

POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY  
OF WARREN COUNTY

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 18, 2026

Mr. Lohman called the regular monthly meeting of the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County to order at approximately 9:32 am.

Authority Members present: Angelo Accetturo, Eric Lohman, Peter Marino.

Mr. Lohman asked for roll call.

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| ROLL CALL: | Mr. Accetturo   | - Present |
|            | Mr. Lohman      | - Present |
|            | Mr. Marino      | - Present |
|            | Mr. Perez       | - Absent  |
|            | Chairman Orcutt | - Absent  |

Also present: Jonathan Knittel, Director of Operations; Brian Tipton, General Counsel and Shannon Beam, Recording Secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Orcutt.

Mr. Lohman read the following statement: "Adequate notice of this meeting of August 18, 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."

Mr. Lohman 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

Mr. Lohman stated that the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of July 21, 2026 has been distributed and asked if anyone has any errors, additions or corrections? If not, Mr. Lohman asked for a motion to approve M-1 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.

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

Mr. Marino stated that he would second the motion.

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Lohman asked if there was any Correspondence?

Mr. Knittel stated that the NJDEP sent PCFA a certified letter with a \$2,000 fine. PCFA has to submit emission statements every year and it is due by June 15<sup>th</sup> each year. It was submitted June 5<sup>th</sup> into their system. However, there was a signature box that wasn't checked off and we then fixed that on July 1<sup>st</sup> once it was realized that it had been missed. Subsequently, we received a letter dated July 24, 2026 saying that we never submitted an admission statement. We called them and the NJDEP stated since it was not done correctly by June 15<sup>th</sup> that it violated our permit conditions and even thou they had the statement for all of July, they still issued a fine on July 24<sup>th</sup> with including the misleading language saying they never receive it.

Mr. Lohman asked if NJDEP is going to take away the \$2000 fine.

Mr. Knittel replied that it does not sound like they are going to.

Mr. Lohman stated that is what he is concerned about.

There was a short discussion about the letter and the fine.

Mr. Knittel stated that there is a second correspondence that did not make the agenda. It is from a local engineer, UTRS Civil and Environmental Engineering out of Washington, New Jersey. They sent PCFA a drawing of the County easement and set a meeting up with Tilcon for coordination purposes and PCFA will attend as a guest as this is mostly a County matter.

Mr. Knittel showed a picture of the drawing on the screen and there was a short discussion about the drawing.

Mr. Knittel stated that the photos he on screen are from the recent drone shots from last week. He stated that you can see the working face with the TANA, PCFA's big compactor, and a bulldozer. There are two operators on the working face. The gray is a lot of ash and the brown within the cell is wood chip access roads. PCFA uses the wood chips on the flat part of the plateau during rainy days for better access. Also is the old CAT compactor sitting off to the side.

Mr. Lohman asked if it was an 826?

Mr. Knittel replied that it is a an 826 and that the green Volvo in the picture has a cracked transmission.

Mr. Lohman asked if we are going to scrap the green Volvo?

Mr. Knittel replied that he would like to scrap it out.

There was a short discussion about the compactor and Volvo.

Mr. Knittel showed the Board a picture of Cell 6A and stated that it has been cleared out of trees and vegetation. New grass is growing thick over the summer. There are some downed trees that still need to be stacked up.

Mr. Knittel stated that there is twelve thousand yards of topsoil to be stripped and it has seventy thousand yards of common dirt to be dug out. PCFA has the topo installed in our machinery and a handheld topo to guide us in house for this soil removal to our stockpile.

Mr. Lohman asked what machines have GPS on them?

Mr. Knittel replied that the TANA compactor does and the two dozers are capable but are not activated yet. PCFA does have a handheld unit that has survey accuracy and can go anywhere. We just have to put out grade stakes to guide deeper excavations if the dozers are not activated.

Mr. Lohman asked how much it would cost to get GPS working in the dozer?

Mr. Knittel replied that it would probably cost around twenty thousand dollars but would get some quotes together.

There was short discussion about the GPS.

Mr. Knittel showed where the radio tower is going to be installed. He stated that the concrete has been poured. The generator house is going to sit on the concrete slab. The radio tower is actually going to be sitting on the three concrete caissons visible from the drone photos.

Mr. Lohman asked if there is any guide wires?

Mr. Knittel replied no.

Mr. Lohman asked if there was any additional footing?

Mr. Knittel replied no, everything is poured and they plan on putting up the lattice tower at the end of the month.

There was a short discussion about the radio tower.

Mr. Knittel showed a picture of the plies of rock from the blast rock. PCFA also has rock piles from screening operations. We have a crushed rock spec into NJDEP that NJDEP reviewed. NJDEP has comments in an email that was received yesterday. NJDEP must approve crushed rock specification for blanket stone placed on the future landfill liner as a cushion.

We submitted this specification and a plan for PCFA to crush our own rock and save about a million dollars in gravel imports.

Mr. Lohman asked if we are just waiting?

Mr. Knittel replied that we will address their comments and probably have a phone call in the next few days to discuss the comments.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Mr. Lohman stated that there was no public present.

#### FINANCE

Mr. Lohman stated that next would-be Finance.

Mrs. Banghart stated that we are about 58% through the year. We are currently in the positive of 1.8 million with some large accounts payable items hitting later in the year. PCFA's accounts receivables

are up to date with all payments. Nobody is over 60 days. We did have to do an adjustment last month to Raritan Township. They came in with an OD form that had sweepings and ID 13 circled and the billing went in has ID 13 instead of sweepings. They received a credit of \$15,000 when corrected. That is why there is a big credit on the report. Our cash balance is at 12.4 million.

