

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

Regular Meeting – May 20, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lapinski, Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 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, Derr, 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, Guss, and Nucciarone; Olivia Lopatofsky, State College Borough Engineer; Michael G, Centre Region Planning Agency; Pam Adams, Centre Region Planning; Hayley Streit, Maher Duessel; Brian McCall, Maher Duessel.

2. Approval of the Minutes

UAJA Regular Meeting – April 15, 2026

**UAJA Meeting
Minutes Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Derr, second by Mr. Auman, to approve the meeting minutes of the UAJA regular meeting held on April 15, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

3.1 Other items not on the agenda

None.

4. Old Business

4.1 2025 Audit

The draft audit is included in the meeting packet. Board Treasurer, Jeff Nucciarone, Board Member, Jan Ulbrecht, Board Member, Peter Marshall, Cory Miller and Jason Brown met with Maher Duessel (via Zoom) on May 8th to review and comment on the 2025 draft audit. Brian McCall, a partner in Maher Duessel, will attend the meeting to review the 2025 draft audit with the Board.

Recommendation: Approve the 2025 Audit.

**2025 Audit
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Marshall, to approve the 2025 Audit. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 UAJA Mission Statement

At the April Board meeting, the mission statement that had been developed more than 25 years ago by Staff and Board members was presented to be adopted by the Board. The Board voted to change the mission statement to the following:

UAJA – Providing high quality wastewater and other resource recovery services that improve the environment, economy, and quality of life of the Centre Region, now and in the future.

The old UAJA mission statement was:

UAJA – Improving the environment, economy and quality of life of the Centre Region, now and in the future.

As suggested, The Executive Director met with the staff to discuss the change. The staff found the new wording to be too restrictive. It limits actions to providing wastewater and other resource recovery services.

“The Water Resources Utility of the Future: A Blueprint for Action” is included in the agenda report. This report was published in 2013, 12 years after UAJA wrote the previous mission statement. This nationwide effort is a reflection of where UAJA has been going for decades. UAJA has been awarded the “Utility of the Future Today” award three times. Very few organizations have managed to accomplish that.

This portion of the executive summary of the blueprint describes UAJA and the Centre Region quite well:

“The most progressive of today’s clean water agencies are defining the UOTF. Instead of solely collecting and transporting wastewaters as far downstream as possible to central treatment plants where wastes are cleansed to meet permit limits prior to discharge to waterways, the UOTF transforms itself into a manager of valuable resources, a partner in local economic development, and a member of the watershed community seeking to deliver maximum environmental benefits at the least cost to society. It does this by reclaiming and reusing water, extracting and finding commercial uses for nutrients and other constituents, capturing waste heat and latent energy in biosolids and liquid streams, generating renewable energy using its land and other horizontal assets, and using green infrastructure to manage stormwater but also to improve urban quality of life more broadly. These actions benefit the utility in the form of reduced costs and increased revenues. But they also deliver environmental, economic, and social benefits both locally and nationally.”

The Blueprint for Action recognizes that often the greatest environmental gain can be achieved only through cooperative efforts that go beyond traditional wastewater treatment. Our local municipalities recognize this as well. UAJA needs a mission statement that makes it clear that we are a partner in improving the watershed beyond providing high quality wastewater and other resource recovery services.

Recommendation: Adopt the UAJA mission statement, “UAJA – Improving the environment, economy and quality of life of the Centre Region, now and in the future.”

**UAJA Mission Statement –
No action taken**

The members of the board addressed the need for a work session to further discuss the UAJA Mission Statement. No action taken.

5. New Business

5.1 Organics Processing Contract New Freedom Resources, LLC

Included in the agenda report is a draft agreement between UAJA and New Freedom Resources, LLC for processing organics. The agreement does not commit UAJA to a set quantity to receive, nor does it commit New Freedom 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 New Freedom Resources, LLC as presented.

