

June Woodard – Chairperson – Present	Judith Farman – Present
Mike Arnold, Vice – Chairperson – Present	Austin Welch – Present
James Farman – Present	Jeremy Freeman – Present
Rosalie Lehman – Bryan – Absent	

Members of the Public in Attendance: Donna Blend, Kera Hackett, Clayton Fuhrer Brad Upson - LaBella, Isaac VanLoon - Real Disposal, Matt Simpson - Real Disposal, Dave Alexyn – Real Disposal

The meeting was very contentious; there was an extreme amount of arguing. The meeting lasted for almost three hours, and the arguments were hard to follow and usually amounted to nothing. During the course of the meeting Mike Arnold stormed out, as did Austin Welch and Jeremy Freeman later in the meeting. A Special Meeting was called for December 29, 2025, to finish off the important parts of the agenda that were not handled in this meeting.

1. **Call To Order:** 6:02 PM by Chairperson June Woodard
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Austin Welch called a Point of Order immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance. He said it was inappropriate for anyone but the chair to open a meeting. The July 2025 meeting was not advertised, and the monthly meetings had not been advertised until October 2025. June Woodard, Chairperson, overruled the Point of Order and suggested that Austin Welch file his complaint with the court. Austin Welch replied that there was a Point of Order on the table and the Authority needed to follow the rules, he then asked why the Authority did a restructuring in August 2025, June Woodard replied that it was at the suggestion of the Authority’s lawyer. Then Austin Welch wanted to take a vote on his Point of Order and Mike Arnold stated that as he understood it the Point of Order was supposed to happen at the time the event happened, not weeks or months later and you are supposed to stand while calling the Point of Order. The thread of the argument was hard to follow. It finally ended with a vote on whether June Woodard’s ruling was valid or not. During the arguing someone made a motion to vote on Austin Welch’s Point of Order being invalid and that he missed the 30 day deadline to file in court to invalidate the meetings he was arguing about, there had been a restructure in September, after Lyndsey King had resigned and June Woodard was voted in as Chairperson and June Woodard’s ruling to overrule Austin Welch’s Point of Order was valid. Judith Farman voted yes, Mike Arnold

abstained saying it was hard to vote when he does not have Austin Welch's papers, and he did not care what Amanda Fuhrer attested to. James Farman voted yes, Jeremy Freeman voted no, and Austin Welch voted no.

Austin Welch then raised a second Point of Order stating that June Woodard had no right to overrule a Point of Order. June Woodard, Chairperson, overruled it.

3. Public Comments on the Agenda

The representatives from Real Disposal attempted to talk about their bid for the garbage contract, they were asked by Jeremy Freeman to wait to speak during the garbage contract portion of the meeting.

4. Approve Minutes

It was on the agenda to approve the Minutes from the November 19, 2025, Special Meeting and the December 4, 2025, Regular Meeting. Austin Welch once again argued that the Minutes were not correct, James Farman's motion to limit people's speaking time to three minutes per person was not worded correctly. James Farman said it was correct. Austin Welch maintained that the Minutes were manipulated and incorrect and Jeremy Freeman asked how it was going to be corrected and voting to approve the Minutes was tabled.

5. Old Business

I. Report on WWTP Consent Order Improvements Bids and II. Consideration of WWTP Consent Order Improvements

Brad Upson of LaBella presented the report on the Consent Order Bids and made his suggestion as to which bid to accept. There were two bids received for the Consent Order Project, both were above the projected cost of the project. There was discussion as to what was in the Bids, what projects were covered, which of these projects were needed and which were extra. Jeremy Freeman wanted to know if there were some parts of the proposed projects that could be removed to lower the price of the Bids. June Woodard Chairperson stated that there were some parts of the proposed project that did not need to be done right now, but they would need to be done in a few years, and it seemed like the best option to get them done now. Jeremy Freeman asked Mike Arnold if he saw anything that was completely above and beyond what was needed. Mike Arnold replied that the only thing he really saw was the gate, Brad Upson stated that the gate was identified in the Consent Order. It was decided that the Authority would apply for an additional loan from PennVEST to cover the cost of the project that had not been in the original estimate, which was \$613,000.00, as there were no additional items that could be identified as being excessive and could be removed.

