

Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority

July 17, 2024

Members Present: Richard Young, Michael Dunigan, Tom McBryan, Richard Mease, