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**Reading Area Water Authority
Board Meeting
Tuesday May 16, 2017**

The Stated Board Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 815 Washington St, Reading PA 19601 at 4:00 PM. Present were: Board Members: Chairman Ralph Johnson, Mr. Steven McCracken, Ms. Josephina Encarnacion, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Mr. Thomas Weld, BCM Engineering, Mr. Carl Scott SSM Engineering. Absent was Ms. Julissa Espinal and Vice Chairman Steve Symons.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from April 18, 2017 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Encarnacion.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the General Fund invoices for May 4, 2017 in the amount of \$50,477.07, the General Funds invoices for May 16, 2017 in the amount of \$454,817.56, the Capital Fund Invoices for May 16, 2017 in the amount of \$637,870.89 and the Escrow Fund Invoices for the amount of \$25,602.10 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Encarnacion.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Mike Reider Introduced 2 members of the PA Game Commission, Kevin Clouser and Dave Mitchell, to go over a grant that is available through the Game commission. RAWA has been working with the Game Commission since the 1960's as a co-op property. The plan is to approve additional areas for the Lake Ontelaunee area to open up to public to hunt, fish and hike. By opening up this additional area it allows the grant to help with improvements to the lake area that has been inhabitable. There is about \$20,000 in grant money available. The Game Commission would need to have these 2 agreements approved in order to have the grant be made available.

A motion was made to accept the 10-year term to partner with the Game Commission on the Hunter Access Program Cooperative Agreement and Private Cooperative Habitat Agreement by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Encarnacion.

All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Executive Director Report

Mr. Murray presented to the board an Intern Summer program. The intent is to get students interested in the water industry. The board asked that we reach out to RACC and see if there would be interest from students there.

The Foreman's Union contract was approved and signed by all parties.

Mr. Murray told the board that there was a theft of Leak detection loggers totaling about \$27,000.00. He explained that 10 will be replaced at this point at a cost of about \$9,000.00.

Mr. Murray asked for the approval of 2 control panels are to be used for the source water program to monitor the source water program. For a total of \$19,000.00. Motion was made by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Encarnacion.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Engineering Report

Mr. Scott Carl from SSM Engineering said that the dredge will go in this week and will be about a 16-week project. Options for the residuals are ongoing. Also the GIS is also 37% complete.

Mr. Tom Weld from BCM Engineering the cleaning and lining of the Penn Street water lines is complete.

Executive session was called at 4:44 PM

Meeting back in session at 5:36 PM

A motion was made to amend the motion previously made to approve both agreements with the PA Game Commission's on the Hunter Access Program Cooperative Agreement and Private Cooperative Habitat Agreement to allow the "Executive Director to sign the agreements" by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Encarnacion.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Mr. McCracken to allow the Executive Director to sign an agreement between the Reading Area Water Authority and Municipal Advisors LLC to assist with Baker Tilly on the finalization of the forensic audit in specific matters. Seconded by Ms. Encarnacion.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. McCracken made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Encarnacion.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

The next Reading Area Water Authority Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 20, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in the Conference Room, 3rd FL at City Hall, 815 Washington St., Reading PA 19601