Mr. Lohman asked if there is a year to date and do we compare year over year?

Mrs. Banghart stated that our waste volume and our cash balance is year to date and so is the landfill revenue.

Mr. Lohman asked if she compares that year over year as well?

Mrs. Banghart stated that she does.

There was a short discussion about finances to the page that compares to last year.

Mr. Lohman asked for someone to make a motion to approve Resolution to Pay Bills R-08-01-26.

Mr. Marino stated that he would make a motion to approve R-08-01-26 Resolution to Pay Bills.  
Mr. Accetturo stated that he would second the motion.

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

On a motion by ***Mr. Marino***, seconded by ***Mr. Accetturo***, the following resolution was adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County at a meeting held on *August 18th, 2026*.

## R E S O L U T I O N

**R-08-01-26**

**To Pay Bills – August 18, 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*

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

We hereby certify Resolution to Pay Bills in the amount of \$ 758,522.37 to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County on the *18th day of August, 2026*.

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Shannon L Beam  
Recording Secretary

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Jonathan Knittel  
Director of Operations

Approved:

Mrs. Banghart asked Mr. Knittel if he wanted to do the draft budget next.

Mr. Knittel replied that he has a draft budget for next year. In September, he would like to introduce the 2027 Budget so that it can be approved in October and then be submitted to DCA (Division of Community Affairs) for approval. The budget is \$10.8 million compared to the \$10.5 million this year. A lot of the increase is for liability insurance, fuel and a general low level inflation on services.

There was a short discussion about the 2027 Budget.

#### PERSONNEL

Mr. Lohman stated next would Personnel.

Mr. Knittel replied that we are still accepting resumes for potential part-time employment. We are not looking for any additional full-time employment at this time as we do have an offer letter that is out and we expect to hear back from the individual in the next few days.

Mr. Lohman asked if that is all we have on Personnel?

Mr. Knittel replied yes.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Lohman asked if there is any presentations.

Mr. Knittel replied no.

#### REPORTS

Mr. Lohman stated that next would be Reports.

Mr. Knittel stated that there was no reports.

#### FACILITIES/RECYCLING

Mr. Knittel stated that next would-be Facilities and that they already did the drone photos. The Three D model is in production and it maybe ready by the next Board meeting in September.

Mr. Lohman replied ok.

Mr. Knittel stated that the last remaining rain flap in Cell 7 is being removed as we speak. It is about a one-week job. Barbella already removed three hundred and sixty feet of stone yesterday. They are removing seven hundred feet of the rain flap altogether. He should have photos of the removal for the next Board meeting.

Mr. Knittel stated that next was Cell 6 access road. He stated that not much is going on right now with that. There has been a bunch of vacations and only have 7 operators right now. We hope to correct that in the next couple of weeks with an eighth operator. We are waiting on the crush spec approval from NJDEP discussed earlier. We will have a meeting with them in the next couple of days. Tetra Tech is continuing on the design for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. That project is tied in with the BRIC grant application.

Mr. Lohman asked when would we find out about the BRIC grant?

Mr. Knittel replied that it would be in December. If we do not receive the grant, we can resubmit as early as January or February up to end of June. He would like to have the design 100% completed prior to resubmittal if this year's grant application is a no.

Mr. Knittel stated that next would-be Gas Collection and with the rain flap coming off this week, we are going to set two vertical gas wells. It is a piece of big hollow pipe called a caisson. We will set that on the blanket stone. It will have temporary supports until we can put ten feet of trash around it. We will raise it up periodically by filling stone on the inside and raising the outer sheath up. It is like building a stone column. It will act like a vertical gas well but without the drilling cost.

Mr. Lohman asked when do we start?

Mr. Knittel replied that the flap comes out by Wednesday or Thursday this week. We will set the caissons this Thursday but we have to wait for NJDEP approval to put the trash around it. It could take about three to four weeks or more waiting for NJDEP approval.

There was a short discussion.

Mr. Knittel stated that PCFA, Tetra Tech and Mr. Tipton have started working on developing an RFP (Request for Proposal) for PCFA's flare gas. We have been working with Cape May who has recently awarded a project after a successful RFP for utilization of flare gas to RNG (Renewable Natural Gas)

There was a short discussion about RFP.

Mr. Lohman asked if there was any changes to A-2 Waste Disposal Fee Schedule.

Mr. Knittel replied no changes to A-2. Nothing for A-3 or A-4. He stated that they did talk to Waste Management on site about the comingled recycling and how much it would be to bring it to Clinton or Pen Argyl. They recommended that PCFA look at trying to transport our own recycling to Clinton with our truck and CDL driver(s).

Mr. Lohman asked what would their end location be?

Mr. Knittel replied Pen Argyl. It would go from Clinton, New Jersey to Pen Argyl.

There was a short discussion about comingled recycling.

#### GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. Lohman asked if Mr. Tipton had anything.

Mr. Tipton replied that he had nothing to report today

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lohman asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Mr. Knittel replied not today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lohman asked if there was a need for executive session.

No executive session was needed today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lohman 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. Accetturo stated that he would second the motion.

Mr. Lohman asked all in favor say aye.

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

Mr. Lohman asked all opposed, motion carried unanimously.

***\*\*Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 am***

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Respectfully submitted by:  
Shannon L Beam  
Recording Secretary

Approved: