

POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY  
OF WARREN COUNTY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 18, 2025

Chairman Walter Orcutt called the regular monthly meeting of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County to order at approximately 9:34 am.

Authority Members present: Angelo Accetturo, Rob Larsen, Eric Lohman, Dan Perez (via Google Meets), and Walter Orcutt.

Chairman Orcutt asked for Roll Call.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Present
	Mr. Larsen	- Present
	Mr. Perez	- Present (via Google Meets)
	Mr. Lohman	- Present
	Chairman Orcutt	- Present

Also present: Brian Tipton, General Counsel; Jonathan Knittel, Director of Operations; Jamie Banghart, Assistant Director and Shannon Beam, 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 and M-2 Executive session meeting minutes from July 21, 2025.

Mrs. Banghart stated that there was a revision made on the first Roll Call where it states Mr. Larsen was changed to Mr. Lohman.

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 stated that our tonnage is down 22% from last year but our revenue (average price per ton) is up.

Mr. Knittel stated that our overall revenue year to year is way down from last year but we are in the positive.

Mrs. Banghart stated that we did receive two FEMA reimbursements in July for a total of \$75,832. We did receive another closure reimbursement on Aug 8. Lemcor paid off their outstanding balance and then began hauling on 08/13/2025. They are going to pay ACH weekly. They will receive their first invoice this week. Reworld is 58 days past due. Their last payment was on July 29, 2025. Still waiting for a payment from them. Will reach out to them about their ACH. We also have another hauler that has been cut off, Buldo. They are 72 days past due.

Mr. Knittel stated that we did receive a check from them last week but are still 72 days past due.

Mrs. Banghart stated that she will reach out to Buldo.

Mr. Larsen asked how much Buldo owes?

Mrs. Banghart replied that they are \$71,225 behind.

Mr. Accetturo asked how much has the Hunterdon Transfer Station affected the landfill?

Mr. Knittel replied that it has added 50% more car traffic but for only 5% more revenue because it is mostly small cars/trucks to the convenience center.

Mr. Accetturo asked if we are getting anything from the Hunterdon Transfer Station?

Mr. Knittel replied that the Station is closed and very little from commercial haulers. We did get some from Glen Gardner, Hampton, and Franklin. They were previously going to the transfer station.

Mr. Accetturo asked if a hauler is doing a house clean out in Hunterdon, where does he have to take it?

Mr. Knittel replied most are likely going to either Bridgewater or Pennsylvania. Some small contractors come here from Hunterdon County using their A-901 hauling license.

There was a discussion about Hunterdon Transfer Station and how it is affecting the landfill.

Mr. Knittel brought the Board back to discussion about moving the fence over at the front entrance. If the western fence gets moved over 12-15 feet, we would have enough room to move the orange stripe over 10 feet to the west and create a new bypass lane. The bypass lane would be able to bring traffic to the office safely on the right shoulder and it would also bring all the recycling, electronics, and anyone else who does not have to weigh in and out. We might be able to bypass 10-15 percent of our traffic to the right lane and that would help.

Mr. Larsen stated that he does not like it being such an inconvenience and increase in volume if it has a negative impact (Hunterdon traffic).

Mr. Knittel replied that retail (convience center) has basically doubled in tonnage and traffic with about 1,000 tons/month versus the average used to be about 500 tons per month for retail customers. Chairman Orcutt stated that we are here for the residents and we cannot charge them more then what we are now.

There was another discussion about the Hunterdon Transfer Station and how it is affecting the landfill.

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were no more questions on the bill list, he would need a motion on Resolution R-08-01-25 to pay bills.

Mr. Larsen stated that he would make a motion on Resolution R-08-01-25 to pay bills.

Mr. Accetturo stated that he would second the motion.

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

On a motion by **Mr. Larsen**, seconded by **Mr. Accetturo**, the following resolution was adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County at a meeting held on *August 18, 2025*.

## **RESOLUTION**

**R-08-01-25**

**To Pay Bills – August 18, 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	- Yes
	Mr. Perez	- Yes
	Mr. Lohman	- Yes
	Chairman Orcutt	- Yes

We hereby certify Resolution to Pay Bills in the amount of \$ 1,237,537.82 to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County on the *18th day of August, 2025*.

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Shannon Beam  
Recording Secretary

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Jonathan Knittel  
Director of Operations

Approved: 8/18/25

#### PERSONNEL

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

## PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any presentations.

Mr. Knittel stated that there were none.

## REPORTS

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any reports.

Mr. Knittel stated that there were none.

## FACILITIES/RECYCLING

Chairman Orcutt stated that next was onsite waste treatment plant.

Mr. Knittel replied that in the last month, they did another leachate sample and finalized the pilot testing details to have RoChem come out onsite with a scaled down version of a high-pressure reverse osmosis. The rejection rate is anticipated to be low. We have talked about rejection rates as high as 50% and that is possible on a normal RO but normal pressure RO will not take out the PFAS and some of the other things that are in Leachate. We will know exact numbers once they run the test in the fall.

There was a discussion about the rejection rate.

Chairman Orcutt asked Mr. Knittel about the amount of leachate we are dealing with now since we capped 50 acres?

Mr. Knittel replied that he has a chart to show the Board that he started 4 years ago that shows how much rainfall we have received and how much Leachate there is due to the rainfall.

There was a discussion about the chart Mr. Knittel showed the Board.

Chairman Orcutt asked if the is leachate going down?

Mr. Knittel replied yes, leachate quantity per month has steadily declined over the past several years.

Chairman Orcutt asked if we could put the leachate back in the cell?

Mr. Knittel replied yes with NJDEP permission and permits, this is possible in limited amounts.

Mr. Lohman asked do you mean recirculate?

Chairman Orcutt replied yes, recirculate?

Chairman Orcutt asked if we could be trucking the leachate reject brine?

Mr. Knittel replied yes. As part of last month's construction meeting on the water treatment plant, we did have a call in with DEP. We verbalized our wish to keep the clean treated water on site which the DEP agreed is possible. There are a lot of processes involved in that and to also to keep the reject brine here and recirculate the brine. While PVSC is willing and able to take RO brine, we can begin to meet NJDEP recirculation requirements such as hydraulic modeling, changes to our permit and O&M manual, etc. to make sure the amount of leachate we are putting back in does not harm the site in any way such as side slope seeps or affecting the gas wells.

There was a discussion about hydraulic modeling.

Chairman Orcutt asked if we are going to bid for leachate hauling?

Mr. Knittel replied yes. We have the bids prepared. Trucking is currently 8.5 cents and that could change in the bid next month.

There was a discussion about the Leachate Hauling Bid.

Mr. Larsen asked how much money it cost us from the IDA event and about getting the \$2 million back from FEMA?

Mr. Knittel replied we paid for IDA repairs and the July event repairs including increased leachate disposal from the storms. The damage was extensive and any money received back from the Federal government (FEMA) is to reimburse us for a portion of our documented expenses.

Mr. Larsen stated he just wanted to know the leachate factor, the increase in volume.

Mr. Knittel replied leachate just from the storm, it exposed part of our liner and rain from Ida event physically went into the cell. Excess Leachate was calculated to be \$448,000 (IDA). We have already received the reimbursement check for excess leachate. We got that check about a year and half ago, maybe two years.

There was a discussion about leachate and the RO system.

Mr. Accetturo asked why the RO system could not be included in part of the closure fund?

Mr. Knittel replied that the engineer from Tetra Tech was looking at that. In the current approved closure plan, we have funding for trucking indefinitely throughout the entire 30-year period and that RO could theoretically be a long-term solution instead of long-term trucking.

Then there was a discussion about the closure fund.

Mr. Knittel stated that the final price for onsite treatment cost/gallon will not be known until the pilot study is done. The pilot study is being done by RoChem but they are one of several manufacturers of high-pressure reverse osmosis.

There was a discussion about RoChem and the pilot test.

Chairman Orcutt asked if our stormwater is not going to the Pequest River at all?

Mr. Knittel replied that our stormwater goes to three onsite basins and that our stormwater is generally cleaner than our local groundwater. Our local and regional groundwater has some metals due to the natural geology in the area. Our basins recharge stormwater to the groundwater and the basins generally do not discharge to the river. If or when they do discharge to the river, that is permitted, and that is when we collect samples in any quarter that we have stormwater discharge.

Mr. Knittel showed the Board a live shot of the Barbella Capping Project.

There was a discussion about the Barbella Capping project.

Mr. Knittel moved the discussion to change order A-2, Change order #8 for Cap Project. There are concrete collars that we added to the down chute. The reason for the two concrete collars was that there is high velocity water coming out of the pipe. We do not want them moving due to the water thrust in some of the violent storms we are seeing. So, we put the two concrete collars on the pipe where it enters the down chute. It was not in the original engineer design so it is a change order. The last bit of sand was also brought in. The sand is now done.

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any questions on change order 8, if not he needed someone to make a motion.

Mr. Lohman stated that he would motion A-2, Change of Order #8.

Mr. Larsen stated that he would second the motion.

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

Mr. Knittel stated that next would-be odor update.

Mr. Knittel stated that 2025 Gas Expansion Bid has been awarded to Integrity Environmental. They are organizing today. The pre construction meeting was on Aug 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. They are going to do a site walk. Integrity Environmental is from out of state. Integrity Environmental predicts that it will be about a 5-week project. There will be 6 new wells and a large gas header.

Chairman Orcutt asked how much it cost?

Mr. Knittel replied that the cost is \$442,270 and is approved by NJDEP to use closure funds.

There was a discussion about the 2025 Gas Expansion.

Mr. Knittel moved on to A-3 Household Hazard Waste Bid.

Mr. Knittel stated that we have a two-year bid for one event per year. We also have A-4, Leachate hauling Bid. We have two bids, A-3 and A-4, that will both need a motion to be able to release them to open bidding. He stated that the bids have been reviewed by legal (Katy Fina).

Chairman Orcutt asked if they are both going out to bid?

Mr. Knittel replied yes.

Chairman Orcutt asked for a motion to move both.

Mr. Larsen stated he would make a motion for A-3 and A-4 to go out to bid.

Mr. Accetturo second the motion.

Chairman Orcutt stated, all in favor, say aye.

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

Mr. Knittel stated that A-5 Waste Disposal Fee Schedule was next and that there have been no changes. He stated that no one signed up this month.

Mr. Knittel stated that A-6, A-7, and A-8 were next.

Mr. Knittel stated that on A-8, Single Stream Recycling, Oxford has not gotten a lot of progress in the past 30 days. He stated that we have given them all the information that we have. We still have a lot of spilled recycling every week and we still have a lot of logistics getting the recycling double handled or even triple handled into our convenience center without impacting the public.

Chairman Orcutt asked what the last thing that was said?

There was a discussion about A-8, Single Stream Recycling.

Mr. Larsen stated that there was a suggestion made about purchasing an additional 30-yard container for the convenience center to expedite the swap outs so they are not left empty when people are pulling in. Mr. Knittel will get going on purchasing a few new containers.

There was a discussion about the additional 30-yard container.

Mr. Knittel stated that we do have two trucks running but the Mack is manual and the guys do not feel comfortable driving it on the hills when picking up bins. So, he and the foreman discussed the idea of taking the Mack back to where we got it and see if they have an automatic for the same price.

There was a discussion about the trucks we have in the landfill.

#### 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.

Mrs. Banghart asked Mr. Tipton if an employee could buy back his sick time since he has so much. Mr. Tipton stated that he would have to investigate and get back to Mrs. Banghart.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Orcutt asked if there were any other business.



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. Accetturo stated that he would make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Larsen 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 10:48 am\*\****

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Respectfully submitted by:

Shannon Beam  
Recording Secretary

Approved: