

POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY
OF WARREN COUNTY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 16, 2025

Chairman Walter Orcutt called the regular monthly meeting of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County to order at approximately 9:38 am.

Authority Members present: Angelo Accetturo (Via google meets), Eric Lohman, and Walter Orcutt.

Chairman Orcutt asked for roll call.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Present (via google meets)
	Mr. Larsen	- Absent
	Mr. Perez	- Absent
	Mr. Lohman	- Present
	Chairman Orcutt	- Present

Also present: Brian Tipton, General Counsel; Jonathan Knittel, Director of Operations; Jamie Banghart, Assistant Director and Mariann Cliff, Recording Secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Orcutt.

Chairman Orcutt read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting of June 16, 2025 was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a schedule of regular meetings of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County (PCFAWC) to the Warren County Clerk, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, The Express-Times, and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the office of the PCFAWC. Formal action may be taken by the PCFAWC at this meeting. Public participation is encouraged.”

MINUTES

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was a motion for M-1 the Regular monthly meeting minutes from May 20, 2025.

Mr. Accetturo stated that he would make the motion to approve M-1.

Mr. Lohman stated that he would second the motion.

Chairman Orcutt stated, all in favor, say aye.

Chairman Orcutt asked if any opposed, then stated, motion granted unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was any correspondence. Mr. Knittel replied no.

FINANCE

Chairman Orcutt stated that next was the finance report.

Mrs. Banghart spoke about the finances stating that on page 1 they could see the tonnage was down from last year.

At 9:40 am Chairman Orcutt stated, let the record show that Dan Perez is here.

Mrs. Banghart continued saying that tonnage increased from April to May and there were two more cleanups going on. We are waiting for two more reimbursements for the capping project. She also mentioned that Mr. Knittel was waiting on a two-million-dollar reimbursement from FEMA.

With accounts receivable, they have Lemcor that was now paying two invoices for each month and it was expected today, they still have a balance of 87,000.00.

There were no other issues. They have started discussions on cell six and how they were going to fund this. She has an email out to John Draikiwicz from Gibbons Law for possibly a loan or a bond to fund Cell-6A, as of now, they would need possibly four to five million dollars in outside funding. They have a little more than half of the funds needed via five million cash on hand for Cell 6A.

Mr. Knittel replied that they would have multiple options on that, Mr. Draikiwicz with I bank would be one option, a second option would be to take our original loan from closure that was a ten year loan that we voluntarily shortened to eight, add two years back on to that loan and those two years' worth of adding back on to the length, that would provide three and a half million. At that point, we would have three and a half million plus cash on hand which might be just enough to cover Cell 6A. If we could have enough cash on hand plus get three and a half million back from our closure account, we could avoid the fees and delays with I bank or a Bond that would likely run very high interest. However, it was always good to review all available options when they were still 18 to 20 months out from bidding.

Mr. Knittel stated that they would like to bid Cell-6 A in December of 2026 for construction in the summer of 2027. That may sound like a long time from now but its only 18 months away from bidding. They also have an engineering professional services agreement with several engineering companies. They have evaluated each one of them over the years to know what each of their strengths are such as waste-water, gas services, construction of a cap, closing of a cap, etc. The current PCFA opinion was that Mott MacDonald will be the engineer for designing Cell 6A. We also will continue to use CP engineering, SCS and TetraTech for various engineering services. PCFA has a budget line to get started on some Cell 6A items but the Engineer of Record will need to be formalized for 2026 Cell 6A engineering services.

Chairman Orcutt asked if the design engineering was a competitive bid or a professional's services.

Mr. Knittel replied that it has generally been professional's services for most jobs. He also mentioned that in his opinion, we have multiple great professional services that could meet the needs for Cell

6A for design, QC and QA. More details can be provided at future meetings regarding engineering services.

Mr. Knittel stated that in the finance report, Operations was showing \$200,000.00 positive in the first five months of the year. So, they were on track to be above neutral on our sheets for the year, if they keep the pace.

