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**Reading Area Water Authority
Board Meeting
Tuesday April 18, 2017**

The Stated Board Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 815 Washington St, Reading PA 19601 at 4:00 PM. Present were: Board Members: Chairman Ralph Johnson, Vice Chairman Steve Symons, Mr. Steven McCracken, Mr. Ed Stock, Solicitor, Executive Director Mr. William Murray, Mr. Thomas Weld, Engineer, BCM Engineer, Mr. Carl Scott SSM Engineer. Absent was Ms. Josephina Encarnacion and Ms. Julissa Espinal.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from March 21, 2017 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the General Fund invoices for April 18, 2017 in the amount of \$365,431.84 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the General Fund invoices for April 3, 2017 in the amount of \$49,161.29 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the Capital Fund Invoices for April 18, 2017 in the amount of \$2,200,685.06 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the Capital Fund Invoices for April 3, 2017 in the amount of \$6,200.00 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the Escrow Fund invoices for April 18, 2017 in the amount of \$19,515.31 by Mr. Symons and seconded by Mr. McCracken.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Mike Reider, Lake Manager, gave an over view of the different projects that are currently going on at Lake Ontelaunee and took board questions.

Board Member Report

Mr. Symons reported that he had attended 4 Review Panel Meetings with customers in the month of April.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Murray asked for Board approval for the purchase of a truck for the Lake. Mr. McCracken made a motion to approve the purchase of a truck for the lake at a Costar cost of \$31,035.36. The motion was seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Murray asked for Board approval for the purchase of a Side Arm Mower for the lake. Mr. McCracken made a motion to approve the purchase of a Side Arm Mower at the Costar cost of \$117,248.38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Murray asked for Board approval for the purchase of a Gillotine and Wire cutter for the Vac Machine for the Distribution area. Mr. McCracken made a motion to approve the purchase of a Gillotine and Wire Cutter for the Vac machine at a Costar cost of \$10,740.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Murray asked for approval to move forward with allowing SSM to convert the AutoCad system into GIS (GPS form) at a cost of \$35,000. Mr. Murray explained that the Department Managers got together and contributed money from their Capitol Budget to pay for this expense. Mr. Murray and Mr. Carl went over the advantages of having everything in a system like this and the amount of time it will save the crew when trying to find valves on emergencies. A motion was made by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons to allow the conversion of the AutoCad drawings to GIS.

Chairman Johnson asked if the \$35,000 is a total cost, and Mr. Carl said that it is.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Engineering Report

Mr. Mark Yoder from Bingaman Hess spoke to the board about the project going on at Central Logistic Park. Mr. Yoder told the board that the Escrow amount each month should be replenished to \$30,000 to cover the engineering costs of this project. At the end of the project the water rights would be dedicated to RAWA.

Mr. McCracken made a motion to allow Chairman Johnson to approve the Central Logistics Park project agreement. Mr. Symons seconded the motion.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Weld from BCM Engineering gave an update Contract 80A on the cleaning and lining of the 16" water main on River Road and Buttonwood Street. Everyone has been hooked up for temporary water, and the cleaning is being done. Everything is moving along as planned for the Ember Clear project.

Solicitors Report:

Attorney Stock said that the 1st Level contract has been negotiated and approved by both sides. Mr. Murray commented that the contract is basically the same as the Rank and File contract with the exception of a \$100 protective gear allowance was added. Attorney Stock asked for a motion to allow the Chairman to sign and approve the AFSCME 3799 1st level contract for RAWA. Mr. McCracken made a motion to allow the chairman to sign and approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Symons.

Mr. Anthony Reynolds and Mr. Murray went over the advantages of now having a second shift. Mr. Johnson had a question about the AFSCME number and asked that the staff verify the contract number.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Executive session was called at 5:22 PM

Meeting back in session at 6:06 PM

A motion was made by Mr. Symons to allow the release of the Baker Tilly forensic audit on Friday April 21, 2017 at 12:00 PM with a press release. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCracken.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Symons made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCracken.

- 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 Penn Room at City Hall, 815 Washington St., Reading PA 19601