

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

Regular Meeting – March 18, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lapinski, Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 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, Marshall, and Ulbrecht; 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; David Gaines, Solicitor. The following were in attendance via Zoom: Messrs. Daubert, Derr, Guss, and Nucciarone; Sam Robbins, State College Borough; Emma Cherubini, Penn State.

2. Approval of the Minutes

UAJA Regular Meeting – February 18, 2026

**UAJA Meeting
Minutes Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Auman, second by Mr. Glebe, to approve the meeting minutes of the UAJA regular meeting held on February 18, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

3.1 Other items not on the agenda

None.

4. Old Business

4.1 None

5. New Business

5.1 Change Order No. 06, Contract 2022-03 Myco Mechanical (HVAC)

This change order is for a damper in the dryer building, and heaters in the Anaerobic Building garage and Thickening building. During the extreme cold weather, it became quite apparent that additional heating was needed to keep areas from freezing in the future. The total for the change order is \$38,695.12 and the addition of three days to the contract time.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 06, Contract 2022-03 in the amount of \$38,695.12 and the addition of three days.

**Change Order No. 06
Contract 2022-03
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Derr, to approve Change Order No. 06 for Contract 2022-03 in the amount of \$38,695.12, and the addition of three days. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Change Order No. 11, Contract 2022-04 Hayden Power Group

This change order is for additional lights, pressure switches, and a flow meter, and a credit for the elimination of several light switches, as well as modification of wiring. The net amount is \$28,672.15.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No. 11, Contract 2022-04 (Hayden Power Group) in the amount of \$28,672.15.

**Change Order No. 11
Contract 2022-04
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Guss, to approve Change Order No. 11 for Contract 2022-04 in the amount of \$28,672.15. The motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Biosolids Processing Contract Denali Water Solutions LLC

Included in the agenda report is a draft agreement between UAJA and Denali Water Solutions LLC for processing biosolids. The agreement does not commit UAJA to a set quantity to receive, nor does it commit Denali to supplying a set quantity of biosolids. Most of the conditions are the same as our other already executed biosolids processing agreements.

Recommendation: Approve the Biosolids Processing Agreement with Denali Water Solutions LLC, as presented.

**Biosolids Processing
Agreement w/Denali
Water Solutions
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Ulbrecht, to approve the agreement under the condition that the term be revised to a fixed 10-year term with 1 year to opt out. The motion passed unanimously.

5.4 Organics Processing Contract Organix Recycling LLC

Included in the agenda report is a draft agreement between UAJA and Organix Recycling LLC for processing organics. The agreement does not commit UAJA to a set quantity to receive, nor does it commit Organix to supplying a set quantity of organics. Most of the conditions are the same as our other already executed organics processing agreements.

Recommendation: Approve the Organics Processing Agreement with Organix Recycling LLC, as presented.

**Organics Processing
Agreement w/ Organix
Recycling
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve the Organics Processing Agreement with Organix Recycling LLC as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5.5 Requisitions

BRIF #1067	Rettew Main Station Rehab Project- Engineering	\$985.00
BRIF #1068	Greenland Construction Main Station Rehab Project	\$57,190.50

TOTAL BRIF-

\$58,175.50

**BRIF Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Derr, second by Mr. Daubert, to approve BRIF Fund #1067, and #1068 in the amount of \$58,175.50. The motion passed unanimously.

Construction Fund #060	Rettew Sludge Drying Project- Engineering	\$132,058.00
Construction Fund #061	Sherwood Logan Sludge Drying Project- Headworks Screens	\$721,808.00
Construction Fund #062	Grainger Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$10,988.16
Construction Fund #063	L/B Water Sludge Drying Project- Valve	\$2,447.95
Construction Fund #064	Best Line Equipment Sludge Drying Project- Scissor Lift	\$81,044.00
Construction Fund #065	ULINE Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$727.04
Construction Fund #066	Hach Company Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$9,198.51
Construction Fund #067	Quandel Construction Group Pay App. #27- Sludge Drying Project-General	\$684,022.50
Construction Fund #068	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #17- Sludge Drying Project-Plumbing	\$83,354.48
Construction Fund #069	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #22- Sludge Drying Project-HVAC	\$55,054.25
Construction Fund #070	Hayden Power Group Pay App. #23- Sludge Drying Project-Electrical	\$291,055.19

TOTAL 2025 CONSTRUCTION FUND (Biosolids)-

\$2,071,758.08

**Construction Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Auman, second by Mr. Derr, to approve Construction Fund #060, #061, #062, #063, #064, #065, #066, #067, #068, #069 and #070 in the amount of \$2,071,758.08. The motion passed unanimously.

