

WESTERN WESTMORELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – MARCH 19, 2026

The Board of Directors of Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority held a regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the Authority conference room, duly advertised, as required, and with the following people in attendance:

1. Roll Call:

Board Members in Attendance:

Mr. Kurt Bonnet	Mr. Stanley Caroline, Jr.	Mr. Charles Konkus
Mr. Joseph Lapia	Mr. Antonio Lio	Mr. JP McHugh
Mr. Shawn Stitely		

Absent:

Ms. Lisa Kovac	Mr. Dylan Mace	Mr. Bob Regola
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Others in Attendance:

Mr. Matthew Racunas, Solicitor
Mr. Chad Hanley, PE, Consulting Engineer, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.
Ms. Amanda Lee, Consulting Engineer in Training, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.
Mr. Stanley A. Gorski, Jr., Authority Manager
Mr. Mark J. Wolinsky, Operations and Compliance Manager
Mrs. Johanna Wtorkowski, Finance Director and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer/
Recording Secretary

Public in Attendance:

Mr. Jason McCabe

2. Mr. Caroline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Communications:

A. Mr. Caroline reported that PMAA is hosting its annual Spring Management Workshop on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, in Champion, PA. Mr. Caroline asked that anyone who is interested in attending contact Mr. Gorski or Mrs. Wtorkowski.

5. Secretary's Report: Joseph Lapia:

A. Mr. Lapia requested approval of the meeting minutes of February 19, 2026, as presented. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Konkus and seconded by Mr. McHugh. The motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the Secretary's Report.

6. Treasurer's Report: Due to Ms. Kovac's absence, Mrs. Wtorkowski requested the approval of the following requisition:

A. Revenue Fund Requisition No. 477: \$336,993.69: A motion to approve was made by Mr. Konkus and seconded by Mr. Lapia. The motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the Treasurer's report.

7. Operations and Compliance Manager and Authority Manager's Reports:
Mr. Gorski deferred to the Authority's Operations and Compliance Manager Mark Wolinsky, who presented his quarterly report.
- A. Mr. Wolinsky reported that there were no NPDES violations or bypasses for February 2026. Precipitation was 1.40 inches. Average flow was 3.603 MGD. Maximum flow was 9.788 MGD. There was an inch of rainfall from February 19-20, 2026, during which 261,000 gallons of effluent were transferred to the equalization tank. From March 11-12, 2026, more than 900,000 gallons of effluent were transferred to the equalization tank.
 - B. The triennial laboratory assessment was conducted by the PaDEP on March 11, 2026. The assessment is required of accredited laboratories. There was a new PaDEP representative conducting the inspection this year. Mr. Wolinsky provided a description of the assessment. Mr. Wolinsky stated that two or three very minor issues were documented, which have already been rectified. Mr. Wolinsky commended the Authority's Chief Operator Edwin Howley for his efforts in preparation for the assessment.
 - C. Mr. Wolinsky provided a brief demonstration of the effectiveness of the new settling agent that has been added to the plant treatment process. Mr. Wolinsky provided an explanation of the process of treating ammonia at the plant and the issues that arise during the nitrification process. Mr. Wolinsky demonstrated the addition of a settling agent to wastewater that was taken from the aeration tanks. This settling agent will be added to wastewater in the aeration tanks to assist in settling.
 - D. Mr. Wolinsky is working with Keystone Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) to schedule skid steer and scissor lift training, which will be paid with the 2025 KMIT Safety Grant. A discussion followed.

This concluded the Operations and Compliance Manager's Report.

