

Springtown Water Authority
Meeting Minutes Jan 30, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING

Members present: Donald Kucher (Chair), Aimee Douglas, Raymond Kade, and Allen Kugler

Also present: Rich Cernok (System Manager), Rick Howard (Legal Counsel), Jim Hopkins (Board Liaison) and Fred Ebert (Authority Engineer)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

New Business

The Springtown Water Authority has been awarded a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant through Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Grant is in the amount of \$419,665 for improvements to its fire protection and water distribution systems.

The Water Authority authorizes its professionals to move forward with the preliminary steps required to make recommendations for the board to accept the grant. This includes immediate work necessary, such as a review of the approval letter; properly acknowledging the grant agreement (once received); work together to assure the agreement and steps required are consistent with the board's understanding of the grant application.

The engineering firm Ebert Engineering will take the steps necessary, including appropriate consultation with and advice from the solicitor. These steps will be to ensure compliance and furtherance of the objectives in pursuing the grant and ensure any needed help and approval from the authority and its board.

The board will plan to Establish Procedures to 1) Provide necessary information to the administrator to verify eligibility and process the funds; 2) adhere to reporting on how any funds are used, requiring careful tracking; and 3) Adhere strictly to deadlines for accepting the award to avoid forfeiture.

Adjournment

Amiee made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM, Raymond seconded; motion carried without objection.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary

Raymond Kade