**Organics Processing
Agreement
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Auman, to approve the Organics Processing Agreement with New Freedom Resources, LLC as presented. Mr. Marshall tabled his motion. A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Marshall to approve the Organics Processing Agreement with New Freedom Resources, LLC, subject to the term provision being consistent with prior agreements that the authority has with Denali and Organix. The motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Requisitions

BRIF #1074	FilmTec Corp. AWT Membranes	\$183,377.76
BRIF #1075	HRG Oakwood Trunk Project	\$35,000.00
BRIF #1076	SiteOne Landscape 2 nd Street Project (Seed and Fertilizer)	\$235.62
BRIF #1077	Heidelberg Materials 2 nd Street Project (Stone)	\$6,177.43
BRIF #1078	L/B Water 2 nd Street Project (Misc. Materials)	\$75.00
BRIF #1079	Robinson Septic Service 2 nd Street Project	\$150.00
BRIF #1080	Maxwell Transport 2 nd Street Project (Lowboy)	\$348.00
BRIF #1081	Bi-Lo Supply 2 nd Street Project (Misc. Materials)	\$321.63
BRIF #1082	Irvin Farms 2 nd Street Project (Straw)	\$120.00
BRIF #1083	C.L. Harter Excavating 2 nd Street Project (Top Soil)	\$1,200.00
BRIF #1084	A&H Equipment	\$32,219.91

Truck Dump Bed

TOTAL BRIF-

\$259,225.35

**BRIF Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Derr, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve BRIF Fund #1074, #1075, #1076, #1077, #1078, #1079, #1080, #1081, #1082, #1083 and #1084 in the amount of \$259,225.35. The motion passed unanimously.

Construction Fund #038	PSI Pumping Solutions	\$39,825.00
	Pay App. #11- Ozone Project-Electrical	

TOTAL 2021 CONSTRUCTION FUND-

\$39,825.00

**Construction Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Auman, to approve Construction Fund #038 in the amount of \$39,825.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Construction Fund #090	Rettew Sludge Drying Project- Engineering	\$60,114.00
Construction Fund #091	Hillis-Carnes Engineering Sludge Drying Project- Inspection	\$160.00
Construction Fund #092	Helena-Agri Enterprises Sludge Drying Project- Lime	\$7,140.00
Construction Fund #093	MSA Safety Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$10,200.00
Construction Fund #094	B&S Sheet Metal Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$420.00
Construction Fund #095	Mike's Video Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$1,290.00
Construction Fund #096	Morefield Sludge Drying Project- Network/Cabling	\$5,833.75
Construction Fund #097	Hite Company Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$25,232.12
Construction Fund #098	Sherwood Logan Sludge Drying Project- Headworks Upgrade	\$144,574.00
Construction Fund #099	Linde Gas Sludge Drying Project- Nitrogen Gas	\$1,324.69
Construction Fund #100	APR Supply Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$359.69

Construction Fund #101	Construction Tool Service Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$952.00
Construction Fund #102	Keystone Engineering Sludge Drying Project- SCADA/Network	\$143,361.71
Construction Fund #103	Best Line Equipment Sludge Drying Project- JLG Telehandler	\$213,000.00
Construction Fund #104	Quandel Construction Group Pay App. #29- Sludge Drying Project-General	\$698,810.97
Construction Fund #105	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #19- Sludge Drying Project-Plumbing	\$1,643.50
Construction Fund #106	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #24- Sludge Drying Project-HVAC	\$9,505.07
Construction Fund #107	Hayden Power Group Pay App. #25- Sludge Drying Project-Electrical	\$277,351.52
TOTAL 2025 CONSTRUCTION FUND (Biosolids)-		\$1,601,273.02

**Construction Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Guss, to approve Construction Fund #090, #091, #092, #093, #094, #095, #096, #097, #098, #099, #100, #101, #102, #103, #104, #105, #106, and #107 in the amount of \$1,601,273.02. The motion passed unanimously.

Revenue Fund #228	Debt Service, Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$1,250,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE FUND-		\$1,250,000.00

**Revenue Fund
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Daubert, to approve Revenue Fund #228 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 April 30, 2026, were reviewed with the Board by Jason Brown.

- Keystone Water Resources Center would like an increased contribution from UAJA for the stream monitoring gauge in Houserville. The board should expect Keystone Water Resources Center to present the board with this request in one of the upcoming board meetings.

6.2 Chairman's Report

Mr. Lapinski addressed the need for a work session to discuss the findings in Mr. Miller's report regarding UAJA sewer accounts and the water authority's accounts.

