

WESTERN WESTMORELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – MAY 21, 2026

The Board of Directors of Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority held a regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 21, 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.	Ms. Lisa Kovac
Mr. Joseph Lapia	Mr. Antonio Lio	Mr. Dylan Mace
Mr. JP McHugh	Mr. Shawn Stitely	

Absent:

Mr. Charles Konkus	Mr. Bob Regola
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Others in Attendance:

Mr. James Benedek, Esq., Solicitor
Mr. Chad Hanley, PE, Consulting Engineer, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.
Mr. Stanley A. Gorski, Jr., Authority Manager
Mrs. Johanna Wtorkowski, Finance Director and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer/
Recording Secretary

2. Mr. Caroline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Communications: None

5. Secretary's Report: Joseph Lapia:

- A. Mr. Lapia requested approval of the meeting minutes of April 16, 2026, as presented. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Stitely and seconded by Ms. Kovac. The motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the Secretary's Report.

6. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Kovac:

Ms. Kovac requested approval of the following requisitions:

- A. Revenue Fund Requisition No. 479 Scott Electric: \$561.02: A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lapia and seconded by Mr. McHugh. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Revenue Fund Requisition No. 480: \$214,825.90: A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lio and seconded by Mr. Lapia. The motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the Treasurer's report.

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

A. Plant Update:

Mr. Gorski reported that a fecal coliform instantaneous maximum violation occurred on April 14, 2026, due to the plant going into a nitrite lock. Operational changes were made and the addition of settling agents was paused, resulting in a recovery from the nitrite lock within a week. While there are no fines assessed for a fecal coliform violation, it is a

reportable event. Mr. Gorski provided a brief explanation of a nitrite lock situation. There were no plant by-pass events during April. Average plant flow was 3.89 mgd. Maximum flow was 9.08 million gallons. Rainfall was 4.79" for April.

B. General Update:

1. LSA-Process Control Improvements Project:

Mr. Gorski reported that the Authority received the preliminary schedule for the blower replacement project.

2. Mr. Gorski reported that he would like to have the equalization (EQ) tank pressure-washed. Mr. Gorski stated that completing the work in-house would be expensive, due to the cost of renting the necessary equipment. Additionally, there is no potable water service at the EQ tank. A professional cleaning firm would have the equipment to pump water to the EQ tank. Mr. Gorski will obtain prices and report to the Board. Mr. Gorski stated that he plans to include cleaning of the tanks every five years in the operating budgets.
3. Mr. Gorski, Mr. Wolinsky, and Mr. Racunas have been meeting to prepare procedures for planning module reviews, in an effort to provide clear instructions for property owners and developers. A meeting will be held tomorrow to continue work on the procedures.
4. The Enclave at Altman Farms, a new development formerly known as the Rhodin Plan, located in North Huntingdon Township, will provide an additional forty-nine equivalent dwelling units (EDUs).
5. Clean Express Car Wash, located in North Huntingdon Township, was very receptive regarding the two-year re-evaluation of their capacity fee. They are eager to pay the additional fees and remain compliant with our rules and regulations.
6. A developer review was conducted this month for Penn City Petro, located in Penn Township, which will provide an additional two EDUs.
7. Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project:
Mr. Gorski provided the newly-appointed Board Members with an explanation of the proposed Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Gorski reported that he met with a representative of Xylem (the manufacturer of the equipment for the LSA-Process Control Improvements Project (aeration tank blower replacement project)), a representative of Kappe Associates (the COSTARS general contractor for the blower project), and a representative of Lone Pine Construction (the COSTARS subcontractor for the blower project). During the meeting, Lone Pine Construction expressed an interest in completing the rehabilitation work on the primary clarifiers, including the replacement of flights, bearings, and shafts, and cement repairs. This work would be completed as a COSTARS project. The contractor would not have to demobilize and mobilize, since he will be onsite for the blower replacements. This will save the Authority money. Mr. Gorski will obtain pricing from Lone Pine Construction for the work. The majority of the cost will be paid in 2027. Mr. Gorski stated that there are available funds in the Capital Improvement Fund to cover the cost of this project.
8. Mr. Gorski reported that a main actuator has been ordered from AUMA Actuators, for Final Clarifier Tank #2.
9. Tree Removal:
Mr. Gorski reported that there are three trees that are in danger of falling and causing damage to the facility. One tree is located across the creek, on a neighboring property, but would cause considerable damage to the deck and steps at the plant outfall if the tree falls. Two other trees are located near the methane waste gas burner. Mr. Gorski

has obtained verbal permission to remove the tree that is located on the neighboring property but will obtain written permission. Mr. Benedek advised Mr. Gorski to give the property owner notice and proceed with the removal of the trees. Mr. Gorski stated that Brinko Tree Service is the only tree service that he contacted that has a crane, which would be required to remove the trees, as they are over forty feet tall. Brinko Tree Service quoted \$9,000 for removal of the three trees. A discussion followed.

10. Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Gas Mitigation:

Mr. Gorski reported that he spoke with a vendor who sells blowers and fans for advice on mitigating H₂S gas that travels from the centrifuge room to the roof of the sludge building near the rooftop HVAC units. The H₂S gas corrodes the rooftop HVAC units. The current HVAC units are the third set of units for the building, due to damage caused by the corrosive H₂S gas. The vendor suggested running pipe from the centrifuge room to the roof of the sludge processing building, taking the pipe ten feet above the roof. This will direct the H₂S gas away from the rooftop HVAC units. The work was completed for less than \$5,000. Mr. Gorski had included in the Capital Budget \$85,000 for an H₂S gas mitigation system.

11. The PMAA Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held September 15-16, 2026 in Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gorski asked that anyone who is interested in attending contact Mrs. Wtorkowski or himself.

12. The WEFTEC 2026 Conference will be held from September 26-30, 2026 in New Orleans. Mr. Gorski that anyone who is interested in attending contact Mrs. Wtorkowski or himself.

13. Summer Help:

Mr. Gorski reported that Jacob Knight was hired as a summer employee. Mr. Knight will start on June 1, 2026, providing he passes a pre-employment drug test.

14. Mr. Gorski stated that the whole effluent toxicity (WET) test will take place the week of July 27, 2026.

15. Mr. Gorski reminded the Board that he will not be attending the June 18, 2026 meeting due to a family commitment.

This concluded the Authority Manager's report.

8. Consulting Engineer: Chad Hanley, PE, HRG:

A. Update:

1. Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project:

Mr. Hanley reported that a meeting was held last week with the contractor who will be completing the blower replacements for the LSA-Process Control Improvements Project. The Authority obtained a list of work that would need to be completed for repairs to the Primary Clarifier, including shaft and anchor replacements. The contractor will provide options to the Authority, including heavier-duty chain and basic carbon-coated steel shafts versus stainless steel shafts. Mr. Caroline suggested that Mr. Hanley obtain prices to use copper materials rather than carbon coated steel. A discussion followed. Mr. McHugh explained that coated reinforcement bar (rebar) does not last.

2. LSA-Process Control Improvements Project:

A Microsoft Teams meeting was held the other day with the supplier of equipment regarding the scope of the project, and to ensure that the contractor works around the WET test. The Authority obtained an agreed-to schedule, submittals are on the

way, and a pre-construction meeting will be held on-site before work begins. There are long lead times for the equipment, so it will take a while for the equipment to be delivered, but the schedules and submittals are coming together, and there is good coordination.

3. WWTP Rerate:

The bi-monthly meeting with Authority staff will be held next week. All calculations are complete and ready for submittal to the PaDEP for consideration. Mr. Hanley expects the PaDEP to approve the request.

Mr. Gorski reported that a representative from Univar contacted him, requesting that the Authority participate in a pilot program for the use of peracetic acid for disinfection. Mr. Gorski explained that peracetic disinfection has been approved in forty-two states but has not yet been approved for use in Pennsylvania. Mr. Gorski stated that he reached out to representatives of the PaDEP regarding the proposed pilot program.

This concluded the Engineer's Report.

9. Solicitor's Report – James Benedek:

- A. Mr. Benedek stated that there is no report, but he will speak to Mr. Racunas regarding the removal of the trees.

This concluded the Solicitor's Report.

10. Reports of Committees:

A. Personnel Committee – Joseph Lapia

1. Mr. Lapia made a motion to table any action on the policy for Authority employees serving as Board Members until the solicitor requests that the item be placed on the agenda again. After a brief discussion, Mr. Lapia amended the motion to table the item until the June 18, 2026 meeting. Mr. Lio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gorski reported that a response was received from the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission. Mr. Gorski will distribute the response to members of the Board.

B. Finance and Budget Committee:

1. Ms. Kovac requested Board approval of investments listed under Agenda Item 10B (1) (a) and 10B (1) (b), including:
- a. authorization to purchase a Capital Improvement Fund one-month United States Treasury Bill in the amount of \$3,400,000.00, *and*
 - b. authorization to purchase a Capital Improvement Fund three-month United States Treasury Bill in the amount of \$3,500,000.00.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lapia and seconded by Mr. Bonnet. The motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the Finance and Budget Committee report.

C. Legal and Engineering Services Committee – Kurt Bonnet:

Mr. Bonnet reported that he was selected by the members of the Legal and Engineering Services Committee to serve as Chairman of the committee. Mr. Bonnet stated that he had nothing else to report.

11. Requisitions:

Mr. Caroline requested Board approval of the following Requisition:

- A. Approval of Capital Improvement Fund Requisition No. 144, in the amount of \$18,520.63.
A motion to approve was made by Ms. Kovac and seconded by Mr. Lapia. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Board Member Comments:

- A. Mr. Stitely offered to provide tours to the Board Members regarding topics that were discussed, this evening.

13. Old Business: None

14. New Business: None

15. Executive Session: None

16. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lio and seconded by Ms. Kovac. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

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CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT

WESTERN WESTMORELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Attn: Mr. Stanley A. Gorski, Jr., Authority Manager
Report Period: April 2026
HRG Project Number: R008234.0426
Prepared: May 13, 2026



May 21, 2026 Authority Meeting

RETAINER SERVICES (.0426)

- HRG attended the April Board Meeting and shall attend the May Board Meeting.
- HRG attended the Manager's Meeting at WWMA on May 13th.

GENERAL SERVICES (.0427)

- The next bi-monthly project status meeting with staff will be held on May 27th.

PLANNING MODULE REVIEWS (.0428)

- HRG provided a planning module application mailer review for the Penn City Petro development.

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 request revisions to the proposal as necessary.
- HRG will attend a site visit with Kappe on May 14th to review the proposal, finalize project scope, and discuss equipment preferences.

LSA – PROCESS CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS (.0435)

- 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 was prepared by Lone Pine for this additional scope and executed after the March Board Meeting.
- Kappe and Lone Pine have submitted their Certificate of Liability Insurance to HRG and WWMA for the project.
- HRG has begun reviewing submittals and responding to clarifications as needed.

PTSA SERVICE AREA EXPANSION (.0436)

- HRG attended a joint update meeting with PTSA and WWMA on March 12th.
- 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)

- HRG incorporated NHTMA layers into the WWMA Mapping.
- HRG conducted a staff training meeting on May 12, 2026.

WWTP RERATE PLANNING AND PERMITTING (.0439)

- 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.
- HRG has completed a draft of the Component 3m planning module for WWMA to review. The planning module will be sent to the appropriate planning agencies for their review shortly.
- HRG has commenced early work on the Water Quality Management Permit Application. HRG plans to finalize the calculations required for this application prior to submitting the Component 3m planning module to DEP.

SYSTEM INTEGRATION SERVICES (.0440)

Phase 01: LSA Project

- HRG has begun reviewing submittals and responding to clarifications as needed.

END OF ENGINEER'S RETAINER SERVICES AND ACTIVE PROJECTS REPORT

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c: Ms. Johanna Wtorkowski
Mr. Mark Wolinsky