Authority Manager's Report – Stanley Gorski, Jr.:

- A. General Update:
 - 1. LSA-Process Control Improvements Project:
 - a. Mr. Gorski reported that the LSA Grant was extended until June 30, 2027.
 - b. Mr. Gorski reported that he attended a meeting with Lone Pine Construction, who will be installing the froth spray system at the aeration tanks and concrete sidewalk repairs. Mr. Gorski stated that the contractor will be using stainless steel piping, and not galvanized piping. Mr. Gorski stated that he would provide a tour of the aeration tanks and explain where the froth spray system will be installed to anyone who is interested in viewing the area. A discussion followed.
 - 2. GIS System:
 - a. Mr. Gorski reported that he received the first update from HRG regarding the GIS System Project. All the Authority's manholes and interceptors have been laid out. Lines that are out of service will also be included in the GIS System. A discussion followed. Mr. Caroline stated that Penn Township Sewage Authority will provide the Authority with maps of the Penn Township Service Area Extension Project once construction of the line is completed.

3. Mr. Gorski reported that Authority employees are currently draining three aeration basins in preparation for the LSA Process Control Improvements Project. Mr. Gorski commended the Authority employees for their efforts.
4. Mr. Gorski reported that the 2025 Chapter 94 Report has been completed. The Authority does not anticipate any hydraulic or organic overload within the next five years. Mr. Gorski expressed his appreciation to all the Member Municipalities who submitted the requested information in a timely manner.
5. Mr. Gorski reported that he met last week with Mr. Caroline, Mr. Glenn Wolfe, and Mr. Mike Seice, of PTSA. Mr. Caroline provided WWMA with a map of the planned interceptor improvements.
6. A Managers/Engineers meeting has been scheduled with Member Municipalities for May 13, 2026. The meeting will be held at the Authority office.
7. The second 2,000-gallon magnesium hydroxide storage tank was delivered yesterday. This second tank eliminates the need for the totes. The Authority has submitted a request to the PaDEP for approval to decommission the Grit Building. When approval has been received, the Authority will proceed with design of a 7,000-8,000-gallon tank for magnesium hydroxide storage. A discussion followed.

This concluded the Authority Manager's report. Mr. Gorski offered to provide a tour of the process system.

8. Consulting Engineers: Amanda Lee, HRG:

A. Update:

1. HRG is assisting the Authority with the completion of the annual Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report.
2. A bi-monthly progress meeting will be held next week with Authority staff.
3. HRG assisted the Authority with the submission of the LSA Grant Extension Request.

B. LSA-Process Control Improvements Project:

1. A site visit was held for the Froth Spray Project. Ms. Lee requested Board approval of the LSA-Process Improvements Project Froth Spray Line Demolition and Replacement with 304 Stainless Steel Piping, Valve Replacement, and Concrete Removal and Replacement at a COSTARS price of \$248,848.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lapia and seconded by Mr. Stitely. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lee reported that HRG has been working with the vendor, Kappe Associates, to sort out insurance and prevailing wage issues.

C. HRG's GIS team has been working on the Authority's GIS system.

Mr. Stitely stated that Lone Pine Construction would not mind installing the froth sprays before the process control improvements are completed. Mr. Stitely asked Mr. Hanley if the Authority could begin decommissioning some of the (diffuser) pods before the new blowers are installed. Mr. Hanley stated that a scenario was not run to see if the larger blowers could be run with fewer diffusers. Mr. Hanley stated that he could have Mrs. Lackey look at this. Mr. Stitely stated that installing the diffusers when the froth sprays were installed could save time. Mr. Stitely stated that Lone Pine Construction is unsure whether ladders or scaffolding will be used for the project. A discussion followed.

This concluded the Engineer's Report.

9. Solicitor's Report – Matthew Racunas:

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10. Reports of Committees:

A. Personnel Committee – Joseph Lapia

1. Mr. Lapia stated that Mr. Racunas updated the Board regarding the policy for Authority employees serving as Board Members.
2. Mr. Lapia reported that the Personnel Committee is beginning to work on the Personnel Manual.

B. Finance and Budget Committee:

1. Due to Ms. Kovac's absence, Mrs. Wtorkowski requested Board authorization to purchase of a Capital Improvement Fund one-month United States Treasury Bill in the amount of \$3,400,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Konkus and seconded by Mr. Lio. The motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the Finance and Budget Committee report.

C. Legal and Engineering Services Committee – Kurt Bonnet: There was no report.

11. Requisitions:

Mr. Caroline requested Board approval of the following Requisition:

- A. Approval of Capital Improvement Fund Requisition No. 142, in the amount of \$11,343.00. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bonnet and seconded by Mr. McHugh. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Board Member Comments:

- A. Mr. Stitely offered to provide a tour of the froth spray system at the aeration tanks to anyone who is interested.

13. Old Business: None

14. New Business:

- A. Mr. Caroline asked how the Authority's new employee (Mr. Cody Kenrick) is working out. Mr. Gorski stated that Mr. Kenrick is doing well.

15. Executive Session: None

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

WESTERN WESTMORELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Attn: Mr. Stanley A. Gorski, Jr., Authority Manager
Report Period: February 2026
HRG Project Number: R008234.0426
Prepared: March 12, 2026



March 19, 2026 Authority Meeting

RETAINER SERVICES (.0426)

- HRG attended the February Board Meeting and shall attend the March Board Meeting.
- HRG started preparing the Chapter 94 Wasteload Management report that is due to DEP by March 31st.

GENERAL SERVICES (.0427)

- The bi-monthly project status meeting with staff was held on January 21st. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25th.

PLANNING MODULE REVIEWS (.0428)

- No activity this month.

WWTP PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS (.0430)

WWTP Evaluation Study

- No activity this month.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS (.0432)

Phase 04: Primary Clarifier Equipment Replacement

- HRG performed a LIDAR scan of the first primary clarifier tank on July 23rd and after WWMA switched the tanks, HRG scanned the second tank on August 7th. Both files have been shared with Xylem.
- A proposal has been received from Kappe for the scoped Xylem equipment. HRG will review and request revisions to the proposal as necessary.
- HRG will continue to be involved with project scope and planning; it is anticipated that the project will take place in 2026.

WWTP DISINFECTION IMPROVEMENTS: SODIUM HYPO (.0434)

- This project was cancelled at the February Board Meeting. No further action is required at this time.

LSA – PROCESS CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS (.0435)

- Kappe's revised proposal was executed by WWMA on February 12, 2026. The project is now in the submittal stage.
- HRG prepared a letter to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development requesting an extension to the LSA grant funds agreement. The grant extension was approved, and a Grant Contract Amendment was signed by WWMA.
- A site visit was held on March 5, 2026, with HRG, WWMA, and Lone Pine to review the scope for the froth spray replacement. A proposal will be prepared by Lone Pine for this additional scope.

PTSA SERVICE AREA EXPANSION (.0436)

- No current updates; previously:
 - The PTSA Service Area Extension Agreement was approved at the July Board Meeting. HRG will review project documents from PTSA as they are received.
 - HRG assisted WWMA with the preparation of a letter of support for PTSA's LSA Grant Application.

GIS SERVICES (.0438)

- ArcGIS online license and account set-up and completed.
- All Brush Creek, Bushy Run, Paintertown, and Manor Interceptor features have been pulled from as-builts and brought into GIS system. Currently working on Larimer Interceptor as-built to GIS.
- Call with HRG and WWMA on March 6, 2026, to discuss project status and provided demo to ArcGIS online mapping.

WWTP RERATE PLANNING AND PERMITTING (.0439)

- HRG communicated with DEP to obtain an abbreviated list of requirements for the Component 3m planning module as this project does not involve any construction. HRG has commenced work on the planning module. Additionally, early work on the Water Quality Management Permit Application has begun as well.
- HRG assisted WWMA with the preparation of a letter to DEP regarding the decommissioning of the existing grit removal system and converting the temporary magnesium hydroxide chemical addition system to a permanent part of the treatment process.

SYSTEM INTEGRATION SERVICES (.0440)

Phase 01: LSA Project

- HRG prepared I/O list for project and coordinated with contractor, suppliers, and Rossell Automation.

Phase 02: Disinfection Project

- This project was cancelled at the February Board Meeting. No further action is required at this time.

END OF ENGINEER'S RETAINER SERVICES AND ACTIVE PROJECTS REPORT

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c: Ms. Johanna Wtorkowski
Mr. Mark Wolinsky