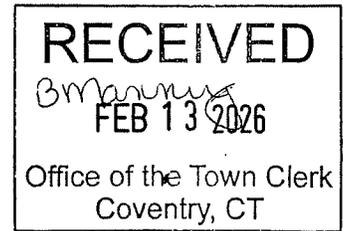


**Coventry Water Pollution Control Authority**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2026**



**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthew Twerdy (Remote), Richard Brand (Remote), Daniel Murphy (Remote), Todd Matthewson (Remote)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Watkins, Public Works Director (Remote)  
Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator (Remote)  
Charlie Grossmann, WPCA Operator 1 (Remote)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Matthew Twerdy called the February 12, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. on Zoom Online Video Conference meeting id 817 5334 0647.
- 2. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:** None
- 3. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Approval of minutes from December 11, 2025 CEPA Public Scoping Meeting:

**MOTION Feb-12-2026-1:** To approve minutes from the December 11, 2025 CEPA Public Scoping Meeting:

By: Brand                      Seconded: Matthewson

The Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Brand, Murphy, Matthewson, Twerdy

Against: None

Abstain: None

- b. Approval of minutes from January 8, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting:

**MOTION Feb-12-2026-2:** To approve minutes from the January 8, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting:

By: Brand                      Seconded: Matthewson

The Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Brand, Murphy, Matthewson, Twerdy

Against: None

Abstain: None

- 4. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. Ongoing Discussion of Sewer System Capacity:  
Flows are down. The basins are draining well.

**5. WPCA STAFF REPORT:**

a. Wastewater Management Plan Update:

- i. The scope of the EIE was discussed. SLR added DBE/MBE/WBE subcontractors to comply with state regulations. DEEP recommended public outreach. Staff will use Town newsletters, the Town's website, and social media for public outreach. Several public informational meetings will be held further in the process. SLR's current fee proposal for the EIE is \$133,000. Staff noted that we need to pay SLR upfront then apply to DEEP for grant reimbursement.

**MOTION Feb-12-2026-3:** To approve the \$133,000 fee proposal from SLR Consulting and to authorize staff to submit a purchase order for this amount:

By: Matthewson                      Seconded: Brand

The Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Brand, Murphy, Matthewson, Twerdy

Against: None

Abstain: None

- ii. DEEP confirmed that our project will be eligible for 25% Clean Water Fund grants. DEEP recommended incremental sewer use fee increases to prepare us financially for increased operational costs and debt service when we upgrade. DEEP said if we take too long to move forward with the upgrade they will take enforcement action since our permit is expired and the plant does not meet current treatment standards.

b. Operations & Maintenance Report:

- Staff installed aeration in one of the basins and are hoping to continue maintenance in the spring when the basins thaw out.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:**

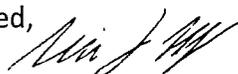
- a. Draft comments on the CWF priority list do not need to be submitted.
- b. The draft Spring newsletter was reviewed. Staff will edit with WPCA comments and submit.

**7. NEXT MEETING:** March 12, 2026

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Matthew Twerdy adjourned the February 12, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting at 6:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator

2/13/2026

***\*These minutes are not official until approved by the WPCA at the next regular WPCA meeting.***