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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
July 15, 2025

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Mr. Richard L. Carpenter, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Mrs. Tressa Jefferson, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Operations and Maintenance Gary Phillips, Distribution Manager Anthony Reynolds, Administrator Suzanne Ruotolo, Director of Asset Management Yuri Evans, Plant Superintendent Patrick Bauer, Lake Ontelaunee Manager Michael Reider, Customer Service Manager Tracey Karish, Human Resources Manager Wendy Marrero, Meter Reader Manager Amy Styer, Jamie Lorah from SSM Engineering. Absent was Mr. Daniel Luckey.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

No Public Comment

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from June 17, 2025. Mrs. Jefferson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the July Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of \$809,481.46, the Capital Fund in the amount of \$85,286.87 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$3,104.00. Mrs. Jefferson made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved

Mr. Murray told the Board Members the monthly department reports were provided in the board packet.

Mr. Murray advised last week he attended the US Water Alliance Conference. He stated this conference is more on philosophy for sustainability objectives, planning, equity, inclusion and a lot of peer exchange on what people are doing across the county. There are over 700 registered attendees, 100 speakers, 6 learning labs and 20 concurrent sessions. Mr. Murray feels this is a conference we need to attend, it provides an opportunity to see how other implemented safety plans, to set priorities and set a benchmark for RAWA in areas outside of our operations.

Mr. Murray provided a Drought update. Mr. Murray advised we are official out of the drought by DEP standards. Mr. Murray wanted the Board to be aware we continue to tetter totter on having to implement our emergency plans. The lake levels are still only two to three inches above the overflow, if it drops down to less than an inch then we have to go into the drought conditions. Mr. Murray advised he had the opportunity to meet with the assistant secretary and the regional director for the area. Mr. Murray advised he had an hour long conversation

with them and was able to discuss all of the issue we had with them, he was able to get a commitment from the top to work with us to resolve some things. Mr. Murray advised when last week came and the water level was going back down again he set up a meeting with DEP with the hope of making some changes in our existing allocation permit to make operations easier in the droughts.

Ms. Jamie Lorah advised the Engineers report was submitted in the board packet and there are no action items.

Solicitor Ed Stock advised there are no action items.

No Executive Session was needed.

Chairman McCracken stated the next Board Meeting will be on August 19, 2025.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mrs. Jefferson and seconded by Mr. Carpenter at 4:09 pm.