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**Reading Area Water Authority
Board Meeting
Tuesday August 20, 2019**

The Board Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the Board room of the RAWA Administration office, 1801 Kutztown Road, Reading PA 19604. Present were: Board Members: Chairman Ralph E. Johnson, Vice Chairman Steve Symons, and Reverend Steven McCracken, Executive Director Bill Murray, Attorney Ed Stock, Solicitor. Absent were Dr. Phillip Dougherty and Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

No Public Comment

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to pass the July 16, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Rev. McCracken made a motion to pass the approval of the minutes as stated and it was seconded by Mr. Symons. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to approve the August 2019 Invoices for payment, General Fund amounts of \$583,797.92 Capital Fund \$503,459.90, Escrow Fund Invoices \$36,647.10 and the Birdsboro Power Escrow Fund \$39,813.95. A motion was made by Mr. Symons and seconded by Rev. McCracken. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Murray presented the monthly Internal financial audit to the Board of Directors. There were no questions or comments.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Mr. Mazur went over the 16" water main relocation at RACC due to the ground in that area being compromised by the work being done around the Schuylkill River and the bridge work being done by PennDOT. Attorney Stock indicated that RAWA has not yet consulted anyone on looking into the recovery of costs, it is pending the outcome of the UGI investigation since they also were affected. Mr. Mazur indicated the incurred costs are about \$200,000.

Mr. Mazur gave an update on the Siphon Chamber project. Mr. Mazur said that they are hoping to have it back on line by the 3rd week in September. Mr. Mazur asked for a motion to make the payment application #4 in the amount of \$319,932.00. A motion was made by Mr. Symons. Chairman Johnson asked if any payments have

been made to the contractor for the Siphon Chamber. Mr. Murray said yes. Mr. Johnson then asked if RAWA should be making any payments for a Siphon that didn't work. Attorney Stock explained that the payment being made is for work that is certified as being completed and not directly related to the Siphon Chamber its self. Mr. Murray let the Board of Directors know that a discussion has been had to the Engineer about a plan in case it fails. He explained we have to make payments to the contractors for work being completed already. Mr. Johnson asked for a vote and motion. Rev. McCracken seconded the motion.

All In favor, Mr. Symons and Rev. McCracken. Opposed, Chairman Johnson.

Motion passed.

Mr. Mazur presented a change order #1 – for the contractor PSI, and the change order was on the schedule from 2 months prior to this meeting. The change order is for the amount of \$125,834.57. Mr. Mazur explained the reason for the change order. There is a need to add additional fittings and pipe to compensate for a gap created by the 4 new valves. Additionally, field lengths installed exceeded the pre bid estimated contract and additional liner needs to be provided. And, finally there was a need to relocate 4-bypass pumps due to encountering unforeseen rock at the water treatment plant wall. Rev. McCracken made the motion to approve the change order as stated, and Mr. Symons seconded it.

All in favor, Mr. Symons and Rev. McCracken. Opposed, Chairman Johnson.

Motion passed

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Mr. Scott Carl from SSM Engineering gave his monthly update on current projects. The Emergency Action Plan has been completed and closed out. The DRBC Permit should be done by the September meeting and due by the end of November. Mr. Murray let everyone know that the Small System Grant money should be replenished soon and RAWA will be looking for grant money to help with the 3rd well at North Heidelberg.

An Executive session was requested for litigation purposes at 4:38 PM.

Executive Session ended and the regular board meeting resumed at 5:07 Pm.

Chairman Johnson stated that the Board will not take any action at this time. A special meeting could be called between now and the next Board meeting in September, and he also stated that the meeting date of the September Board meeting might be changed pending discussing dates with all board members.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rev. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 pm

The Next RAWA Board meeting will be held on September 17, 2019 at 4:00pm

