



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 6, 2025
9:00 A.M.
BAY AREA WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Partner	Member	Alternate
Charter Township of Bangor	Glenn Rowley (Vice-Chairman)	Karie Wardynski
City of Bay City	Bob Dion	Marty Jurish
Bay County Road Commission/ Department of Water & Sewer	Jim Lillo	Bill Schumacher
Beaver Township	Nick Tomczak	Mark Wackerle
City of Essexville	Craig Goulet	Scott Wittbrodt
Frankenlust Township	Ron Campbell (Chairman)	Jim Begick
Fraser Township	George Augustyniak	Mark Galus
Charter Township of Hampton	Terri Close	Donna Samyn
Kawkawlin Township	Brad Eddy	Sherrie Kruse
Merritt Township	Dave Schabel	Kathy Parrent
Charter Township of Monitor	Terry Spencer	James Meier
City of Pinconning	Becky Lakin	George Johnson
Charter Township of Portsmouth	Bob Pawlak	Kevin Kokaly
Charter Township of Williams	Jerry Putt	Terri Charbonneau

1. Call to Order:

Chairman; R. Campbell called the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant Technical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call – Members Present:

Ron Campbell (Chairman)
Bill Schumacher
George Augustyniak
Bob Dion
Brad Eddy

Glenn Rowley (Vice-Chairman)
Jerry Putt
Terri Close
Dave Schabel

Alternates Present:

James Meier
Kevin Kokaly

Marty Jurish

Others Present:

Ryan Goebel
Jennifer Schwager

Mike Wagar

Partners Absent:

Beaver Township
City of Essexville

City of Pinconning

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chairman; G. Rowley motioned; G. Augustyniak supported to approve the February 6, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment:

None

6. Superintendent Report:

Operations Supervisor; M. Wagar displayed the February daily flow averages for treated water. The daily average flow for the month was 6.89 million gallons per day. Flow averages and a comparison of 2023 – 2025 were displayed. The February water temperatures, chemical treatment, and treatment process were displayed and discussed.

The BAWTP is annually required to submit an updated SARA Title III Tier II report to the State and Local Emergency Planning Committees. This Community Right to Know Requirement from EGLE requires an updated chemical inventory of the highest volumes onsite from the previous year. Extremely hazardous chemicals are stored onsite at the BAWTP in volumes that are considered greater than Threshold Planning Quantities. The 2025 report has been completed and submitted.

In February, Superintendent C. Overly inspected the coating on the new, soon-to-be-installed residual room piping. The NSF coating will take two weeks to cure, and installation will begin next week.

Recovery pump #2 is due to be replaced after nine years of service, including two rebuilds. Photos were displayed of the current pump and the new trial pump replacement. Depending on the efficiency of the trial pump, this may be a possible 2026 capital project.

An engineering update on the new raw water tanks was presented. A rough draft of the prints was displayed. Numerous details regarding the tank positions, valving, sampling, electrical, controls, provisions for future use, and a disinfection byproduct removal system are being developed.

The 2024 Consumers Confidence Report is almost ready to be circulated. EGLE has approved the rough draft for distribution. A photo was displayed.

A staffing update was presented.

The Michigan Infrastructure Council is looking to host a free one-day Asset Management workshop in the Bay area. A handout was distributed showing the details. Any member/alternate member interested in attending is to contact C. Overly.

J. Putt asked about the materials in the soil where the new raw water tanks are going to be placed

M. Jurish inquired about lead and copper sample results from EGLE

G. Augustyniak questioned the amount of chemicals stored onsite

Director Report:

Director R. Goebel reported on the Bay County Road Commission's approval of adding Whites Beach as a wholesale customer. EGLE has issued the permit, and Pinconning Township is in the process of approving the connection to its water distribution system.

Bay County has approved the bond request for the additional raw water storage tanks. The notice of intent was posted in December. No petitions were received. Director R. Goebel presented the project timeline and explained the process of preparing the bond request.

The federal community funding request for new water storage tanks submitted for 2025 was approved by the House Appropriations Committee, but the federal budget for 2025 has still not been finalized. Whether it makes it into the 2025 federal budget is uncertain. Because of this, the funding request will be submitted again for 2026, as well as requests for some future projects at the wastewater plant.

Tag Towers is interested in placing a cell phone tower on the property at the BAWTP. Ryan provided some of the lease details and requested feedback.

G. Augustyniak asked about the length of the lease

B. Dion , T. Close, and J. Meier shared their experiences with tower agreements

Vice-Chairman; G. Rowley asked about deconstruction charges

Vice-Chairman; G. Rowley motioned; J. Putt supported to enter into negotiations with Tag Towers. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Other Matters:

Vice-Chairman; G. Rowley voiced his appreciation of the Bay County bond approval for the additional raw water storage tanks.

8. Public Comment:

M. Jurish announced that the City of Bay City has completed its first round of 2025 lead and copper sampling. The sample results have been submitted to EGLE.

Vice-Chairman; G. Rowley stated that the QR code has been activated for the Bay Area Water Systems lead water line educational videos.

9. Adjourn:

D. Schabel motioned; G. Augustyniak supported to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, .

Jennifer Schwager 

WTP Administrative Assistant

Approved: 

DATE: 4/3/25