance gas clean-up system. Additionally, RETTEW recommends the requested time extension to align the contract time with that of the General Contractor, which was previously extended.

| 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 |
| 2022-01 | 25 | \$1,630,647.30 | \$68,433,551.42 | \$62,456,491.90 | 91.27% | \$9,099,884.12 |
| 2022-02 | 15 | \$7,980.00 | \$892,290.99 | \$702,090.42 | 78.68% | \$225,305.08 |
| 2022-03 | | | \$934,469.23 | \$868,055.53 | 92.89% | \$109,816.51 |
| 2022-04 | 21 | \$164,003.36 | \$7,365,757.06 | \$4,871,335.32 | 66.13% | \$2,981,555.27 |

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| | | \$1,802,630.66 | \$77,626,068.70 | \$68,897,973.17 | 88.76% | \$12,416,560.98 |
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- Application for Payment No. 25 has been received for Contract 2022-01 (General Construction) in the amount of \$1,630,647.30. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 25 in the amount of \$1,630,647.30.
- Application for Payment No. 15 has been received for Contract 2022-02 (Plumbing Construction) in the amount of \$7,980.00. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 15 in the amount of \$7,980.00.
- No Application was received this month from Contract 2022-03 (HVAC Construction).
- Application for Payment No. 21 has been received for Contract 2022-04 (Electrical Construction) in the amount of \$164,003.36. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 21 in the amount of \$164,003.36.

Anaerobic Digestion Project Schedule

| Milestone | Date |
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| 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 are expected to arrive at the end of January. Once received, RETTEW will coordinate with Greenland Construction to return to install the components.

| 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 |
| 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.

Draft NPDES Permit – Slab Cabin Run and Wetlands

- A draft NPDES Permit renewal for the discharge of beneficial reuse water to Slab Cabin Run and the GD Kissinger Wetlands has been received. We will collaborate with Authority Staff to compile any comments for submission collaborating with Authority staff to compile any comments for submission to the PA DEP.

7.7 Executive Director’s Report

None

8. Other Business

The board discussed changing the procedures on how the Authority currently posts its meeting agendas and agreed that the full meeting packet should be posted prior to any scheduled board meetings moving forward.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Kunkle, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY



Secretary/Assistant Secretary