

CAMDEN-WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

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*Minutes of the Camden-Wyoming
Sewer and Water Authority (CWS&WA)
Regular Session - Authority Meeting
Held on January 13, 2026*

Authority Members present: Ms. Anita Beckel
Mr. Seth Greenberg
Mr. Kevin Minnich
Mr. Daniel Ridgely
Mr. Russell Steiger

**Also in attendance representing
CWS&WA:** Mr. Harold Scott, Authority Superintendent
Mr. Soheil Gharebaghi, P.E., Authority Engineer

Public in Attendance: Meeting Attendance/Sign-in Sheet;
available at the CWS&WA Office

The Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority (CWS&WA) met at the CWS&WA Conference Room on January 13, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Superintendent, Mr. Scott.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Steiger. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance & Operations Status:

Mr. Scott distributed the Operation and Maintenance Reports for the past periods to the Board Members and discussed the same. Mr. Scott indicated that, in addition to the routine maintenance, a fire hydrant that had been hit on Christmas Day had been brought under control by the Authority crews. In this regard, Mr. Scott indicated that instances of brown water could have followed the fire hydrant incident.

Mr. Scott reported that there had been four (4) leaks during the past period which had all been repaired by the Authority crews. Mr. Scott also noted that, on January 12, 2026, a water main break had been observed in the proximity of the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Camden-Wyoming Avenue. The evidence of the running water had been visible very close to the railroad, Mr. Scott added. An existing 4-inch diameter water main crossing the Norfolk Southern Railroad appeared to have failed. The running water was observed approximately two (2') feet from the railroad ties. The Norfolk Southern Railroad, Carload Express, Delmarva Railway was contacted by the Authority Engineer, Soheil Gharebaghi, P.E., to report the incident. A representative of the railroad had arrived at the scene in about 2-hours, Mr. Scott continued. Mr. Scott indicated that the proximity of the leak near the railroad had made excavation impractical. Therefore, a decision was made to cut and cap the existing 4-inch diameter water main, an adequate distance from the railroad ties on both sides of the railway, and to abandon the water main crossing the railroad in place.

Maintenance & Operations Status (cont.):

Mr. Scott explained that there had been two redundancies, which were similar railroad crossings, at Southern Blvd. and at Front Street, allowing the option to abandon the existing 4-inch diameter water main, which was quite old, and avoid any excavation near the railway without compromising the Authority's water distribution system.

Concerning the Authority's finances, Mr. Scott indicated that approximately \$295,000 had been billed and approximately \$228,000 had been collected during the past period. Regarding Accounts Receivables (AR) aging longer than 180 days, Mr. Scott noted that the comparison between the current AR aging longer than 180 days of about \$14,000, was remarkably lower than \$50,000 - \$60,000, ranges of AR aging longer than 180 days a year ago. Mr. Scott credited the Authority's billing personnel for their diligence in the collection of AR's.

Regarding land development activities, Mr. Scott noted that an extension of six (6) months had been granted to the developers of Savannah Farms by the Town of Camden Administration.

Pertaining to the Cooper Farm, Mr. Scott indicated that preliminary development plans had been entertained by the Town of Camden. However, he added, that the Authority had not received any development plans from the owners of the Cooper Farm.

Engineering Report:

Gharebaghi referred to his Engineering Report for the period ended June 30, 2025, which was distributed to the Board Members, along with other meeting documents, and offered to address any questions the Board might have had on his report.

New Business: *Approval of the Authority's Budget for fiscal year ended September 30, 2026*

Motion: Mr. Greenberg made a motion to approve the Authority's FY ended September 30, 2026, as presented, seconded by Mr. Ridgely. Motion carried unanimously.

Authority Action with Respect to Resolution No. 2000-03:

Motion: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to retroactively suspend the automatic annual user rate escalation of 5% - as provided in the Authority's Resolution 2000-03 - seconded by Mr. Greenberg. Motion carried unanimously. There were no user rate increases effective on January 1, 2026.

Acceptance of the Authority's Financial Audit

Motion: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to accept the Authority's financial Audit, as presented, seconded by Mr. Steiger. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Reorganization

(This item was tabled at the Authority's January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting)

It was noted that Mr. Badger resigned his position (Vice Chair) on the Authority Board. It was also noted that the Town of Wyoming had only two (2) Board Members appointed by the Town of Wyoming.

Motion: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to nominate Mr. Greenberg as the Authority's Chair Person and Ms. Anita Beckel as the Authority's Vice Chair person. With the acceptance of the nominations, without objections, seconded by Mr. Steiger.

Mr. Greenberg and Ms. Beckel will serve the Authority's Board of Directors as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Correspondence:

With the exception of those referenced above, there was no other correspondence.

Visitors' Comments:

There were no visitors' comments.

Adjournment:

Motion: Ms. Beckel made a motion to adjourn the Authority's Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Minnich. Motion carried unanimously.

The Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority Regular Session; Authority Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on April 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
CAMDEN-WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Harold L. Scott, Sr.
CWS&WA Superintendent