Revenue Fund #226	Debt Service, Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$1,250,000.00
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TOTAL REVENUE FUND-

\$1,250,000.00

**Revenue Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Ulbrecht, to approve Revenue Fund #226 in the amount of \$1,250,000.00. 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 February 28, 2026, were reviewed with the Board by Jason Brown.

6.2 Chairman's Report

None

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

	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
PORT MATILDA	780	2469	2339	1009	734	963
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	517	434	584	267	600	534
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE PARK	367	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL GALLONS

	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL	38,215	37,345	20,075	10,195	5,450	1,200
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE HOME	2,000	0	0	0	0	0
PORT MATILDA	5,500	10,500	11,000	5,500	5,500	5,500
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	6,000	6,000	8,000	8,000	6,000	8,000
MILLHEIM BOROUGH	0	0	0	0	0	79,600
TOTAL GALLONS	51,715	53,845	39,075	23,695	16,950	94,300

- The Millheim Borough WWTP ran into operational difficulties and is out of service. The Millheim borough influent flow of 30-50,000 GPD will be brought here until emergency repairs can be completed. UAJA has offered assistance and will provide seed sludge when needed.

PLANT OPERATIONS:

- Total Monthly Influent Flow: 148.81 MG
- Monthly Average Influent Flow: 5.31 MGD
- Highest Daily Influent Flow (2/20): 6.20 MGD
- Lowest Daily Influent Flow (2/5): 4.92 MGD
- 12-Month Rolling Effluent Average: 3.04 MGD
- Current Year Effluent Average: 3.54 MGD

On-line Treatment Units:

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

Reuse Water Distribution Data

	February	Year to date gallons
Best Western Hotel	22,000	47,000
Centre Hills Country Club	0	0
Stewart Drive Hydrant	0	0
Collections Maintenance Garage	2,000	2,000
CINTAS	490,872	1,164,546
Red Line Car Wash	640,000	1,192,000
Centre Concrete	360,000	360,000
Plant Site Wetlands	4,859,000	11,387,000
Plant Ozone Heat Exchanger	2,743,058	6,454,922
Plant Usage	16,000	77,000
GDK Park Vault	22,016,000	47,362,000
Kissinger's Pond	0	0
Mountain View Country Club	0	0
Total Gallons	31,148,930	68,046,468
Plant effluent temperature monthly average	56.4°	
Wetland temperature monthly average	51.7°	

Plant Maintenance

- Repaired the Mountain Tank control panel heater.
- Replaced the lamps in the AWT UV Disinfection System.
- Repaired AWT Chlorine Pump #2 and replaced the calibration cylinders.
- Replaced the yard valves for Dewatering Tank 4 Scum and Primary Sludge lines.
- Replaced the diaphragm in Primary Pump #2.

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 – 31,596 ft cleaned/cut with root cutter.
Mainline televising – 5,108 ft televised – 28 manholes inspected.
Lateral repair at 504 Sierra Dr.
New lateral installation 1601 Houserville Rd (Clearwater Conservancy)
Worked in shop and office
Locating cleanouts for GIS

Lift Station Maintenance:

Cleaned (18) wet wells.
Replaced E-One grinder pump at 131 Banner Way (Laurel Hills)

Next Month Projects:

Cleaning and T.V. mainlines
GIS for mapping
New lateral installation at Ross St. (Pine Grove Mills)
New lateral installation at 3759 S. Atherton St.
Prep work for 2nd. Ave Project

Inspection:

335 Innovation Park (90% complete)
Shiloh Commercial Park (held pre-construction meeting)
Patton Crossings (Cava Restaurant – 90% 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	0	c. Commercial	1
b. Multi-Family Residential	0	d. Non-Residential	0

TOTAL 0

PA One-Calls Responded February 1 thru February 28, 2026: 299

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 and will assist with the preparation of the sewer extension map.

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 have been drafted, and input is being obtained from the Authority Staff and the Authority's Solicitor.
- The special study has been updated to account for the proposed Greystar Development and sewer segment capacities based on a third-party survey.

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 special study will now be discussed at the COG General Forum meeting on March 23, 2026.

Reclaimed Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation (R001178.0742)

- Attached is a bid summary.
- It is recommended that a notice of intent to award be issued to Worldwide Industries Corp. (\$363,875.00)

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 is being compiled for submission to College Township.

Developer Plan Reviews:

- Crew 814 Phase 1, Design (R001178.752): Revised design drawings were submitted and are being reviewed.

