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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
4:00 PM  
June 16, 2025

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, , Mr. Daniel Luckey, 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, Dan Standish from SSM Engineering. 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.

Public Comment was made by Mr. Ray Foerster. Mr. Foerster represents Grundy Insurance Group and was requesting a meeting to discuss benefits his company might be able to provide to RAWA. Mr. Murray said that he would reach out to schedule something in the future.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from May 20, 2025. 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 May Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of \$581,439.68, the Capital Fund in the amount of \$114,051.76 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$3,188.00. Mrs. Jefferson made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mrs. Grimshaw seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved

Mr. Murray told the Board Members the monthly department reports were provided and if there were any questions he would be happy to answer them.

Mr. Murray provided a Drought update. Mr. Murray indicated that the DEP has lowered the Drought from "Warning" to "Watch" which indicates that the public is asked to voluntarily go to a 5% to 10% conservation.

Mr. Murray stated that the Rank-and-File Union contract is up for negotiations and meetings have been scheduled.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers Report was submitted with tonight's meeting information and there is 1 item for action to be taken. Mr. Standish presented the 2025 recommendation of awarded bid for the pavement restoration to be given to CMS. CMS was the only bidder. The cost is calculated at unit price. A motion was

made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Luckey to approve the awarded bid for 2025 Pavement Restoration to CMS. All in favor. Motion approved

Mr. Standish let the Board of Directors know that the final payment to Blooming Glen has been made and was approved with tonight's invoices. This was a approved Capital Budgeted project for 2025.

Attorney Stock let the Board of Directors know that a recent lawsuit involving a case against 3M for contamination of plastics causing PFAS into public drinking water supplies was settled and RAWA will receive \$5,102,579.65. The first installment of the settlement was received and will be earmarked for future costs involving removal of the containment from RAWA sources. RAWA received a check in the amount of \$493,658.02 which was net amount after attorney fees were taken. There should be another installment made in the fall.

Chairman McCracken stated the next Board Meeting will be on July 15, 2025.

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