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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
June 16, 2026

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Mr. Richard L. Carpenter, 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, Administrator Suzanne Ruotolo, Meter Reader Manager Amy Styer, Customer Service Manager Tracey Karish, Human Resource Manager Wendy Marrero, Dan Standish from SSM Engineering. Timothy Kraft from RKL. Absent was RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock.

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

No Public Comment

Timothy Kraft from RKL presented to the Board the 2025 RAWA Financial Audit. Mr. Kraft advised there were no unfavorable findings. Mr. Murray advised on the success of eliminating ARB and bringing all accounts back to RAWA, working with customers to set up payment arrangements. Mrs. Grimshaw asked if there is a customer who has difficulties and not able to pay their bill, they're able to set up arrangements with the office that both parties agree with. Mr. Murray advised yes, they can call the office. Mr. Luckey asked if there is a reason why the water bill is so high, leaks or over usage. Mrs. Ruotolo advised it is years of non-payment. Ms. Karish advised there are currently 1,000 customers on a payment arrangement. Mr. Luckey advised the legal fees are $400,000 more than last year, stating this should be looked at. Mr. Murray advised yes this is not to be taken lightly. Mr. Carpenter asked about the money paid to the City of Reading and how that is calculated, will the additional PFOS money increase the payment. Mr. Kraft advised the lease payment to the city is based on the agreement. Mr. Murray advised this is a fixed payment to the city and the PFOS is a separate line item. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to accept the 2025 Audit, a motion was made by Mr. Carpenter and seconded by Mrs. Jefferson. All in Favor, motion approved.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2026, Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Jefferson 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 $601,432.63 the Capital Fund in the amount of $133,589.45 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of $4299.50. 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 Amy and Tracey.

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

Mr. Murray asked Mr. Standish for an update on the North Heidelberg Well. Mr. Standish advised the Well was drilled months ago and board over last month with the casings and performed the step test. A pump was placed in the well and was ran at various rates. He advised this will also determine the final rate on the DEP mandated 72-hour pump test. Mr. Standish advised the preliminary information has the Well preforming at 180 to 190 GPM.

Mr. Murray advised they had the first meeting on the Foremen Contract Negations, stating this went well and are looking into a similar contract to the Rank and File.

Mr. Murray stated last week at the Lake there was a ribbon cutting for Ontelaunee. Last year we signed off on a small piece of land by the Dam. The was a major improvement to the parking area, making it safer to go into and out of the lot.

Mr. Murray advised back in December he was approached by the city, and due to city cuts they were not going to be able to keep the intern Jonerah Vinson. Mr. Murray arranged the internship for her, as she needed the credits for graduation. He stated the intern worked out so well, there was an employee who was retiring, and the intern was interviewed and hired. Mr. Murray stated we have a few interns, and this program works out very well for us.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers Report was submitted, there no action items at this time. Mr. Carpenter asked if there was any preliminary test done on the water quality at the Well in North Heidelberg. Mr. Standish advised they did not receive all the results yet, advising they did test for PFOS, nitrates and other iron or manganese that might be in the water, but they did not receive the results yet. He advised during the 72-hour test, DEP mandates a full panel to be completed.

No Executive Session was needed.

Chairman McCracken stated the next Board Meeting will be on July 21, 2026.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mr. Luckey at 4:35 pm.