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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
4:00 PM  
February 17, 2026

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Mr. Richard L. Carpenter, Mr. Daniel Luckey, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Distribution Manager Anthony Reynolds, Director of Operations and Maintenance Gary Phillips, Director of Asset Management Yuri Evans, Plant Superintendent Patrick Bauer, Lake Ontelaunee Manager Michael Reider, Administrator Suzanne Ruotolo, Meter Reader Manager Amy Styer, Dan Standish from SSM Engineering and Matt Kozlowski from Caselle. Absent was Mrs. Tressa Jefferson and in the audience, via Zoom Michael G.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

No Public Comment

Evelynn Morrison arrived at 4:05pm after Public Comment Closed.

Chairman McCracken advised we have a presentation and handed the floor over to Matt Kozlowski. Matt presented a software program called Synario a principal financial management software. He advised by using this program we will be able to more easily report the impacts that our Capital projects, labor contracts and water rates will have on our financials. Mr. Murray added this will bring us into the 21 Century by putting in historical data and running different scenarios, the “what if” types, to see how changes can affect the financials. Mr. Kozlowski stated this is a contract investment of \$19,500 in year one, and \$12,500 in the next two years. Mrs. Grimshaw advised that it is a lot of money. Mr. Murray advised this is good investment and explained the Caselle software is great for, where you put the money and where it is at. But this software will predict and better manage the financials. He gave the example of if DEP states we need to replace the Earthen Dam, we can plug and play the cost of the bond over a 20-year period and what the actual impact this will have on the financials. Mr. Luckey stated you are trying to make the water safer and better now, and it will only get worse as he understands Wells are getting contaminated with PFOS. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve, Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion, Mr. Luckey seconded the motion, All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026. Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Luckey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the February Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of \$569,826.65 the Capital Fund in the amount of \$195,442.48 and the Escrow Fund in the amount

of \$1289.00. Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mr. Luckey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Murray advised the internal audit was conducted by Sharon and Sue.

Mr. Murray advised the department reports are in the board packet.

Mr. Murray advised this was already approved in the Capital Projects Budget, but we always bring this back for second approval, the purchase of a 2026 Crew Cub Truck – the Capital was \$60,000 we came under budget at \$55,540 through Co-Stars price. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the Crew Cub purchase, Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion, and Mr. Luckey seconded the motion, all in favor the motion passed.

Mr. Murray asked Pat Bauer to discuss the Influent Valve and the Blow off. Mr. Bauer advised one of the other capital projects that was previously approved is the Filter 6 Influent Valve. This valve is broken and it is keeping Filter 6 offline. It was in the budget for \$150,000 but we received a Co-Stars bid for \$95,950. Also, we have broken valve for the Lake Ontelaunee Blow off; he explained in heavy rains or a drought we still need to let water flow and the valve right now need to be operated manually. He advised this was in the budget for \$177,000 and we received a Co-Stars price of \$89,500. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve both projects, Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve, Mr. Luckey seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers Report was submitted and there are no further actions.

Chairman McCracken advised if there are no further questions they will go into Executive Session.  
Executive Session was entered at 4:18 pm

Regular Session resumed at 4:30 pm. Chairman McCracken advised there are two items for approval.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the Rank-and-File Union Contract for 2026 to 2028, Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the contract, Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the Executive Directors Contract. Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the contract; Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Solicitors Stock had no other items for action.

Chairman McCracken stated the next Board Meeting will be on March 17, 2026.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw at 4:31 pm.