

**LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

724-883-2743

MINUTES

March 18, 2026

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:

Tom Goughenour, Chairman  
Jamie Forman, Secretary  
George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Tom Davidson  
James McCollum  
Gary Mylan  
Joshua Forman

Also attending were:

Adam Belletti, Solicitor  
Bob Dengler, Engineer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator  
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting was made by Mr. Joshua Forman, 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. McCollum, seconded by Mr. Davidson and the motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

## OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard informed the board lagoons one to three had to be pumped down due to a clogged line between pump one and pump two. Mr. Howard stated he contacted NexGen Industrial Services to assist with the turning of the valves on the lagoons. The board advised Mr. Howard to contact Southwestern PA Water Authority to inquire of the use of their valve truck to help turn the valves instead of contracting with NexGen Industrial Services.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini distributed a draft copy of the completed 2025 Audit for the board members to take home to review and accept at the April 2026 board meeting.

## LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Belletti stated he sent a letter to the auditors indicating Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority has no pending claims or litigation.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated the request to reallocate the \$500,000.00 grant, secured under the USEPA FY 2023 Community Project Funding Program, to the Country Club Sewer Extension Project instead of the Chartiers Road Sewer Extension Project has been approved. The cost of the Country Club Sewer Extension Project is estimated at \$1,675,215.00. Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority would need approximately \$1,200,000.00 more in grants to complete the Country Club Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming submitted the 2027 appropriations grant application for this project to Representative Reschenthaler's Office as well as the offices of Senators Fetterman and McCormick.

Mr. Dengler stated he removed the Chartiers Road Extension Project from the Act 537 Planning Module. The planning module would now have to go through the planning phases again along with the public comments period. Mr. Dengler stated it would be a couple more months before another Resolution would be received from Morgan Township.

Mr. Howard stated number 1 and 2 VFD blowers at the Mather STP are working properly; he is still waiting for NexGen Industrial to fix VFD blower number 3.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming submitted a Statewide LSA grant application in the fall of 2025 for \$830,000.00 on behalf of Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority for the Pitt Gas Rehabilitation Project; those applications would not be reviewed until September 2026.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming completed the Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Reports for both the Mather STP and Williamstown STP. Mr. McCollum made a motion approving the submission of the Annual Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Reports to PaDEP. Mr. Mylan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated he had contacted, per the Authority's request, Solar Renewable Energy LLC regarding the potential installation of solar panels to help curtail the rising electricity prices. Solar Renewable Energy LLC presented two options to the Authority. One offer was a Buyout Option. The Authority would enter into a loan to buyout the system. The solar company would own the panels for the first five years then the Authority would own the panels on year six and beyond. Lower Ten Mile would pay the solar company at a reduced rate for the first five years and the power credit would go to the solar company. On year six the Authority would enter into a 28 year loan with the solar company to take ownership of the panels but also take possession of the energy credits. The solar panels have a warranty of 30 years but the maintenance of the solar panels would be the Authority's responsibility. The board decided to table the issue at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Joshua Forman made a motion to adjourn at 5:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Jamie Forman and the motion carried unanimously.