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BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
September 15, 2026

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steve McCracken, Vice Chairman Mr. Richard L. Carpenter, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, 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, Human Resource Manager Wendy Marrero, Customer Service Manager Tracey Karish, Dan Standish from SSM Engineering, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock. Absent was. Mr. Daniel Luckey, Mrs. Tressa Jefferson.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:10 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 August 18, 2026, 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 September Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of $708,381.65 the Capital Fund in the amount of $923,500.74 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of $782.75. Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Chairman McCracken asked if any Board Member have anything to report, board members did not have anything to report.

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

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

Mr. Murray advised they met for the Foremen Contract Negotiations, stating this is going well and they have a different approach in what they are looking for.

Mr. Murray advised we are still in the same Drought as the State has listed, we are still not flowing over the Dam, the lake is still down. Mr. Murray advised we will be doing a test this week on the equipment we have in North Heidelberg, if all goes well, we will be able to remove the equipment but also have a readily available way to put water into the system.

Mr. Murray provided an update on the Filter Plant upgrade, advising it went well until the final stage and there is a problem with the main part on the valve. This is being worked on and getting a solution to fix the issue. This is on Filter 6 which has been out of service for a few months, so having this down a little longer will not affect anything.

Mr. Murray provided an update on the BCWSA to board on the relationship between CELG and Albright College. Mr. Murray advised the relationship is getting worse. Stating the problem is not with CELG but with Albright and their leadership. Mr. Murray advised RAWA is a member of both BCWSA and CELG.

Mr. Murray asked Pat to go over the Sludge Pumps. Mr. Baurer advised that instead of repairing the Sludge Pump, it is cheaper to just replace the pump due to the crane. He advised this was budgeted for $90,000 and the price came in at $78,956.00. He advised this will be a new pump and motor and came in under budget by $11,044.00. A motion was made for the approval by Mrs. Grimshaw and second by Mr. Carpenter. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Murray advised this is not on the list however we received notification today that RAWA was approved for the $350,000.00 grant for the Vac Truck. Mr. Murray advised we will be sending a thank you to all the officials who helped RAWA receive this grant.

Mr. Standish advised the Engineers Report was submitted, there are no action items.

Solicitors Stock advised there are no action items.

No Executive Session was needed.

Chairman McCracken advised the next board meeting is October 20, 2026

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw at 4:24pm.