A Motion was made by James Farman to authorize an application to PennVEST for the additional \$613,000.00 as a low interest loan. **Seconded by Mike Arnold.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Judith Farman: Yes, Jeremy Freeman: Yes, Mike Arnold: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, James Farman: Yes, Austin Welch: No Vote. **Motion Carried.**

a. WWTP Consent Order Improvements

A Motion was made by Mike Arnold to award the construction contract to American Contracting and Environmental Services, Inc. (ACE) for \$1,622,719.00, per revised bid of December 16, 2025, using interim financing until the PennVEST grant and loan is approved. **Seconded, by James Farman.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Judith Farman: Yes, Jeremy Freeman: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, Mike Arnold: Yes, James Farman: Yes, Austin Welch: No Vote. **Motion Carried.**

b. Influent PS Controls

A Motion was made by Jeremy Freeman to authorize Martz Technologies, as the Authority's Systems Interrogator, to furnish the remaining Influent Pump Station control work for \$23,735.30, per quote 24-16329-R2, dated November 16, 2024. **Seconded by Mike Arnold.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Jeremy Freeman: Yes, Judith Farman: Yes, James Farman: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, Mike Arnold: Yes, Austin Welch: No Vote. **Motion Carried.**

c. WWTP SCADA

Jeremy Freeman asked if the SCADA system would be completely new when the project was done Brad Upson told him yes it would be.

A Motion was made by James Farman to authorize Martz Technologies, as the Authority's System Interrogator, to furnish the WWTP SCADA system under its COSTARS contract 016-E23-289 for \$389,823.31, per quote 24-16330, dated December 9, 2025. **Seconded by Jeremy Freeman.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Judith Farman: Yes, Mike Arnold: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, James Farman: Yes, Jeremy Freeman: Yes, Austin Welch: No Vote. **Motion Carried.**

d. Generator for Influent PS

A Motion was made by Jeremy Freeman to authorize Ide Electric to furnish a Kohler 50 kW diesel generator for the Influent Pump Station under its COSTAR contract 008-E25-1582 for \$77,120.00, per quote EB61725, dated November 3, 2025. **Seconded by Mike Arnold.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: James Farman: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, Judith Farman: Yes, Jeremy Freeman: Yes, Mike Arnold: Yes, Austin Welch: No Vote. **Motion Carried.**

e. Electric for Influent PS controls

A Motion was made by James Farman to approve Change Order #1 to American Contracting and Environmental Services, Inc. to have its electrical subcontractor make the Influent Pump Station electrical connections for \$40,530.00, per quote EB61725, dated November 3, 2025. **Seconded by Mike Arnold.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mike Arnold: Yes, Judith Farman: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, Jeremy Freeman: Yes, James Farman: Yes, Austin Welch: No Vote. **Motion Carried.**

III. Garbage Contract

Once the meeting moved past the Bid conversation and business there was argument about all the other items on the agenda and various members would not allow the other topics to come to the table to be discussed and passed. The Authority did discuss the garbage contracts and award a contract. There was some discussion about the two proposed contracts, one from Real Disposal and one from Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority in the end the Authority chose the NTSWA Bid.

A Motion was made by Jeremy Freeman to accept the proposed two-year contract with NTSWA for \$176,850.00, for the first year with a six percent increase to \$187,461.00 for the second year. **Seconded by Judith Farman.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Judith Farman: Yes, Mike Arnold: No, Jeremy Freeman: Yes, June Woodard: Yes, James Farman: Yes, Austin Welch: No Vote. **Motion Carried.**

IV. Worker Hours

The topic turned to the schedule for the holidays for Brianna Simons. During the course the argument Mike Arnold got mad and walked out of the meeting. Also, during the argument there was talk about who should be deciding the schedule for the holidays. Jeremy Freeman maintained that the Borough should be setting the holiday hours for Brianna Simons because the Borough is the entity paying the workers. Jeremy Freeman made a motion that the Borough should decide the holiday hours for Brianna Simons for the days of December 20, 2025, to December 31, 2025. This motion was seconded by Austin Welch. A Roll Call Vote was then taken: June Woodard: No, Jeremy Freeman: Yes, Austin Welch: Yes, Judith Farman: No, James Farman: No. The Motion failed. After the Motion failed, Jeremy Freeman and Austin Welch stormed out of the meeting.

After Jeremy Freeman and Austin Welch stormed out of the meeting there was minute when everyone was stunned. June Woodard Chairperson asked what they were going to do now. Amanda Fuhrer Secretary replied that quorum was still three people as the Bylaws had yet to be adopted. With that reminder the holiday schedule for Brianna Simons was voted on.

A Motion was made by James Farman to give the proposed schedule to Brianna Simons to see if she wanted to work them. **Seconded by Judith Farman.**

A Roll Call Vote was taken: James Farman: Yes, Judith Farman: Yes, June Woodard: Yes.
Motion Carried.

6. Public Comments

Donna Blend asked if there was coverage for the Sewer Plant if Brianna Simons did not agree to work the proposed schedule. June Woodard Chairperson told her yes there was.

7. Adjournment

June Woodard Chairperson asked for a Motion to adjourn.

A Motion was made by James Farman to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded by Judith Farman.**

AIF Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44Pm.

Respectfully submitted

Amanda Fuhrer
Secretary/ Treasurer Elkland Borough Authority