

POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY  
OF WARREN COUNTY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 19, 2026

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, Eric Lohman, Peter Marino, Walter Orcutt and Dan Perez via Google Meets

Chairman Orcutt asked for roll call.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Present
	Mr. Lohman	- Present
	Mr. Marino	- Present
	Mr. Perez	- Late (9:38am)
	Chairman Orcutt	- Present

Also present: 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 May 19, 2026 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 Star Ledger, 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.”

Chairman Orcutt noted that there is no public attending the meeting at this time but may show up and that would be recorded at that time.

## MINUTES

Chairman Orcutt stated that there was no Executive Meeting last month and that he needs a motion to approve the Regular Monthly Minutes (M-1) from April 21st, 2026.

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

Mr. Marino stated that he would second the motion.

Chairman Orcutt stated, all in favor say aye.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Aye
	Mr. Lohman	- Aye
	Mr. Marino	- Aye
	Mr. Perez	- Late (9:38am)
	Chairman Orcutt	- Aye

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Orcutt stated there is no Correspondence.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Chairman Orcutt stated that there was no public present.

## FINANCE

Chairman Orcutt asked Mrs. Banghart to talk about A1, April Financial Report.

Mrs. Banghart asked if everyone received the revised copy of A1. It was revised because PCFA received a Barbella bill late which reflected revisions on a few pages. The Barbella bill was for the rock crushing/removal that was done on site.

The tonnage is up from last year; it is about a 12% increase.

Mrs. Banghart reported on the accounts receivables. She stated that there is one hauler (DOT Central) that is past 60 days. DOT Central stated that they are sending out the payment in an email PCFA received on May 14, 2026.

Mrs. Banghart stated that we are positive \$245,000 for the year in our financials at the end of April.

PCFA has received the last two reimbursements for the Capping Project on April 7 and April 21.

Mr. Knittel stated that he sent an email to Stuart Jupenlautz, Fulton Advisors Funding Manager, that PCFA will not be withdrawing any more funds from the closure funds in the next year or so. The next

withdraw will be at the time that PCFA builds Cell 6 as PCFA may cap (close) parts of Cell 7 at that same time, likely in 2028.

\*Mr. Perez joined the meeting at 9:38am via Google Meets.\*

Mr. Knittel stated that if the Board looks at the closure fund reimbursements all the way back to January, February and March of 2023, parts of them were covered by what FEMA recently paid to PCFA. PCFA received money from the closure account as PCFA did not know if FEMA would ever reimburse us for it. FEMA did reimburse us and now we have to send back a portion of reimbursement 1, 2 and 3 which is about \$580,000 back into the Alternate Closure Account.

There was a short discussion about the reimbursements.

Mrs. Banghart stated that there were quite a few adjustments last month and that was due to cross training in the scale. Our weighmasters trained some of the employees from the landfill. Unfortunately, mistakes and adjustments are part of cross training.

Mr. Knittel asked Mrs. Banghart to explain the reason for cross training?

Mrs. Banghart stated that it was so that they can help in the scale on a Saturday if it gets busy.

Mr. Knittel stated that PCFA did open up two lanes on Saturdays. A flat rate lane and a scale lane. The flat rate lane we take credit cards and cash out of our garden shed. That is why PCFA repainted the roadway out front. That frees up the scale for our haulers and reduces wait times for both haulers and for the community (residential customers).

Mr. Accetturo asked how did it work?

Mr. Knittel replied that it went smooth for the last four Saturdays in a row now, greatly reducing lines to virtual no wait time.

Mr. Knittel stated that based on the success and community response, PCFA would like to make it permanent with the extra lane for Saturdays.

There was a short discussion about Saturdays.

Chairman Orcutt asked for someone to make a motion to approve Resolution to Pay Bills R-05-01-26.

Mr. Lohman stated that he would make a motion to approve R-05-01-26 to Pay Bills.

Mr. Accetturo stated that he would second the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Yes
	Mr. Lohman	- Yes
	Mr. Marino	- Yes

Mr. Perez - Yes  
Chairman Orcutt - Yes

On a motion by *Mr. Lohman*, seconded by *Mr. Accetturo*, the following resolution was adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County at a meeting held on *May 19th, 2026*.

**R E S O L U T I O N**  
**R-05-01-26**  
**To Pay Bills – May 19, 2026**

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. Lohman             - Yes  
                          Mr. Marino             - Yes  
                          Mr. Perez              - Yes  
                          Chairman Orcutt       - Yes

We hereby certify Resolution to Pay Bills in the amount of **\$ 731,282.83** to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County on the *21st day of April 2026*.