The leachate savings are shown on page 7; our leachate disposal and treatment costs were down from last year. Some of that could be weather, but most of the savings is from capping off completed portions of the landfill. They have over a half million dollars in savings so far compared to last year.

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any questions on the bills, he would need a motion on the Resolution R-06-01-25 to pay bills.

Mr. Accetturo stated that he would make a motion on Resolution R-06-01-25 to pay bills.

Mr. Perez stated that he would second the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Yes
	Mr. Larsen	- Absent
	Mr. Perez	- Yes
	Mr. Lohman	- Yes
	Chairman Orcutt	- Yes

On a motion by ***Mr. Accetturo***, seconded by ***Mr. Perez***, the following resolution was adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County at a meeting held on *June 16, 2025*.

R E S O L U T I O N

R-06-01-24

To Pay Bills – June 16, 2025

WHEREAS, the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County has been presented with invoices for services, supplies and other materials rendered to it or on its behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County that the following bills be paid:

See Attached

ROLL CALL: Mr. Accetturo - Yes
 Mr. Larsen - Absent
 Mr. Lohman - Yes
 Mr. Perez - Yes
 Chairman Orcutt - Yes

We hereby certify Resolution to Pay Bills in the amount of **\$1,244,044.71** to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County on the 16th day of June, 2025.

Mariann Cliff
Recording Secretary

Jonathan Knittel
Director of Operations

Approved: 06/16/25

Chairman Orcutt asked if everyone had a chance to look at and sign the 2024 Audit and the Group affidavits.

All answered aye.

Chairman Orcutt stated that they have the resolution to approve the 2024 Audit, who will move that?

Mr. Lohman stated that he would make the motion to approve the 2024 Audit.

Mr. Perez stated that he would second the motion.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Accetturo - Yes
 Mr. Larsen - Absent
 Mr. Lohman - Yes
 Mr. Perez - Yes
 Chairman Orcutt - Yes

Chairman Orcutt stated that they also have a Resolution 06-03-25 to name the official newspaper the Star Ledger.

This was discussed briefly because of prices of advertisement.

Mr. Accetturo stated that he would make the motion to approve naming the Star Ledger the official newspaper.

Mr. Perez stated that he would second the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Yes
	Mr. Larsen	- Absent
	Mr. Lohman	- Yes
	Mr. Perez	- Yes
	Chairman Orcutt	- Yes

PERSONNEL

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was anything for personnel. Mr. Knittel stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Chairman Orcutt asked Mr. Knittel for a quick report on one employee that may come back. Mr. Knittel gave a brief synopsis on an employee that may be going on long-term disability.

PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any presentations.

Mr. Knittel stated that there were none.

REPORTS

FACILITIES/RECYCLING

Chairman Orcutt stated that next, was the onsite wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Knittel spoke about keeping treated water on-site for reuse for; dust control, irrigation, and recharge to any of our ponds or basins. He stated that he had the discussion with the DEP and they understand the direction but that more details will be needed.

Chairman Orcutt stated, next was 20-acre side-slope.

Mr. Knittel spoke briefly about Barbella continuing with the capping project while PCFA continued to screen onsite soils to provide materials to the project. There were discussions about weather related delays.

Mr. Knittel spoke about the change order #5 for additional soils. The estimated is they still need about 20 loads to finish covering the corner. This was discussed briefly.

Mr. Knittel stated that in the same project, change order # 6 was a maintenance / emergency. There was a portion of the gas collection system not pulling the same vacuum due to a settled low point that was blocked by gas condensate. The unwanted low point was observed to be collecting condensate that was unable to drain away, partially blocking proper gas flow. The settlement was identified to be

caused by a substantial area and thickness of loose uncontrolled fill created during an over winter excavation project back in December of 2012.