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

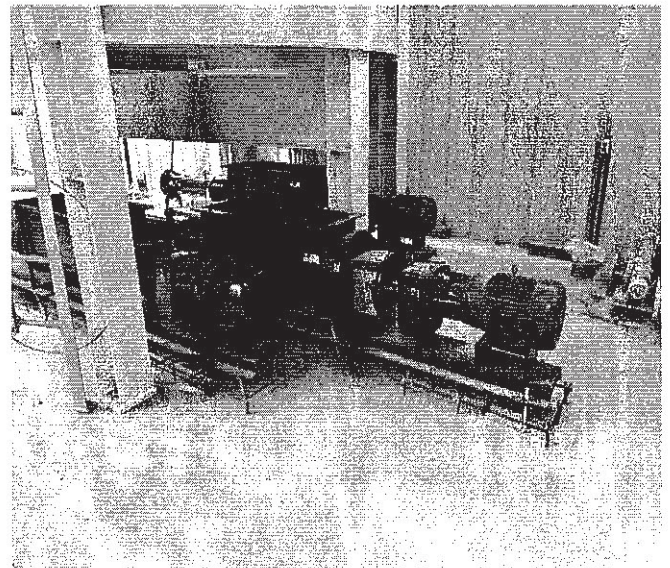
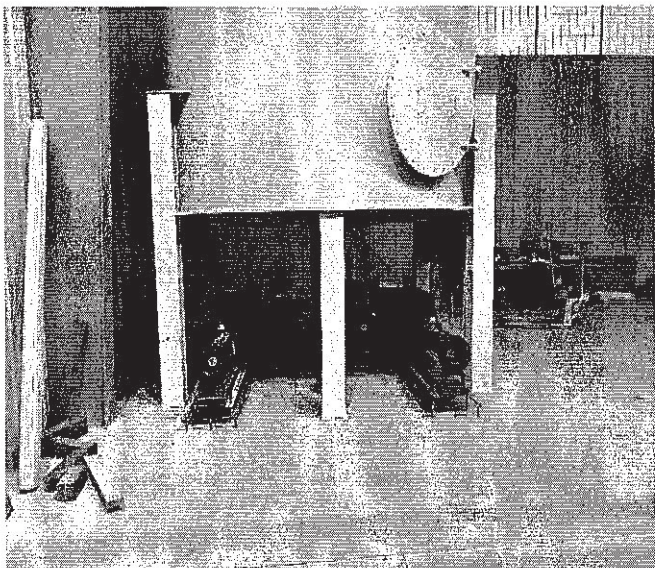
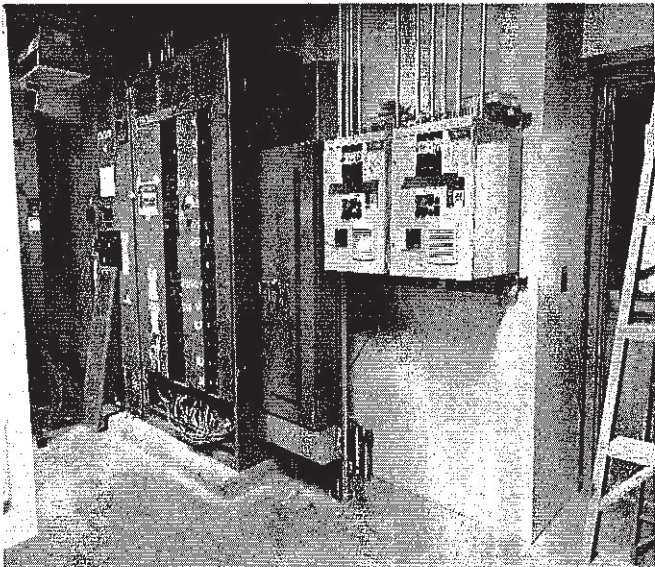
- No applications to process this month.

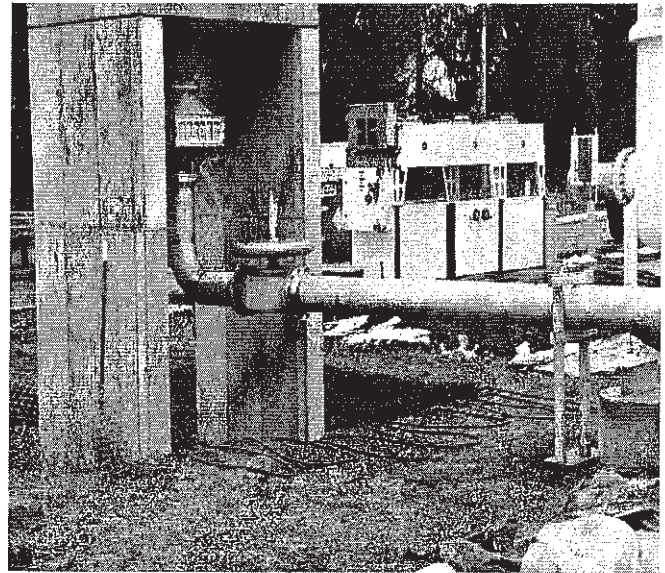
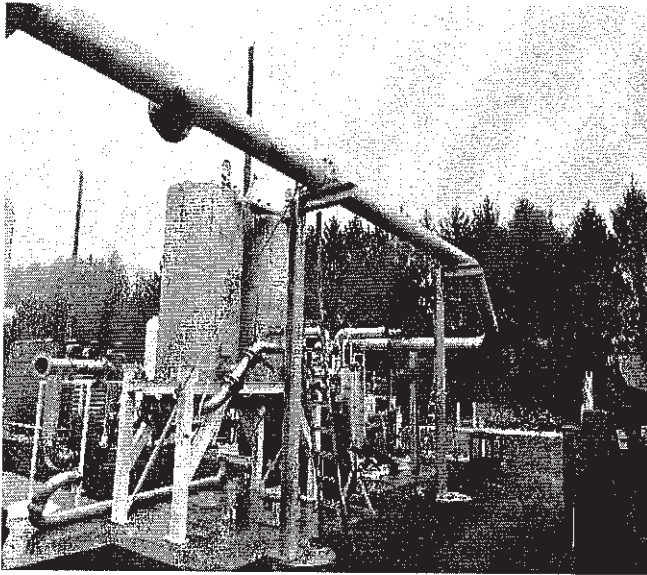
Ozone Disinfection for Effluent Project Schedule

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)

- Work is proceeding with installation of the stainless-steel biogas pipe, flare, and pipe insulation. The Contractor has installed the first of the two new headworks screens. Veolia has been on-site performing dry checks of their control panels.





- Contract 2022-03 (HVAC) – Change Order No. 06 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 06 in the amount of \$38,695.12 and an increase of 3 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes addition of damper to breeching in the Dewatering Building, heaters anaerobic building garage and heaters in the thickening building.
- Contract 2022-04 (EC) – Change Order No. 11 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 11 in the amount of \$28,672.15 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes the work associated with Work Change Directive No. 07 with added lights, pressure switches, flow meter and also includes credit for the elimination of light switches. Change Order also includes work associated with Work Change Directive No. 08, back-up power supplies for telecommunication cabinets and pump wiring modifications.

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	27	\$684,022.50	\$69,437,183.42	\$63,671,084.09	91.70%	\$8,949,653.55
2022-02	17	\$83,354.48	\$892,290.99	\$855,380.98	95.86%	\$79,679.05
2022-03	22	\$55,054.25	\$1,165,424.00	\$946,358.39	81.20%	\$266,383.57
2022-04	23	\$291,055.19	\$7,587,952.04	\$5,784,260.62	76.23%	\$2,382,117.48
		\$1,113,486.42	\$79,082,850.45	\$71,257,084.08	90.10%	\$11,677,833.65

- Application for Payment No. 27 has been received for Contract 2022-01 (General Construction) in the amount of \$684,022.50. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 27 in the amount of \$684,022.50.
- Application for Payment No. 17 has been received for Contract 2022-02 (Plumbing Construction) in the amount of \$83,354.48. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 17 in the amount of \$83,354.48.
- Application for Payment No. 22 has been received for Contract 2022-03 (HVAC Construction) in the amount of \$55,054.25. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 22 in the amount of \$55,054.25.
- Application for Payment No. 23 has been received for Contract 2022-04 (Electrical Construction) in

the amount of \$291,055.19. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 23 in the amount of \$291,055.19.

Anaerobic Digestion Project Schedule

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

College-Harris Pump Station

- The new check valve components have been installed and the work is complete.

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	4-Final	\$57,190.50	\$168,345.50	\$168,345.50	100.00%	\$0.00
		\$57,190.50	\$168,345.50	\$168,345.50	100.00%	\$0.00

- Application for Payment No. 04-Final has been received for Contract 2025-01 (General Construction) in the amount of \$57,190.50. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 04-Final in the amount of \$57,190.50.

6.7 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Miller discussed the authority's most recent West Penn Power bill with the board members.

7. Other Business

None.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Auman, to go into an executive session at 5:20 pm, to discuss real estate negotiations. A motion was then made by Mr. Auman, second by Mr. Nucciarone to come out of executive session at 6:12 pm. Both motions passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Auman, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY

Secretary/Assistant Secretary