

READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
4:00 PM  
July 21, 2026

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

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 16, 2026, Mrs. Jefferson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Grimshaw seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the June Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of \$781,953.37 the Capital Fund in the amount of \$75,185.96 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$936.50. Mrs. Jefferson made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mrs. Grimshaw seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Chairman McCracken asked if any Board Member have anything to report, nothing to report.

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

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

Mr. Murray provided a brief update on McKnight Street at Car-Tech. Mr. Murray advised Car-Tech is in the process of taking over the street. Mr. Murray advised RAWA does have a water main and fire hydrant that would have to be abandoned. Mr. Luckey asked is this was a city street and how could they take this as the only entity that could do this is the City. Mr. Murray advised this is a city street, and we are working in conjunction with the city. Mr. Murray advised next month there should be an agreement and more information.

Mr. Murray advised over the next 12 to 18 months we are going to have a significant number of jobs. He would like to still have SSM as our primary engineer but have some flexibility. Mr. Murray advised SSM like many firms, are limited staff. Mr. Murray asked the board to support him in putting out RFQs for engineering services to qualify people and get a response. We can then meet as a board and put together a committee and then we can

have a list for when projects come in. Mr. Murray advised some firms are great at filter plants, some are great at pipe, this will give flexibility. Chairman McCracken asked if there is anything in place now that would not allow us to put out RFQs. Mr. Murray advised no there is nothing in place. Chairman McCracken stated this is just to inform the board. Mr. Luckey stated this will expose us to other engineering firms and what they are qualified for, this will give us flexibility.

Mr. Murray mentioned the Pool Party, he thanked Mr. Luckey for stopping by. Mr. Murray advised there was a lot of positive feedback from the employees. Mr. Murray advised we worked with College Manor and helped them fill the pool this year, one-time free fill and in return we got to use the pool for the event. Mr. Murray advised the board between adults and kids that there were over 100 people.

Mr. Murray provided an update on the drought stating we are in a Drought Warning, we are over 1 foot down. This morning he and Pat contacted DEP for weekly meeting, so we can work together with DEP. Mr. Murray advised last year when we were in a similar situation, we turned the conservation release back. He wants to get the meetings started so DEP is aware of how RAWA is handling the drought. Mr. Murray advised two areas North of RAWA reached out to him because they are in a worst spot than RAWA. Mr. Murray advised the North Heidelberg system is in a worst situation because of the two wells, which is why it is so important to get the third well.

Mr. Murray advised Data Centers are a big controversial topic right now. He said to the board; we must take the position of selling water. If the city, county or state wants to put roadblocks in to stop Data Centers or make it easier for them, we need to stay out of it and see where it goes. Mr. Murray advised he has been to several conferences about Data Centers and there is so much information going around about them. Mr. Murray advised the most modern development today is Air Cooled Systems. He advised the largest site in the city is the 50acre site, at best this would be a tiny center at best. Mr. Murray stated city council is in the process of enacting legislation and talking about it. He stated there are members of council against it, there are state reps for it, and like it or not the Govern is for it, all this political conflict around it. We have always managed to stay out of the policial conflicts so let's take the approach of let's not worry about till it comes to us. Mr. Luckey advised his concern is making sure the people come first, getting water delivered to people's homes should come first. Mr. Murray agreed and stated in the Birdsboro contract it is stated in the event of an emergency we can cut them off and the residential customers come first.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers Report was submitted, there are no action items at this time. Mr. Murray advised there was one item Pat had listed. Pat advised one of the approved budget items was to replace the SCADA pack. Pat advised this came under budget by \$600.00 and then are going to proceed. Mr. Murray also provided a brief update on the 17<sup>th</sup> Street tank; the tank is offline and moving along very well.

Solicitors Stock advised there are no action items.

No Executive Session was needed.

Chairman McCracken advised the next board meeting is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, he stated he will be away this week.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw at 4:30 pm.