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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
Tuesday September 20, 2022

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Richard Carpenter, Mr. Earl Lucas, Mr. Jamal Abodalo, 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, Customer Service Manager Ms. Tracey Karish, Administrator Mrs. Sue Ruotolo, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Ms. Erin Snihur, Mr. Brian Hassinger from SSM Engineering. Absent was Dr. Phillip Dougherty, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw and Mr. Daniel Luckey.

Meeting was brought to order at 4:02 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the August 16, 2022, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Abodalo. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve payment of the September 2022 invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$787,312.51 Capital Fund in the amount of \$67,355.60 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$11,576.75 A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Abodalo. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. McCracken let the Board of Directors know that he met with Mr. Carpenter and Attorney Stock to discuss Mr. Murrays Contract.

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 updated the Board of Directors on the monthly activities and Mr. Patrick Bauer gave an update on the current drought situation. Water was being released during the periods of low water levels to help with the salt lines downstream. Currently the dam level is ok due to recent rain fall.

Mr. Hassinger from SSM Engineering let the Board of Directors know that the bids were received for 2 projects. The winning bids were reviewed by Attorney Stock. Mr. Hassinger asked that the Board of Directors approve the low bid for the Brick Shed Roof repair to Liberty Restoration and Construction for \$125,079.50. A motion was made to accept the low bid for the Shed Roof Replacement to Liberty Restoration and Construction by Mr. Abodalo and seconded by Mr. Lucas. All in favor. Motion passed

Mr. Hassinger presented to the Board of Directors the second project low bid for the 2022 Pavement Restoration Projects. A base bid of \$313,892 was received from only 1 bidder, Construction Masters Services LLC. Mr. Hassinger stated that after a conversation with Bill this cost was more than RAWA's budgeted amount for 2022. Mr. Hassinger went to CMS and asked them if a change order would be acceptable to agree on a contract of not more than \$150,000 to repair less street cuts. This was acceptable to them, and this is the proposal being presented. A motion was made by Mr. Abodalo and seconded by Mr. Lucas to accept the Paving Contract from Construction Master Services at \$313,892.00 for the 30 listed pavement cuts, subject to a change order outlined by the Engineer to revise this contract to not to exceed \$150,000 to the projects identified on the contract. All in favor. Motion passed.

Attorney Stock went over the agreement being presented between Reading Police Department Training Facility and RAWA. RPD would like to continue to use the TACT Facility for training with proper training instructors and provide certificate of insurance. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Abodalo to allow Mr. Murray to sign the agreement once the proper Insurance Certification is provided by RPD. All in favor. Motion passed.

A Executive Session was called at 4:40 pm for a Personnel issue.

Meeting resumed at 5:20 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lucas at 5:20 PM