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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
Tuesday January 17, 2023

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Richard Carpenter, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Mr. Earl Lucas, Mr. Jamal Abodalo, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Operations & Maintenance Mr. Gary Phillips, Distribution Superintendent Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Engineering Manager Mr. Yuri Evans, Customer Service Manager Ms. Tracey Karish, Administrator Mrs. Sue Ruotolo, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Meter Reader Manager Mrs. Amy Styer, Lake Manager Michael Reider, Mr. Brian Hassinger from SSM Engineering. Absent was Dr. Phillip Dougherty and Mr. Daniel Luckey.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:06 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

Chairman McCracken turned the meeting over to Solicitor Stock for reorganizational of the Board of Directors.

Solicitor Stock asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board position. Mr. Abodalo nominated Rev. McCracken and it was seconded by Mr. Lucas. Nominations were closed. All in favor. Rev. McCracken has been appointed Chairman.

Solicitor Stock asked for nominations for the Vice Chairman of the Board position. Rev. McCracken nominated Mr. Carpenter and it was seconded by Mr. Abodalo. Nominations were closed. All in favor. Mr. Carpenter has been appointed Vice Chairman.

Attorney Stock asked for a motion to appoint all other Board Members as Assistant Secretary. Motion made by Rev. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Lucas to appoint Cecile Grimshaw, Daniel Luckey, Earl Lucas and Jamal Abodalo as Assistant Secretaries for attesting to Legal Documents. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting turned back over to Chairmen Rev. McCracken.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the December 20, 2022, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded Mr. Carpenter. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve payment of the January 2023 invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$575,087.90 Capital Fund in the amount of \$55,202.71 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$18,650.50. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mrs. Grimshaw. All in favor. Motion passed.

Rev. McCracken stated he was going to City Counsel for reappointment.

Mr. Murray let the Board of Directors know that the monthly department reports were included in the information given to each Board Member. There were no questions.

Mr. Murray asked for approval of the RAWA Board Meeting dates for 2023. Chairmen Rev. McCracken asked for a motion to approve the Board Meeting dates for 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Carpenter. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Mr. Murray provided a brief update to the Board of Directors regarding the Rank and File Union negotiations.

Mr. Murray let the Board of Directors know he consulted a firm in Lancaster and is working on a Comp Time Policy.

Mr. Hassinger presented his monthly Engineering Report. There were no questions.

Mr. Hassinger asked for approval of the Change Order for the Brick Shed Roof. Chairman Rev. McCracken asked for a motion to approve the change order of \$33,511.48. A motion was made by Mr. Carpenter and seconded by Mr. Lucas. Mr. Murray added that the reason for the change order was due to the evidence found under the roof that was not accessible prior to the project beginning and that this change order was not due to the actual contractor but was an engineering recommendation. All in favor. Motion passed.

Attorney Stock did not have anything to report.

Executive session was not needed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lucas at 4:20PM