BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2026

The regular, monthly meeting of the East Cocalico Township Authority (ECTA) was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at the East Cocalico Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Members:	Samuel Weaver, Jr., Richard Shober, Edward Nevling, J. Bradford Fichthorn, David Lutz and Brian Roth (Absent: Gerald DeBalko, June Kinback and Noah Zimmerman)
Solicitor:	Absent
Engineer:	Absent
ECTA Staff:	Scott Carl, Sr., Tyler Pannebecker, Lisa Shaw, and Jodie Eberly
Visitors:	None

Chairman Samuel Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Minutes of the monthly meeting held on February 24, 2026 were approved as presented on motion by David Lutz, seconded by Bradford Fichthorn, and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached): Accountant Lisa Shaw reviewed the February 2026 financial reports. The reports were approved as presented subject to audit.

MONTHLY CAPACITY REPORTS (see attached): The February 2026 Monthly Capacity Reports were approved as presented on motion by Bradford Fichthorn, seconded by Brian Roth, and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: A complete copy of the update is on file in the ECTA Office. Executive Director Scott Carl, Sr. discussed the following from his update:

LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY (LSLI): ECTA continues to work towards identifying all "unknown" water service lines ahead of the October 2027 inventory update deadline. Currently, 58% of the service line inventory is identified as unknown (down from the initial 81%).

PRIVATE WELLS: ECTA is currently addressing five private well situations, with twenty being resolved/eliminated since the end of 2024.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM (SWP): Michael Galley submitted the Annual SWP report to DEP on March 4, 2026, and ECTA was once again commended by DEP for its Source Water Protection efforts. Mr. Galley is working towards completion of another grant application to NFWF to keep the agricultural outreach efforts going.

WELL F/WABASH RETENTION BASIN SINKHOLE: Mr. Carl continues communications, file searches, legal document reviews and meetings with ECTA's special counsel Salzmann Hughes and the expert witness regarding this ongoing legal issue. Due to ongoing turbidity issues with Well F, a quote from Kohl Brothers was obtained to provide color video televising of the Well F casing and borehole. After a thorough review of the quote in the amount of $12,650.00, Mr. Carl approved the Kohl Brothers quote and issued a Notice to Proceed on March 9, 2026. The televising process began on March 26, 2026, by pulling the pump and piping from the Well. Measurements and video taken showed issues with

the well depth, a potential crack in the well casing, possible rock obstruction, and sediment issues. Requests for Quotation (RFQs) were initiated with several well drilling companies for potential jetting and sediment/rock removal efforts. Portions of the pump's piping are significantly pitted and should be replaced while the pump is pulled. Well F, which remains off-line, is critical to meet daily demand and serves as the only backup to ECTA's largest supply source, which is Well M once again. Given the emergency, public health and safety concerns, and required operations and maintenance needs, ECTA must act quickly to restore the Well to service. Mr. Carl requested confirmation from the Board to proceed as needed to return this vital water source online without waiting for approval at future Board meetings. The Board authorized Mr. Carl to proceed as he deems appropriate.

WATER TREATMENT FACILITY GROUNDWATER UNDER DIRECT INFLUENCE OF SURFACE WATER (GUDI) UPGRADE PROJECT: Final SCADA & Controls punch list activities have been completed. ECTA's Final Request for Reimbursement No. 8 in the amount of $33,003.29 was submitted to PENNVEST on March 12, 2026.

MASTER METER 3G REGISTERS/NEPTUNE METERS: As of March 31, 2026, 728 new 5/8x3/4" and 1" Neptune meters have been installed by ECTA staff.

GRANT APPLICATIONS: ECTA awaits determination of its $550,385.00 SRBC 2026 Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant application and its $1,000,000.00 Commonwealth Financing Authority Grant application, both for a Systemwide Water Meter Replacement Project. ECTA received Letters of Support from PA State Representative David Zimmerman and PA State Senator Christopher Gebhard for both grants.

2025 AUDIT: Brown Plus audit staff will be returning to the ECTA office on April 13 & 14, 2026 to complete their on-site audit activities.

ADAMSTOWN BOROUGH EMERGENCY WATER INTERCONNECT: As a result of Adamstown Borough's Water Committee meeting on February 24, 2026, Adamstown held an on-site meeting with ECTA Staff on March 2, 2026 to evaluate possible emergency water interconnect sites. Follow up correspondence was received from Adamstown, which provided additional insight into their potential needs, as well as discussion on a potential intermunicipal agreement for a temporary or emergency interconnect. Mr. Carl will advise the Board as more information becomes available from Adamstown.

