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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
October 21, 2025

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Mr. Richard L. Carpenter, Mr. Daniel Luckey, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, 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 Wendalin Marrero, Meter Reader Manager Amy Styer, Dan Standish from SSM Engineering. Absent was Mrs. Tressa Jefferson.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:01 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 September 16, 2025. Mrs. Grimshaw 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 October Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of \$1,116,289.88, the Capital Fund in the amount of \$53,316.96 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$1,367.50. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mrs. Grimshaw seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

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

Mr. Murray advised the Union Negotiations are moving along, they are peaceful but difficult. The reason for this is Health Care is going through the roof, people still want to get a raise and trying to find a happy spot has not been easy, but we are working through it. Mr. Murray stated we are hoping in November or December to come to an agreement before the end of the year when the contract is up.

Mr. Murray provided an update on the Drought, stating we continue to maintain in the Drought and we continue to drop at a slower rate than last year. Mr. Murray advised they engaged DEP and tried their best to collaborate with them on a solution to not empty the lake. DEP is insisting we follow the same policies and procedures of the permit. Mr. Murray advised the lake is down 1 foot, however when the level gets to 2, 3 or 4 foot we are going to ask for a temporary modification order.

Mr. Murray advised RAWA has received the second payment of the PFAS settlement, the payment was \$1.7 million dollars. Mr. Murray advised this payment brings the balance received to over 2 million dollars, advising this money will be spent strictly on remediation on PFAS and PFOA issues until we are in 100 percent compliance and then the money will be spent on future maintenance of the remediation. Mr. Murray asked if a resolution should be in place for the spending of these funds. Solicitor Stock advised the board can adopt a resolution to designate the spending of the money for a specific purpose. Mr. Murray asked Solicitor Stock to prepare a resolution for next month's meeting. Mr. Murray advised he would like this set up for January and right now there are some expenses required for PFAS and PFOA monitoring. Mr. Murray feels once we establish this for January, any expenses for monitoring and labs can be paid from this account. Mr. Luckey asked about remediation issues. Mr. Murray advised remediation is all over the board there is not clear guidance given, stating there are different phases and testing depending on the levels of PFAS. Mr. Murray gave an example, stating there is a Well site AQUA owns and they would like RAWA to take this over. One of the items discussed was the PFAS remediation and they were planning on spending \$500,000 to remediate this site which runs 200,000 gallons a day. Mr. Murray advised that right now we don't have a major problem. Mr. Luckey stated to put on the resolution the authorized use of the money, to put in what you are going to use the money for and restrict to certain work items.

Mr. Murray advised GLO is back in town today for more door knocking campaigns. The representative mentioned Pennsylvania appears to adopt the EPA standard of verification, which will be one point on each side. Mr. Murray advised this is a game changer for RAWA and can handle any lead remediation internally.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers Report was submitted and there are no further actions.

Solicitor Ed Stock advised there are no action items.

Chairman McCracken advised an Executive Session is needed
Executive Session was entered at 4:17 pm

Regular Session resumed at 4:24 pm no action items were needed.

Chairman McCracken stated the next Board Meeting will be on November 18, 2025.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mr. Luckey at 4:25 pm.