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

	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
PORT MATILDA	2339	1009	734	963	3002	2581
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	584	267	600	534	583	550
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE PARK	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL GALLONS

	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL	20,075	10,195	5,450	1,200	8,075	22,605
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE HOME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PORT MATILDA	11,000	5,500	5,500	5,500	18,500	17,500
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	8,000	8,000	6,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
TOTAL GALLONS	39,075	23,695	16,950	94,300	766,323	48,105

PLANT OPERATIONS:

- Total Monthly Influent Flow: 181.55 MG
- Monthly Average Influent Flow: 6.05 MGD
- Highest Daily Influent Flow (4/5): 6.72 MGD
- Lowest Daily Influent Flow (4/28): 5.67 MGD
- 12-Month Rolling Effluent Average: 3.15 MGD
- Current Year Effluent Average: 3.88 MGD

On-line Treatment Units:

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

Reuse Water Distribution Data

	April	Year to date gallons
Best Western Hotel	29,000	109,000
Centre Hills Country Club	678,000	678,000
Stewart Drive Hydrant	0	0
Collections Maintenance Garage	0	5,000
CINTAS	582,448	2,407,213
Red Line Car Wash	413,000	2,090,000
Centre Concrete	99,000	459,000
Plant Site Wetlands	5,210,000	22,211,000
Plant Ozone Heat Exchanger	3,201,897	12,807,589
Plant Usage	40,000	145,000
GDK Park Vault	14,555,000	82,276,000
Mountain View Country Club	628,000	637,000
Total Gallons	25,436,345	123,824,802
Plant effluent temperature monthly average	62.0°	
Wetland temperature monthly average	58.3°	

Plant Maintenance

- Repaired the spray nozzle manifold in the Odor Control pre-condition chamber.
- Replaced the RAS/WAS Pump control panel.
- Replaced the control wiring for the IPS pump station.
- Replaced the communication wiring for MFs 4, 5, and 6.
- Repaired process piping on MF 3.
- Installed the weir cleaning brushes on the Secondary Clarifiers.
- Replaced the diaphragm in Primary Pump 7.

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 – 6,027 ft cleaned/cut with root cutter.

Mainline televising – 13,123 ft televised – 66 manholes inspected.

Replaced 665' of mainline and laterals at 2nd Ave project

2- New lateral installs (Ross St in Ferguson Township and Kennard Rd. Harris Township)

Locating cleanouts for GIS

Lift Station Maintenance:

Cleaned (11) wet wells.

Next Month Projects:

Finish 2nd Ave Project (Restoration)
Start Strouse Ave Project
Several mainline spot repairs
Manhole adjustments for paving projects

Inspection:

335 Innovation Park (90% complete)
Shiloh Commercial Park (75% complete)
Patton Crossings (Cava Restaurant) waiting on final as-builts
Blaise Alexander Hyundai (10% complete)
Blue Spring Enclave (held pre-construction meeting)
Grayspoint 7B (80% complete)

Mainline Construction:

Summit Park (waiting on pre-construction meeting)
Mount Nittany Manor Phase 1&2 (waiting on pre-construction meeting)
Crew 814 Phase 1 (waiting on pre-construction meeting)

New Connections:

a. Single-Family Residential	8	c. Commercial	1
b. Multi-Family Residential	2	d. Non-Residential	0
TOTAL			11

PA One-Calls Responded April 1 thru April 30, 2026: 618

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)

- Easement exhibits were prepared for the sewer lines in Innovation Park.
- An updated cost estimate for the entry road improvements was provided.

Puddintown Interceptor Act 537 Special Study (P001178.0725)

- Comment responses have been drafted, and input was 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.
- HRG is developing projected special purpose tapping fee components to incorporate into the study.

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

- HRG is working with the Developer (S&A Homes) to design the proposed pump station and force

main.

- The Meeks Lane Special Study was adopted at the April 27, 2026, meeting of the COG. The adopted study was submitted to the PA DEP.

Reclaimed Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation (R001178.0742)

- A pre-construction conference was held; however, notice to proceed has not yet been issued, pending review of the Contractor's documents.
- The Contractor's stated that they would be available to start work in June.

Oakwood Trunk Sewer Relocation and Upgrade (R001178.0749)

- The Component 3 was adopted at the May 7th meeting of College Township and was submitted to the PA DEP.

