

BEAVER CREEK/GRAYLING TWP
Utility Authority
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting,
January 19, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Robson at 4:06 pm at the Beaver Creek Township Hall.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Hanson, Robson, Lawe, and newly appointed members Jesse Helsel and Scott Peacock.

Board Members Absent: None

Others in attendance: Alma, VanNuck, Lang, Stephan, Apps, Hanley

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Hanson, second by Helsel, **CARRIED** to approve the agenda.
Yeas: All.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hanson, second by Lawe, **CARRIED** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 8, 2026. Yeas: Hanson, Robson, Lawe (Helsel and Peacock abstain as they were not present for said special meeting).

Motion by Hanson, second by Lawe, **CARRIED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2025. Yeas: Hanson, Robson, Lawe (Helsel and Peacock abstain as they were not present for said regular meeting).

Meeting Business:

IAI Report:

Johns reviewed the monthly IAI operations and maintenance report.

Johns stated that monitoring well sampling was reported to EGLE on 12/11 with all wells passing; that there were short power outage events at the water tank on 12/3 & 12/16 and at the well houses on 12/29; that a single low-pressure event was recorded on 12/2, Arauco was contacted to determine cause with no reply; and that no boil water advisory was issued.

Discussion regarding the BCGTUA wastewater system's inability to receive Arauco's high-strength wastewater as designed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Lawe stated that the Horizon CD was renewed on 1/2/2026 as follows: \$100,665.75, 6-month term @ 3.08%.
2. Lawe stated that Jonathan, from Michigan Rural Water Association, should be finalizing the BCGTUA Rate Study Report this week.

Accounts Payable: Motion by Lawe, second by Hanson, **CARRIED** to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$48,514.92 for Dec. 15 2025 – Jan. 18, 2026. Roll call vote: All Yeas.

Report From Staff: None.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Robson reported that he is still working on preparing to receive bids for work to be done on the Beaver Creek bathrooms to meet USDA requirements.

New Business: Shanna L. Hanley, from Hanley CPA, PLLC, was present to discuss her recent financial audit of BCGTUA for fiscal year ending on 6/30/2025; Hanley stated that the audit was in compliance and free of Material Misstatements; that the proper accounting method for a government entity such as BCGTUA is the "Fund" accounting method, which BCGTUA currently uses; and that when the board sets it's yearly budget, it can be done in a public session within a regular meeting, but the meeting should have a separate public notice posted regarding the setting of budget. Lawe requested that Hanley please prepare five hard-copies of the audit so that two copies each can be provided to both Grayling Township and Beaver Creek Township pursuant to the BCGTUA bylaws, and one copy can remain on file with BCGTUA.

Miscellaneous:

Robson, Lawe, Alma to meet February 16 prior to regular meeting for 90-day review.

Alma to prepare estimates for web development and business plan going forward.

Alma to send Bylaws and Ordinances to new members.

Alma to contact Arauco, Stoops and Saab to invite to a board meeting.

Member Comments: Robson suggests that board members get together for a tour of the BCGTUA water and wastewater systems in the spring.

Public Comments:

Russell Apps, plant manager of Bakelite, stated that the company wishes to begin sending their "blowdown water" to the BCGTUA wastewater system, which is estimated to be 2.5 million gallons annually; that the water is currently high in phosphorus and has a high pH, but that they would pre-treat the water to be within BCGTUA's requirements before sending; and that the company wanted direction on what the applicable requirements were. Discussion regarding getting Apps a copy of the BCGTUA wastewater permit or other documentation from EGLE that

states what our acceptable wastewater nutrient levels are. Lawe stated that he would reach out to IAI for the requested information and get it to Apps.

Adjournment: 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert J. Lawe", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Lawe
Secretary