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Coventry Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Twerdy (Remote), Daniel Murphy (Remote), Todd Matthewson (Remote), Richard Brand (Remote @ 6:10)

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator (Remote)
Charlie Grossmann, WPCA Operator 1 (Remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER: Matthew Twerdy called the March 12, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. on Zoom Online Video Conference meeting id 868 2248 5561.

2. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS: A person named Michael was on the Zoom but did not speak, raise hand, or enter anything into the chat.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approval of minutes from February 12, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting:

MOTION Mar-12-2026-1: To approve minutes from the February 12, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting:
Meeting:

By: Matthewson Seconded: Murphy

The Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Murphy, Matthewson, Twerdy

Against: None

Abstain: None

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Ongoing Discussion of Sewer System Capacity: No changes.

5. WPCA STAFF REPORT:

a. Wastewater Management Plan Update:

i. CT DEEP put us into the 25% grant category. Tighe & Bond will need to revise cost comparison tables after the EIE is complete.

ii. SLR is waiting for DEEP to approve grant forms so we can begin the EIE.

b. Operations & Maintenance Report:

Staff presented the O&M report. Cold weather challenges were overcome. The basins are draining well, and maintenance will resume in the spring.

- c. Sludge Bid: The tank cleaning & sludge hauling bid for 2026-2029 was discussed. A large factor in bidder pricing is sludge disposal rates at MDC. MDC cannot give bidders pricing for more than 1 year so if we issue a 3-year contract the bidders will need to bid and 2nd and 3rd years very high to cover potential cost increase for disposal and fuel. Every treatment plant that disposes of sludge at MDC faces this challenge. Only a few incinerator plants in CT accept sludge and MDC is the closest and least expensive.

Using increases based on inflation from the Consumer Price Index may not accurately reflect transport and disposal costs. We will issue a one-year contract with option to extend annually up to 4 additional years based on mutually agreeable and justifiable cost increases. We will not have exact sludge disposal costs when we are submitting our budgets and will need to estimate.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:

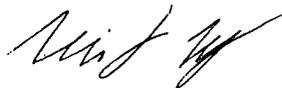
- a. A memo was sent to the Collector of Revenue to pause sewer use billing at 90 Avery Shores because the sewer line was capped off and the house was demolished.

- 7. NEXT MEETING:** April 9, 2026 Public Hearing: Sewer Use Rate Increase. 6:00 PM. In-person at the Town Hall Annex. Staff will publish legal notices.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Matthew Twerdy adjourned the March 12, 2026 WPCA Regular Meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

 3/13/2026 Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator

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