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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
Tuesday August 16, 2022

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Richard Carpenter, Mr. Earl Lucas, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Mr. Jamal Abodalo, Mr. Daniel Luckey, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Operations & Maintenance Mr. Gary Phillips, Distribution Superintendent Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Engineering Manager Mr. Yuri Evans, Meter Department Manager Mrs. Amy Styer, Administrator Mrs. Sue Ruotolo, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Mr. Brian Hassinger from SSM Engineering. Absent was Dr. Phillip Dougherty.

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

Mr. Mark Zettlemoyer from RKL presented to the Board of Directors the 2021 RAWA Financial Audit. There were no unfavorable finds. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve the 2021 Financial Audit as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2022, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Abodalo. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve payment of the August 2022 invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$702,413.36 Capital Fund in the amount of \$5,271.00 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$4,139.50. A motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Carpenter. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray let the Board of Directors know that the monthly department reports were included in the information given to each Board Member. There were no questions. Mr. Murray asked for a motion to approve the upgrade of the Centrifuge PLC in the amount of \$199,150.00. Although this was a capital expense that was already approved in the 2022 budget, Mr. Murray pointed out due to the rising costs presented recently a 20% increase on this project was expected. The difference would be made up from another area of the budget that is not being completed in 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Carpenter. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Hassinger from SSM Engineering let the Board of Directors know that the bids were in for the replacement of Filters 7 and 3 and were reviewed by the Solicitor and that the low bid should be awarded to Eastern Environmental for \$1,398,700. A motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Abodalo. A discussion was had concerning prior work performed by Eastern Environmental. Mr. Hassinger said that although there were a few minor issues they were unforeseen and resolved. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray gave a brief update on a recent trip to Harrisburg to attend the SB Act 597. Several presenters spoke on behalf of slowing down the process of passing this bill.

Mr. Hassinger presented the Engineering report to the Board of Directors and there were no questions on the information provided.

Attorney Stock asked for a motion to approve the Water Service and Improvements Agreement with Core5. A motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Abodalo. Mr. Luckey asked about the economical feasibility of the project. Attorney Stock and Mr. Hassinger explained the project and explained that the cost of the project is paid by the developer and then turned over to the Authority

to run like all other line extensions. Mr. Murray also explained the options for the developer for water which would be much more costly to then if they were to do their own well. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Abodalo at 4:55 PM