ECTA CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATER & SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS: Solicitor Dowd completed the draft ECT Ordinance to adopt ECTA's newly revised Water & Sanitary Sewer Construction Specifications and gave it to the ECT Solicitor on March 6, 2026. ECTA awaits the Township's approval of the Ordinance.

CROSSINGS AT COCALICO: Garman Builders was notified that ECTA granted a special exception in lieu of payment of Capital Contribution Fees in an amount not to exceed $732,000. The Developer's Director of Land Development later notified ECTA that he was given approval to proceed with the water line upgrades and booster pump station. Mr. Carl and Solicitor Dowd finalized a Letter of Understanding to be submitted to the Developer for signature.

36 MUDDY CREEK CHURCH ROAD APARTMENTS: The water lateral and water and sanitary sewer services lines were inspected and approved by ECTA, all administrative requirements have been satisfactorily completed, and all invoices have been paid. ECTA is holding an irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of $13,775.30 to guarantee construction of the new water lateral, as well as $5,000.00 Administrative Water Escrow. Mr. Carl requested the Board's approval to begin this project's 18-month warranty period and to reduce their Letter of Credit from $13,775.30 to $378.45, representing

15% of the approved cost of construction, to be held along with the Administrative Escrow until the end of the 18-month warranty period.

- Richard Shober made a motion to begin on March 31, 2026, the 18-month warranty period for the 36 Muddy Creek Church Road Apartments water lateral project located at 36 Muddy Creek Church Road, Denver, PA, and to reduce their irrevocable Letter of Credit from $13,775.30 to $378.45, representing 15% of the approved cost of construction, to be held along with the Administrative Escrow until the end of the 18-month warranty period; seconded by Bradford Fichthorn; and carried unanimously.

PATRIOT ONE BUILDERS (27 & 29 LAUSCH ROAD): The privately-owned water and sanitary sewer lines and grinder pump were inspected and approved by ECTA, all administrative requirements have been satisfactorily completed, and all invoices have been paid. ECTA is holding $781.87 Administrative Escrow. Mr. Carl requested the Board's approval to close this project with ECTA and to return their $781.87 Administrative Escrow.

- Bradford Fichthorn made a motion to close as of March 31, 2026, the residential water and sanitary sewer project for Patriot One Builders located at 27 & 29 Lausch Road, Denver, PA and to return their $781.87 Administrative Escrow; seconded by Brian Roth; and carried unanimously.

LIFE REMEMBERED (395 WABASH ROAD): A Short Form Developer's Agreement and Administrative Escrow was submitted by Life Remembered for its property located at 395 Wabash Road, Ephrata, PA. These items are for the construction of a new water lateral to serve their new office and maintenance building. The project previously had an approved ECTA Administrative Escrow Agreement for Miscellaneous Projects but now that the project requires construction of a new water lateral, the existing Agreement is no longer applicable, and a new Short Form Developer's Agreement must be executed.

- David Lutz made a motion to accept and execute the Short Form Developer's Agreement for a non-residential water project with Life Remembered for the construction of a new water lateral to serve their property located at 395 Wabash Road, Ephrata, PA; seconded by Bradford Fichthorn; and carried unanimously.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) TOUR: On April 16, 2026, ECTA will be hosting a fourth WTP plant tour for approximately 20 Thaddeus Stevens College students and professors in the Water and Environmental Technology program.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING: A Personnel Committee meeting was held on March 31, 2026, at 6:15 pm to discuss succession planning, safety and ongoing personnel-related topics.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE MANAGER'S UPDATE: A complete copy of the update is on file in the ECTA Office. O&M Manager Tyler Pannebecker had nothing to add to his update.

ENGINEER'S UPDATE: Entech provided an Engineer's Report giving a general update on the projects they are currently working on.

SOLICITOR'S UPDATE: Mr. Carl stated Solicitor Dowd continues to provide general legal support to ECTA, and he is working with her on specific matters which will be discussed during Executive Session.

INVOICES (see attached): Bills included on the March 31, 2026 ECTA invoice listing were approved for payment on motion by Bradford Fichthorn, seconded by Richard Shober, and carried unanimously.

Since there was no further business to come before the Board, Bradford Fichthorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m., seconded by David Lutz, and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Weaver called an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. At 8:05 p.m., Chairman Weaver adjourned the Executive Session. No action was taken during the Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

J. Bradford Fichthorn
Assistant Secretary

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