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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
March 18, 2025

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

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 motion to approve the February 18, 2025, minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Carpenter and seconded by Mr. Luckey. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve payment of the March 2025 invoices, for the General Fund in the amount of \$538,305.29 Capital Fund in the amount of \$159,869.91 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$19,396.62. A motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Carpenter. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray advised the Internal Audit was completed by Tracey, and Sharon.

Mr. Murray advised we received a change order for the limitorque job at the plant. Mr. Murray advised when we presented the job to the contractors to bid, the electrical diagram was not correct. The contractor came in started the job and was referencing the plans and it was not going well. We called an emergency meeting with the Engineers and our IT guys and found out, that the drawings they are using were the wrong ones. That results in a change order of \$30,210.00. Mr. Murray advised even with the change order the contractor is still the low bidder. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the change order of \$30,210.00. A motion was made by Mr. Carpenter and seconded by Mr. Luckey. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Mr. Murray provided an update on the GLO Award. GLO has secured financing to do 373 locations for potholing. This will be paid for and provide by GLO. This will help RAWA in developing the inventory for the service line replacement. Mr. Murray advised GLO will began the in home inspection in April, bringing in 15 people or so. We will work with them to send notices out and phone calls. GLO will be going into homes and verifying the service material. Mr. Murray advised again this is no cost to RAWA, he estimated about \$150,000 to \$200,000 just to get us up and running.

Mr. Murray advised we won another award. Pat Bauer advised the Filter Plant is being awarded by the DEP for achieving Optimization for its filtration. Bauer advised we will be going up in a few weeks to receive the award and this is part of the FPPE where the plant was evaluated, which is an old plant and managed to make it work. He believes there are only 19 plants in the state to achieve this award.

Mr. Murray provided an update on the drought, stating we are going in the right direction. We are seeing tremendous amount of improvement in the aquifers. He advised in North Heidelberg last month we found a leak and will continue our quest to tighten up the system. The pumps are running significantly less than they were even before the drought. We are seeing the aquifer go up in that area. Mr. Murray advised we continue to have our struggle with DEP and we are hopeful they will work with us.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers report was submitted in the board package, there are no action items.

Solicitor Stock advised there is one action item Resolution 2025-2. This resolution is to authorize the five current Board Members plus the Executive Director to be the authorized signers on the checks for the Authority. Chairman McCracken made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2025-2, a motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Carpenter. All in Favor, motion passed.

Mr. Murray wanted to remind the board we applied for and received a grant to buy a new 10 wheel dump truck. He advised the dump truck has arrived and in the next week will complete the transaction. Then we will be reimbursed by the state.

No Executive Session was needed.

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

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mr. Luckey at 4.15pm.