TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2026
9:00 A.M.
BAY AREA WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Partner	Member	Alternate
Charter Township of Bangor	*Glenn Rowley (Vice-Chairman)*	*Bob Thomas*
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*	*Laurie DeShano*
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)
George Augustyniak
Glenn Rowley (Vice-Chairman)
Bob Dion
Jerry Putt
Terri Close
Craig Goulet
Brad Eddy
Dave Schabel

Alternate Present:

James T. Meier

Others Present:

Ryan Goebel
Matt Westphal
Dan Stickel
Crystal Jacobs

Partners Absent:

Bay County Road Commission

Beaver Township

City of Pinconning

Charter Township of Portsmouth

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chairman; G. Rowley motioned; C. Goulet supported the approval of the July 2, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment:

J. Putt mentioned his concern regarding the absence of partners who are not showing up to meetings.

6. Water Reliability Study and General Plan Update

Director; R. Goebel informed that the Water Reliability Study has to be completed per EGLE. The study evaluates and determines deficiencies, reviews ability to meet customer demands, and provides recommendations to water systems. The last study was completed in 2021 for the whole system. EGLE requested an update by January 2027. Spicer was hired in 2024 to operate and maintain the water system hydraulic model, which would be used to complete the Reliability Study. Once the study is complete, it will satisfy EGLE requirements for all communities that are being supplied by the Bay Area Water Treatment Plant. Spicer's quote and fee schedule was provided.

Bay County Road Commission voted to approve, contingent upon a favorable vote from the TAC.

Vice Chairman: G. Rowley motioned to open the discussion and a motion for the expense of up to $65,000.00 to Spicer Engineering from the transmission system fund for the Water Reliability Study. C. Goulet seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued about which communities are included and how information is obtained.

7. Superintendent Report:

Maintenance Supervisor: M. Westphal displayed the July daily flow averages for treated water. The daily average flow for the month was 9.52 million gallons per day. The details of the July water temperatures, chemical treatments, and treatment processes were displayed and reviewed.

Matt mentioned supply chain issues with receiving fluoride. The issue has been resolved and although the plant tapered doses during the shortage, limits were maintained to meet EGLE standards.

USG wrapped up the exterior coating of the Bay City Tower mid-July and on 7/27 staff began returning to service.

Chemical system upgrades are in the works for hypo transfer pumps, skids and piping upgrades.

SCADA system requires upgrades due to compatibility issues with Windows 11. On 7/10, RFPs were sent out to a select group of firms the plant has worked with in the past. A pre-bid meeting was held on July 28 where all three firms were in attendance and showed interest in the project. Bids are currently due on 9/2.

On August 3rd, Fisher began mobilizing on site to begin the Raw Water Tank Project. Their schedule has them on track to get the foundations of one of the tanks in still this year.

C. Overly and M. Wagar participated in the National Night Out on 8/4 and spent the evening with Bay County residents.

Staffing updates were given.

Vice-Chairman; G. Rowley inquired when the Cell Tower project will begin.

Director; R. Goebel replied they are waiting for approval from Bay County council and a signed agreement from Bay County.

Director Report:

Director; R. Goebel reported that TV5 reached out to him about water systems being hacked in Michigan. TV5 interviewed Ryan via zoom, and he stated that the plant operations system is not connected to the internet so it cannot be hacked from afar. He also stated that they take precautions very seriously and perform cyber security assessments.

Ryan stated that the budget will be presented in October and a vote will take place in November.

8. Other Matters:

None

9. Public Comment:

None

10. Adjourn:

D. Schabel motioned; G. Augustyniak supported to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Jacobs

WTP Secretary

Approved: _____ DATE: 9/3/26