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Shannon L Beam  
Recording Secretary

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Jonathan Knittel  
Director of Operations

Approved: 5/19/2026

Chairman Orcutt stated that next would be Resolution 05-02-26, Resolution Approving the Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement Spending Plan (REA Grant) 2025.

Chairman Orcutt asked Mrs. Banghart to explain the resolution.

Mrs. Banghart stated that this is the REA Grant which the County Recycling Coordinator, David Dech, and the PCFA work on together . The grant is for \$162,000. PCFA has to separate 16.7% for the public and educational activities. Therefore, Warren County will receive \$27,540. PCFA will receive the remaining \$134,946.00 to help cover the increasingly expensive recycling costs. This grant helps pay for the tire hauling, freon and household hazardous waste event. It is a 18 month return.

Mr. Perez asked where the money comes from?

Mrs. Banghart stated that the money comes from the \$3.00 per ton recycling tax that is charged to each ton of solid waste brought to our landfill. This money that is collected is then reported and paid by PCFA to the state quarterly. Warren County received \$162,000.00 for the 2025 REA Grant.

There was a short discussion about Resolution R-05-02-26.

Chairman Orcutt asked for someone to make a motion to approve Resolution R-05-02-26, Resolution Approving the Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement Spending Plan 2025.

Mr. Marino stated that he would make a motion to approve Resolution R-05-02-26.  
Mr. Lohman stated that he would second the motion.

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

On a motion by *Mr. Marino*, seconded by *Mr. Lohman*, the following resolution was adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County at a meeting held on May 19, 2026.

## **RESOLUTION**

**R-05-02-26**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT TAX FUND ENTITLEMENT SPENDING PLAN 2025**

Enabling Resolution Authorizing the filing of a Spending Plan for 2025 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Entitlement pursuant to P.L. 2007 c.311 et seq. hereinafter, the Act.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2007 c.311 et seq. provides for the awarding of Recycling Enhancement Tax entitlements by the Department of Environmental Protection to designated solid waste management districts to assist them in the preparation, revision and implementation of comprehensive solid waste management and recycling plans; and

WHEREAS, the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County desires such financial assistance to fulfill its responsibilities under the Solid Waste Management Act and the Recycling Enhancement Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County:

1. That a Spending Plan be submitted to the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program for 2025 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Entitlement in the amount of \$162,000.00.
2. That the Board Chairman of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such spending plan with the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide additional information and furnish such documents as may be required; to execute such documents as are required; and to act as the authorized correspondent of the Warren County Solid Waste Management District.
3. That the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County designated by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners as the implementing agency to perform the Recycling Enhancement Tax Entitlement commencing on April 1, 2025.

4. That the Warren County Solid Waste Management District does hereby hold the State of New Jersey, and its departments and agencies harmless from any damages, losses and claims which may arise directly or indirectly from the execution of the entitlement.
5. That the Warren County Solid Waste Management District hereby accepts the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and the guidelines promulgated under it.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County on the date above mentioned.

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Shannon Beam  
Recording Secretary

Date: 5/19/2026

Mr. Knittel stated that as previously discussed, the \$579,042.01 will be replenished to PCFA's closure account. It will come out of PCFA'S revenue account and put back in PCFA's closure account.

Chairman Orcutt asked if we need a motion?

Mrs. Banghart stated that we do need a motion.

Chairman Orcutt asked for motion on the three FEMA reimbursements transferring from the PCFA's revenue account to PCFA's alternative closure account in the amount of \$579,042.01.

Mr. Perez stated that he would make a motion to approve.  
Mr. Marino stated that he would second the motion.

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

#### PERSONNEL

Chairman Orcutt asked if Mr. Knittel had anything for personnel.

Mr. Knittel replied that PCFA has one part time position open at this time and it is posted on PCFA's webpage and at the scale. PCFA has seven full time staff for the last year.

Chairman Orcutt asked if it is field staff?

Mr. Knittel replied yes, field staff. The part timer on PCFA's field staff who was supposed to leave at the end of May is able to stay until late August. PCFA is still accepting applications for a part time position.

Mr. Perez asked if PCFA is going to bring someone in sooner or later?

Chairman Orcutt stated that it all depends.

There was a short discuss about part time employment.

Chairman Orcutt asked if there is a Personnel Subcommittee and who is on it?

Mr. Knittel replied that there is not as of right now.