The resulting repair work included, excavating and exposing about 140 LF of gas header, installing a clean out port, jetting and vacuuming out condensate/debris and removing the unwanted low point in the gas header that was caused by long term settlement in uncontrolled fill. Settlement of the gas header was measured at 3.9 feet of settlement upgradient of the true system low point.

This work was completed over a four-day period and the gas system is now back to normal.

This was discussed in more detail among the Board members.

Chairman Orcutt stated that they needed action for this change order.

Mr. Accetturo stated that he would make the motion to approve the change order #6.

Mr. Lohman stated that he would second the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Yes
	Mr. Larsen	- Absent
	Mr. Perez	- Yes
	Mr. Lohman	- Yes
	Mr. Chairman Orcutt	- Yes

Mr. Perez stated that he had a question on the total amended dollar amount of 11 million.

Mr. Knittel explained that all project change orders takes the original contract price of 10.67 million up to 11.1 million.

The details of the change in price were discussed.

Chairman Orcutt stated that next topic was Odor Update.

Mr. Knittel spoke about the 2025 Landfill Gas Expansion Project that went out to Bid by qualified contractors two weeks ago. They had a site walk with 4 contractors last week.

The board discussed in detail who came for the site walk and if they were all qualified (experienced) with this type of work.

They spoke in detail regarding the Bid opening and what the project would include. This will have 6 new vertical gas wells in Cell 7 as well as a large diameter permanent gas collection header. This should be a permanent solution for better controlling odor issues in Cell 7. This was also designed to grow with future Cell-6.

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was anything to discuss with the waste disposal fee schedule.

Chairman Orcutt stated that next was the recycling, were they all good?

Mr. Knittel replied that all of our recycling programs are running well. Under single stream, recycling on the subject of helping Oxford to dispose of their recycling on their own, he had a conversation with Lou Accetturo from DPW and had also spoken with Jerry Norton, Oxford's Mayor. They currently are still coming here in the short term, but are working on other options with our assistance.

This was discussed in detail and the Director was encouraged by the Board to resolve this quickly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any public comments for agenda items only.

GENERAL COUNSEL

Chairman Orcutt asked Mr. Tipton for the general counsel's report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was anything for an Executive session.

Mr. Knittel stated that he had an email from Covanta asking about tonnage and possibly extending or making a multi contract. Because this was contractual in nature, he asked the Board if an Executive session was warranted.

Chairman Orcutt stated that since this was discussed in a prior committee meeting it was fine.

This led to a discussion regarding Covanta / Reworld and a contract discount, once they hit their maximum tonnage. The recommendations from the sub-committee were, because our tonnage was down from last year, that they would be able to accommodate the extra tonnage. As far as the discount was, there would be no retroactive discount. Going forward there would be a \$1.00 price break for additional tonnage.

This was solid waste and not ash coming from Reworld and it was discussed in detail among the Board. They also were also asking for a multi-year agreement with the trash as they did with the ash, which was discussed in length.

It was also noted that on the name change from Covanta to Reworld, it was not a change of ownership, or a new company, it was still the same company, just a re-branding.

The contract would be sent over to Mr. Tipton to make a recommendation on editing some language in it.

Mr. Perez asked the Director if he would like him to come in separately to speak about the employee who had been out for a while. Mr. Knittel replied that he had a to-do list and yes, he would like that. They spoke briefly about what they would need to do. They also mentioned that they would need to reach out for legal advice on how to proceed, this would be done with the labor counsel through Mr. Tipton's office.

Mr. Knittel stated that for his to-do list he had one for labor and one for Reworld then they would continue working with Oxford on recycling and he would review the minutes for anything else that was not mentioned.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any closing public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Perez stated that he would make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Lohman stated that he would second the motion.

Chairman Orcutt stated, all in favor, say aye.

Chairman Orcutt asked if any opposed, then stated, motion granted unanimously.

*****Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 am***

Respectfully submitted by:

Mariann Cliff
Recording Secretary

Approved: