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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
Tuesday June 15, 2021

In attendance were, Chairman Reverend Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Dr. Phillip Dougherty, Board Members, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Mr. Richard Carpenter, Mr. Jamal Abodalo, Mr. Earl Lucas and Mr. Dan Luckey, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Maintenance and Operations Mr. Gary Phillips, Distribution Superintendent Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Administrator Mrs. Sue Ruotolo, Human Resources Manager Mrs. Wendalin Marrero, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Accounting Manager Mrs. Sandie Kieffer, Customer Service Manager Ms. Tracey Karish, Mr. Brian Hassinger and Ralph Johnson from SSM Engineering.

Meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the May 25, 2021. A motion was made by Dr. Dougherty and seconded by Mrs. Grimshaw. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve payment of the June 15, 2021 invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$292,655.73 Capital Fund in the amount of \$63,917.08 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$24,269.45. A motion was made by Mr. Abodalo and second by Mr. Carpenter to approve the payments of the June Invoices as presented. All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman McCracken said that he wanted to speak about the upcoming Juneteenth but will allow Mr. Murray to go over what the City of Reading is doing for this celebration.

Mr. Abodalo thanked Mr. Murray and his staff on the recent awards for Water Excellence and wanted to make sure the staff was recognized. Additionally, he reviewed the work that is being done by RAWA on the Lead Abatement program and how RAWA is ahead of other cities in similar situations with locating and removing the problem. Chairman McCracken also thanked the RAWA Staff and said that he and Mr. Murray had spoke about proposing an upcoming recognition for the employees.

Mr. Luckey additionally complimented Mr. Murray and his staff on the work being done.

Mr. Murray spoke about the upcoming Juneteenth and asked that RAWA follow the City of Reading's lead in closing the office on June 18th in observation of the event. Mr. Murray shared the Executive Order that the Mayor of Reading issued with the Board of Directors. Mr. Murray read the Executive Order, in which Juneteenth follow on June 19th, but the City of Reading is observing on Friday June 18th. RAWA is involved in a Juneteenth Event that the City is holding Saturday June 19th. A motion was made by Dr. Dougherty and seconded by Mrs. Grimshaw. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Yuri Evans, Engineering Department Manager gave a presentation of the GIS system and updated the Board of Directors on the current progress of the project.

Mr. Murray asked for approval to purchase the Halogen Emergency Shut Off system, which was previously approved in the capital budget for \$34,125.00, but current quoted price is \$35,409.00. A motion was made by Mr. Carpenter and seconded by Mrs. Grimshaw. All in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Carpenter asked about the financial report, specifically about the difference from May to June and Mrs. Keifer let him know that the amount was from a debt service payment. Mr. Murray explained the different ways he receives the reports from the accounting department.

Mr. Hassinger asked for approval of pay application #4 for Eastern Environmental for the Filter Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$54,900.00 for filter 2 and puts it about 75% complete. A motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Abodalo to approve the payment for \$54,900.00. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Hassinger gave an update on the store yard project. There was a meeting the previous week and stated that the project is running a bit late and asked them to provide a definitive schedule as to when the project will be completed. The information given to RAWA is that they will be completed the first week of August. Mr. Murray explained that the reasons for the delays have been legitimate due to the covid situations, but things have now become better, and the project needs to be completed. Mr. Murray let them know that there are delay damages and explained a new schedule has been submitted and anything after the date given will be a penalty to the contractor.

Attorney Stock asked for an Executive session for Real-estate purposes at 5:00 pm.

Meeting resumed at 5:26 pm.

No action was taken, and meeting was asked to be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn at 5:26 pm by Dr. Dougherty.