Chairman Orcutt stated that Mr. Perez should be on the Personnel Subcommittee and asked if anyone else would like to serve on the committee.

Mr. Marino stated that he would.

Chairman Orcutt stated that Mr. Perez and Mr. Marino are PCFA's Personnel Subcommittee.

Mr. Perez said welcome to Mr. Marino.

Mr. Marino said Thank you.

### PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Orcutt stated that there are no presentations.

### REPORTS

Chairman Orcutt stated that next would be Reports.

Mr. Knittel stated that PCFA is waiting for more information but federal Fish and Wildlife as well as animal control have worked with PCFA to investigate why some eagles got sick on two different dates in April. No official lab results or written correspondence has been shared by any state or federal agencies with PCFA.

### FACILITIES/RECYCLING

Chairman Orcutt stated that the next item on the agenda is Facilities.

Mr. Knittel stated that some of these bullets seem like they are repeating from last month, and that is the case. PCFA has made some more progress on tree clearing. PCFA is trying not to go in there too much. There is some grass sprouting, stabilizing those slopes, but PCFA is carefully going in and grabbing out logs and bringing those to the edges. Most of the root balls are out of Cell 6A and the cell is looking nice. There is no erosion at all. Yes, PCFA has had some good rain events, but we have had mostly dry times, too. There is some natural vegetation establishing, and we might back off of that for a little bit. The access road is a little more important than the cell itself.

Chairman Orcutt asked if PCFA gets major erosion, is it going to be a mess?

Mr. Knittel replied it goes to a sediment sump where we can collect the sediment and then any water goes to sediment pond. PCFA is within all rules and we are encouraged to send stormwater from that area to the sediment pond. That is what it's designed for. You just don't want to put dirt in there while you have to go back and dredge it very often. The Wastewater Treatment Plant, we are continuing pursuing a BRIC grant, which is through FEMA. BRIC stands for Building Resilient Infrastructure Community.

Mr. Knittel also stated that it is a competitive grant program. Each year in the United States you are able to submit an application. If you are not chosen, you can resubmit the following year. It is a 75% funding from the federal government for a specific project that helps mitigate risk. PCFA would pay 25% of the project cost. PCFA is trying to use that BRIC grant program for our reverse osmosis water treatment plant so that we can eliminate the risk of sending all of our leachate across

the entire state. PCFA is working with Warren County and NJEOM to become part of the hazard mitigation plan (HMP) to be eligible for that grant. PCFA is striving to adopt the Warren County HMP and is adding mitigations for PCFA that help address the hazards identified.

A period is currently open to make these edits for the renewal of the County HMP with new plan release date as of January 2027. January 2027 is a five-year renewal of the plan and we have submitted our facility to be part of that five-year plan.

There was a short discussion about the BRIC Grant.

Chairman Orcutt asked if PCFA needs a full design now and is that reimbursable by the grant?

Mr. Knittel replied that the application goes in with a minimum 30% design and yes, all current and future design costs (engineering) can be reimbursed if the grant application is successful.

Chairman Orcutt asked Mr. Knittel to word the motion that the Board will be voting on.

Mr. Knittel replied that he would like a motion to pursue design of a reverse osmosis water treatment plant to be submitted as part of the BRIC Grant.

Mr. Perez asked if this something that is going to be done no matter what?

Mr. Knittel replied that we will likely build the treatment plant, but that a successful grant would make this happen years sooner and would be very useful in mitigating risk and helping PCFA be a much more resilient facility to serve all of Warren County with more efficient and environmentally responsible solid waste disposal. The Board, of course controls any decision on when and how such a project is funded. The economics makes sense for PCFA.

There was a short discussion about the Water Treatment Plant.

Chairman Orcutt asked for motion to pursue design of a reverse osmosis water treatment plant to be submitted as part of the Bric Grant.

Mr. Lohman stated that he would make a motion to approve.

Mr. Marino stated that he would second the motion.

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

Mr. Knittel stated that next would-be Gas Collection and PCFA is planning for gas collection in 2027. PCFA is going to coordinate that with our neighbors in Sussex County. In other words, coordinating drilling mobilization could save drilling costs for both Counties. If we drill in the same week, a few days apart, the drill rig would go from Sussex to here and it cuts down on the mobilization fee by sharing, not sharing a contract, but two independent contracts in the same time window. Sussex County is also willing to mentor us on how to install our own gas wells in house, which would be the perforated pipe, the stone, the bentonite, the clay seals and the backfill. The drilling is what is subcontracted out. They do that occasionally without even breaking their bid threshold, but they have a higher bid threshold than us.

