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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
Thursday May 25, 2023

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Richard Carpenter, Mr. Earl Lucas, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Ms. Tressa Jefferson, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Distribution Superintendent Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Director of Asset Management Mr. Yuri Evans, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Meter Reader Manager Mrs. Amy Styer, H.R. Manager Mrs. Wendy Marrero, Lake Ontelaunee Manager Mr. Michael Reider, Mr. Brian Hassinger from SSM Engineering. Absent were Mr. Jamal Abodalo and Mr. Daniel Luckey.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

Chairman McCracken welcomed Ms. Tressa Jefferson as a new RAWA board member.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the April 18, 2023, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Jefferson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve payment of the May invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$737,513.46 Capital Fund in the amount of \$364,693.67 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$11,042.87. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Jefferson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray updated the Board of Directors that he is communicating with Governor Shapiro's office and setting up a meeting to discuss the Ontelaunee Dam.

Mr. Murray asked for the approval of Resolution 2-2023 for a new purchasing vendor KPN, this will be for the IT/OT separation in which RAWA received a grant, Attorney Stock will revise the Resolution to include the name of the current IT and Software vendor. A motion was made by Ms. Jefferson and seconded by Mr. Lucas. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray gave an update on the Algae bloom and the help RAWA received from Philadelphia Water on test samples. Mr. Murray mentioned once the copper sulfate was added to the lake you could visually see the improvement. Mr. Murray discussed the lab will be purchasing a new microscope and RAWA is looking into UV treatments. Mr. Carpenter asked where the UV would be installed. Mr. Murray advised it would be on the lake.

Mr. Murray gave a brief update on the Pottsville Pike main break, within 3 hours RAWA was able to bypass the break to flow water into the city with no effect on the fire supply.

Mr. Murray asked the board to allow the Solicitor and Executive Director to enter into a contract agreement of \$25,000 with Asterra Satellite Image. Mr. Murray gave a brief description of Asterra Satellite and the image they provide. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to allow the agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mrs. Grimshaw. Chairman McCracken asked for questions, Mr. Carpenter asked about the cost if it was for square mile. Mr. Murray advised the cost is for the whole system. Mr. Carpenter also asked how Asterra can tell the difference between a pool and a leak. Mr. Murray advised the percentages for leak detection and how Asterra takes the image with the points of interest and overlays on top of the RAWA service map. No other questions. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray stated there is an update on the Union Contract and this will need an Executive Session.

Mr. Murray gave a brief update on a successful National Drinking Water Week and the Mayor's Proclamation.

Mr. Hassinger gave a recommendation for the 2023 Pavement Contract to Eagle Contracting Inc along with a change order to reduce the original bid from \$400,486.40 to \$272,076.00. Mr. Hassinger stated the reduction of the bid brings the amount closer to the budgeted amount. A motion to award the bid to Eagle Contracting was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Ms. Jefferson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Attorney Stock advised the City of Reading approved the lease agreement updated payment amount with RAWA.

Executive Session was entered at 4:46pm.

Regular session resumed at 4:56pm.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the Union Contract. Attorney Stock asked to add that the contract is subject to the terms being reduced to writing and excepted by Management and the Solicitor. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Jefferson. All in favor. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lucas at 4:57 PM