

LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

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MINUTES

August 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority was called to order at 5:00 p.m., at the Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority office.

Those members present were:

Kenneth Frameli, Chairman
Tom Goughenour, Vice Chairman
Jamie Forman, Secretary
Joshua Forman
George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Brian Sypin
Tim Phillips
Tom Davidson
Gary Mylan

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor
Bob Dengler, Engineer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the July 16, 2025 meeting was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jamie Forman and the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion approving the Treasurer's Report and to pay the outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Joshua Forman, seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard stated he had purchased two VFDs from Cambria Systems Inc. for approximately \$13,000.00. The VFDs are not operating properly, and unfortunately, Mr. Howard feels he is getting the run around from Cambria Systems Inc. Cambria Systems tried twice to repair the VFDs but they are still not working properly. At this time, either the company does not show up when they say they will or they do not return phone calls. Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority has paid for the two VFDs, but an outstanding \$1,300.00 invoice still needs paid to Cambria Systems Inc. Mr. Howard would like to refuse to pay this invoice until the VFDs are fixed. Mr. Dengler stated he would check for any warranties associated with these VFDs. Mr. Sybin made a motion authorizing Mr. Simms to write a letter to Cambria Systems Inc. regarding this issue once it is determined there is a warranty. Mr. Mylan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Simms stated he sent notices to the Tax Claim Bureaus of both the Greene County and Washington County Upset Sales regarding outstanding Initial TAP fees still owed to the Authority.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming received the draft NPDES Permit for the Mather STP. Mr. Dengler distributed a letter noting the changes for the Mather STP with this new permit. Mr. Dengler stated there were not many changes. However, the one notable change, which at this time does not affect Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority because the Authority does not have any industrial discharges, is the Authority would need to submit to EPA a list of any industrial users with expected or suspected PFAS discharges to the system.

Mr. Dengler stated he had talked to EPA regarding the potential of using the \$500,000.00 secured under the USEPA FY2023 Community Project Funding Program earmarked for the Chartiers Hill Sewer Extension Project and instead be used for the Country Club Road Extension Project. Mr. Dengler stated if EPA permits the transfer of the \$500,000.00 grant money to the Country Club Road Extension Project the Act 537 Plan would need revised to eliminate the Chartiers Road Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated the Authority's grant application for \$922,000.00 for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project was added to Senator McCormick's FY 2026 Appropriations request. The grant requires a 20% matching funds requirement of \$184,000.00. The total estimated project is \$1,675,215.00. Mr. Dengler stated a decision regarding this grant application might take place in October 2025.

Mr. Dengler stated the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Program should be reviewing the grant applications in either September or October 2025. The Authority submitted a grant application for \$269,000.00, which has a 15% matching funds requirement of \$40,350.00, designated for the Greene Country Country Club Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated he received a call from RCAP Solutions, Inc. requesting information relative to the development of an Emergency Response Plan and Risk & Resiliency Assessment. Mr. Mylan made a motion authorizing Gannett Fleming to assist RCAP Solutions Inc. with the development of an Emergency Response Plan and a Risk & Resiliency Assessment required by USDA for the Authority's USDA Loan. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Goughenour stated the Authority's union negotiating committee met with Mr. Howard and Mr. Brichetti regarding the new union contract for Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's employees. Mr. Goughenour stated that even though the committee has issue with a few language matters, the committee and the union representatives have reached an agreement on the employees' requests. In addition, Mr. Goughenour stated the negotiating committee would like to check into the employees' health insurance. Mr. Mylan made a motion approving the new union contract agreed upon between the Authority's negotiating committee and the Authority's employee union, with the understanding the language for the operators' licenses and a potential health insurance buyout still needs negotiated. All other parts of the new union contract is approved. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davidson arrived at approximately 5:18pm.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Riecks made a motion to adjourn at 5:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. Jamie Forman and the motion carried unanimously.