

DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Womelsdorf-Robeson Joint Authority was held Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Womelsdorf Borough Hall.

It was noted that in order to assist in the preparation of the meeting minutes, the Secretary records the meeting. The recording is deleted following the approval by the Board of the minutes and no permanent recording is kept by the Secretary.

The following members were present:

Steve Bright Ralph Honigmann Rod Lebo Mark Spotts Dan Dierolf Barbara Orth

Matthew Miller was absent.

Engineer, Fred Ebert, Assistant, Aiden Russell, Solicitor Jestyn Payne, Dennis Miller and Jacob Sonnen (Authority Operators) were also in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag of the USA.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, April 22, 2026 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Rod Lebo, seconded by Ralph Honigmann. Motion carried.

Correspondence: MRM Trust – Worker's Comp insurer, PLIGIT 84th Annual Conference (each board member received), Spring ArcUser magazine, and PA Rural July courses.

Treasurer's Report:

1. The Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$2,190,027.70 was approved on a motion by Barbara Orth, seconded by Dan Dierolf. Unanimously approved.
2. Bills in the amount of \$38,824.96 were presented for payment, which were ratified or approved on motion by Barbara Orth, seconded by Dan Dierolf. Motion was unanimous.
3. Discussion regarding SSM invoice for file transfer and decided ok to pay.
4. TNT Sanitation check sent to wrong address (they closed their PO Box.) Will correct. Treasurer paid bill with credit card.
5. PMRS account information received. Available for view if interested.
6. Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 5/31/27 approved on a motion by Ralph Honigmann, seconded by Mark Spotts. Motion carried.
7. Edward Jones statements are available upon request.

Visitors: Brian Preski, President from National Water Specialties Company made a presentation on Backflow prevention and how National Water Specialties runs this program. Each board member received a packet. Brian explained PA law. They concentrate on commercial properties and three highest hazards in residential. They leave residential (single family, duplexes, etc) aside but sometime in the future WRJA may want to make policy decisions to bring them in. NWSC send notices out to customers, receive results, enter into data base, then map out all for WRJA to have real time knowledge of all valve history with make, model and serial number. There is no charge to WRJA or customers. They are paid through revenues from testers that upload test results into the proprietary and secure NAWSC system. They have a call center and take all the calls. They can also track fire hydrants and fire suppressions systems. Questions from board related to installation, inspecting, etc. Also, whose jurisdiction is this under? Inspectors are independent contractors and must be done in accordance with ASEC standards when installed. Testing must be done by a certified tester. If a customer does not comply, their water will be turned off after notification. If WRJA accepts this program, NAWSC will need permission to use logo and will use their return address. Need customer listing. Within 3 weeks would mail introduction letter. Would make it January 2027. (Further board discussion under Engineer's report)

Engineer's Report:

1. **Metals Contract - Authorization to Bid:** Looking to bid for June for award July meeting with alternate. Need to talk to PennVEST about Davis Bacon or State prevailing wages? Ok to bid in June with alternate for Davis Bacon if Federal award on a motion by Dan Dierolf and seconded by Ralph Honigmann. Motion carried.
2. **Co-Stars Contract - Updated Contract** (Date after Penn VEST Loan Award).

Discussion topics:

3. **2026 Penn VEST Loan Update - Loan Application Complete and July 15, 2026 Award Date:** Under review. Last audit should be done by June 10.
4. **Aiden on Sixth - Easement Discussion:** Completed plan review. We want them to interconnect to Weiser Court. We have an easement on existing agreement.
5. **Marion Township - Update on Discussion with their Engineer:** WRJA does not want this to cost our customers anything. Possible bulk agreement.
6. **Backflow discussion:** Dennis reports that Myerstown really likes NWSC and talks highly about them. One less thing for operators to do. DEP likes their program. Backflows are in our rules and regulations and are required. Engineer thinks it's a good program. Suggests doing a 2-year contract. If all goes well, do a 5-year plan. Ralph concerned if turning over customer lists. Do they do anything else with this customer list? Solicitor wants to read contract to ensure there is a confidentiality clause. Can revisit at June meeting.

Solicitor's Report:

1. **PPL Grant Right-of-Way:** Motion for Ratification of Execution of Grant of Right-of-way on a motion by Rod Lebo, seconded by Ralph Honigmann. Unanimously approved.
2. **Berks Nature:** Dan Becker from Kozloff Stoudt is on Berks Nature committees. Jestyn sent packet to Dan. Dan defended us. When looking back on minutes, Larry Lloyd, Berks Nature stated there are no costs to WRJA. We will not reimburse Berks Nature for their costs by motion of Rod Lebo. Seconded by Ralph Honigmann. Unanimously approved.
3. **Delinquent Invoices (East High Street/Furnace Hill):** Will send out letters.
4. **Robesonia Fish and Game Association:** Changed sentence regarding named insured.

Operator's Report:

1. Fixing meters
2. Maple Avenue Apartments. Wet tap in. Meter pit set. Hoping to be renting by end of year.
3. 338 Dogwood: Replaced bad curb stop.

4. Fixed sink hole at our 12" main on Spruce Street.
5. DEP Inspection. Seemed ok. Just taking care of paperwork.
6. UGI replacing main on South 2nd Street. Hitting rock. Working with them to turn off valves on 2nd and High Streets as needed. They are putting grit around our services. Not overly happy with this but it is allowed. Overall doing a good job.
7. New bill print from Diversified: Looks good!

Went into Executive Session at 8:22 to discuss litigation. Came out of executive session at 8:30. Motion by Ralph Honigmann, seconded by Mark Spotts to respectively decline offer by Primo Brands, formerly Blue Tritan.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:31 PM. by Steve Bright, seconded by Barbara Orth. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 7PM at the Womelsdorf Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Orth

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Secretary

Womelsdorf - Robesonia Joint Authority

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Treasurer's Report APRIL 2026

Balance March 31: \$511,152.04

Water Revenue	\$104,312.00
Certs	\$240.00
Other Income	\$240.63
Meter Data Fee	<u>+\$2,501.00</u>
	\$107,293.63

Total Income

+\$107,293.63

\$618,445.67

April Disbursements

\$39,296.67

-\$39,296.67

\$579,149.00

Treasury Notes

Expires 02.15.27	2.250%	\$100,000.00
Expires 08.15.28	2.875%	\$140,000.00
Expires 05.15.29	2.375%	<u>+\$105,000.00</u>
		\$345,000.00

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\$924,149.00

PLGIT \$429,894.24

Interest 3.74% +\$1,322.92

\$431,217.16

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\$1,355,366.16

Edward Jones account value as of Mar.. 28- April 24

+\$834,661.54

\$2,190,027.70