Developer Plan Reviews:

- 335 Innovation Building at Innovation Park (R001178.0757): Revised as-built drawings 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	11 – Final	\$39,825.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	100.00%	\$0.00
2021-07 MC			\$223,000.00	\$223,000.00	100.00%	\$0.00
		\$39,825.00	\$6,031,723.91	\$5,896,473.91	97.76%	\$401,423.70

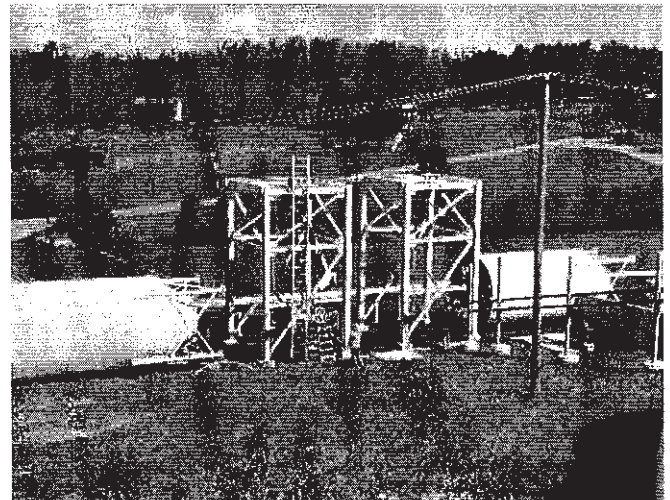
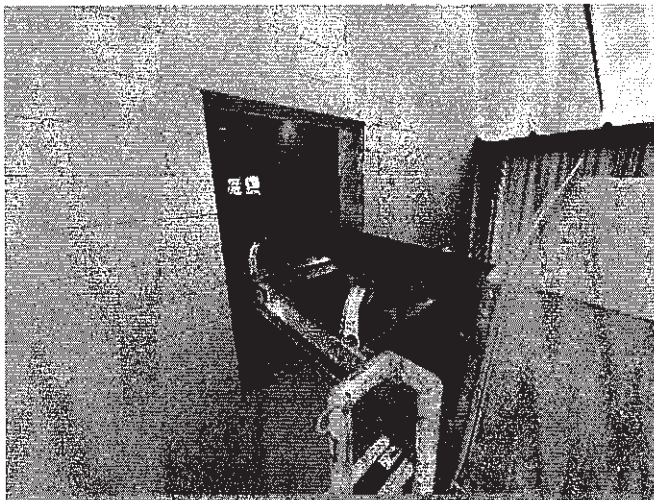
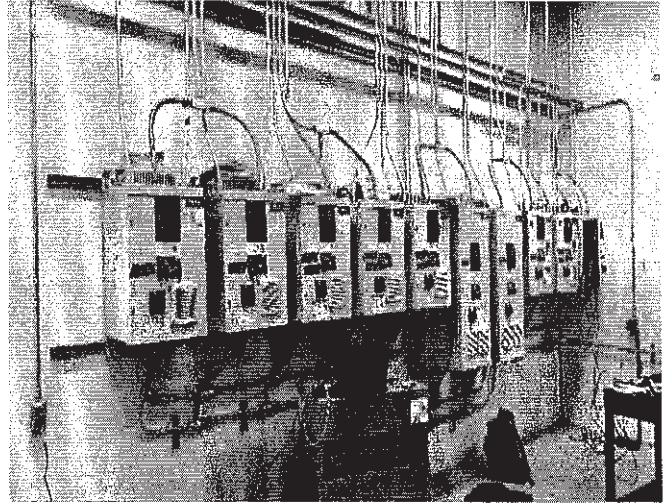
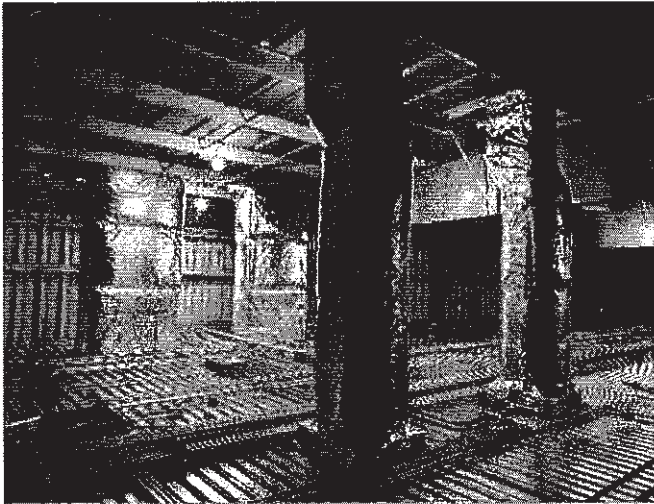
- Application for Payment No. 11-Final has been received for Contract 2021-06 (Electrical Construction) in the amount of \$39,825.00. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 11-Final in the amount of \$39,825.00.

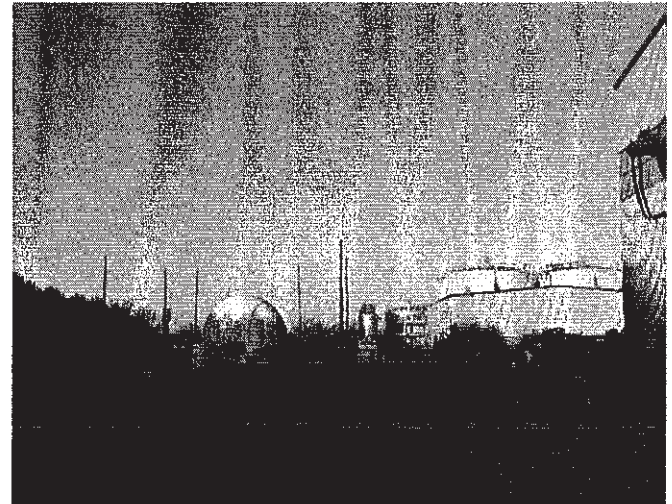
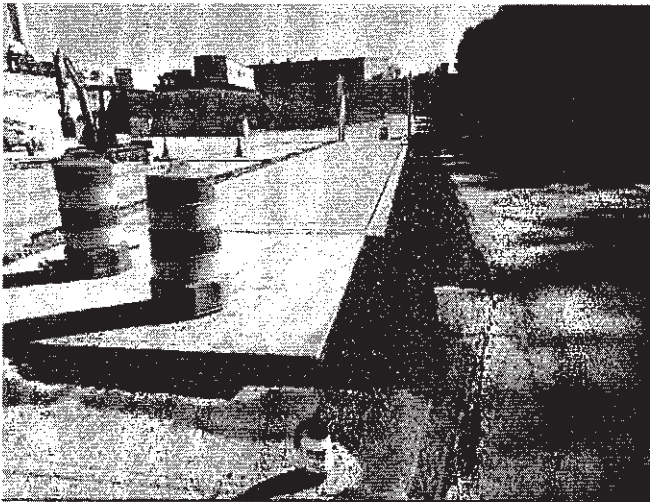
Ozone Disinfection for Effluent Project Schedule

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)

- Equipment start-ups, staff trainings, and commissioning activities are underway. Dewatered sludge from the centrifuges is now moving along the old and new conveyor belts from the Dewatering Building, into the Dryer Building, and into the Wet Cake Bin. From there, staff is pumping the cake to a dumpster for disposal.
- The first of the imported sludge will be delivered the week of May 18th. The material will be processed through the Ecrusor to be used to start filling the Food Waste/Organics digesters.





- No Change Orders to be presented this month.

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	29	\$698,810.97	\$69,468,695.42	\$67,260,416.23	96.82%	\$5,571,300.03
2022-02	19	\$1,643.50	\$892,290.99	\$880,890.98	98.72%	\$55,444.55
2022-03	24	\$9,505.07	\$1,204,119.12	\$960,503.98	79.77%	\$291,640.38
2022-04	25	\$277,351.52	\$7,616,624.19	\$6,320,257.61	82.98%	\$1,612,379.46
		\$987,311.06	\$79,181,729.72	\$75,422,068.80	95.25%	\$7,530,764.42

- Application for Payment No. 29 has been received for Contract 2022-01 (General Construction) in the amount of \$698,810.97. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 29 in the amount of \$698,810.97.
- Application for Payment No. 19 has been received for Contract 2022-02 (Plumbing Construction) in the amount of \$1,643.50. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 19 in the amount of \$1,643.50.
- Application for Payment No. 24 has been received for Contract 2022-03 (HVAC Construction) in the amount of \$9,505.07. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 24 in the amount of \$9,505.07.
- Application for Payment No. 25 has been received for Contract 2022-04 (Electrical Construction) in the amount of \$277,351.52. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 25 in the amount of \$277,351.52.

Anaerobic Digestion Project Schedule

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

6.7 Executive Director's Report

- Several work sessions need to be scheduled with the board members regarding various matters.

- Mr. Miller's summation report reflecting the sewer accounts and water accounts will be presented to the board for review in early June 2026.

7. Other Business

None.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Derr, second by Mr. Ulbrecht, to go into an executive session at 5:15 pm, to discuss legal negotiations. A motion was then made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Auman to come out of executive session at 6:15 pm. Both motions passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Auman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY

Secretary/Assistant Secretary