Mr. Lohman asked who is doing it for PCFA as of right now?

Mr. Knittel replied the installation, is readily available by ALCO, Tetra Tech has an offshoot division that can install wells. The last time was a company named Integrity who were from the South.

Mr. Lohman asked what the projected savings would be?

Mr. Knittel replied that it would be about half the price to self-install wells and only outsource the drilling.

There was a discussion about gas collection.

Mr. Knittel stated that next was A3 Waste Disposal Fee Schedule and there are no changes.

A4 (Electronics Recycling Program), A5 (Tire Recycling Program) and A6 (Single Stream Recycling Program) are PCFA's recycling programs. PCFA has the blue bin out in the convenience center for the public for Electronics. That gets emptied about once a week. Computers, printers, laptops. That has actually slowed down over the years. It is mostly televisions now. A5 is our tire recycling program. We do charge \$3.00 a tire, but that's not the full cost. The full cost is more than \$3.00, but we do use some of the recycling enhancement money, plus the three dollars to cover the tire program. And that gets all the car and small pickup truck tires off of our properties for an affordable fee. That helps with the county's plan to prevent mosquitoes. A6 is PCFA's single stream recycling. Single stream is nothing more than all the cans, bottles, glass, cardboard, plastics that are allowed that go into an eighteen-wheeler that we have on property that also gets emptied once to twice a week. The comingled recycling goes directly off site to a MRF, material recovery facility.

Mr. Lohman asked who are we sending that to?

Mr. Knittel replied Colgate (name change) which is now Republic in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Mr. Lohman stated that Waste Management just completed a brand-new facility in Pen Argyl.

Mr. Knittel said thank you for letting him know and that PCFA will definitely shop around. If you look at the handout, PCFA had our Household Hazardous Waste collection day for the year this

past Sunday, May 17, 2026. Instead of our normal 320, we increased to about 390. That is probably going to be the equivalent of almost eighteen tons of hazardous waste that went out on an eighteen-wheeler. That waste is all packaged up and transported to proper hazardous waste recycling facilities. Some of it is fuel such as gasolines and any of the old diesel fuels or mixed gas and oil. All that goes to recycling facilities with a second life as fuel for burners/furnaces. And then some of the other hazardous stuff is neutralized. If it's an acid, it's buffered out and then sent to a proper HHW landfill, which we are not.

Chairman Orcutt stated that it is great having 18 to 20 tons removed from the community and not go into the landfill.

There was a discussion about Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Mr. Knittel stated that there was one more thing to go over. Warren County District Landfill side slope capping project, which we know is growing grass very well. The contractor had an excavator still onsite and we were able to perform rock hammering and removal up at the top of Cell 6 as a change order to that open project. Correspondingly, we have Change Order #12 for the excavator, the hammering and the operator for 5 days to perform the rock removal. This was done very economically and we were able to get this done quickly as to not interfere with construction access to the Radio Tower project being performed by the County.

Chairman Orcutt stated that he needs a motion on Change Order #12.

Mr. Accetturo stated that he would make a motion to approve Change Order #12.

Mr. Lohman stated that he would second the motion.

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

## GENERAL COUNSEL

## OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Orcutt stated that Mr. Lohman had something he would like to talk about.

Mr. Lohman stated that he is aware of a 2012 Mobile Rock Crusher that has a screen deck on it. A local company in PA purchased it to chop up their off-spec product and reintroduce that back into their mix. Long story short, they violated their noise ordinance by operating this piece of equipment. So they couldn't use it any more at the site that they have it. They moved it to another

facility that they own and they had the same issue down there. So this machine has been sitting for a few years now.

Chairman Orcutt asked how much it costs brand new?

Mr. Lohman replied \$1.5 million and may be available for a fraction of that.

There was a short discuss about the 2012 Mobile Rock Crusher and that Mr. Knittel would research applicability as we do have hard rock to crush this Fall.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was a need for executive session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Orcutt asked if there was anything else, or he would call for a motion for adjournment.

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

Mr. Lohman stated that he would second the motion.

Chairman Orcutt asked all in favor say aye.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Accetturo	- Aye
	Mr. Lohman	- Aye
	Mr. Marino	- Aye
	Mr. Perez	- Aye
	Chairman Orcutt	- Aye

Chairman Orcutt asked all opposed, motion carried unanimously.

***\*\*Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:32 am***

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Respectfully submitted by:  
Shannon L Beam  
Recording Secretary

Approved: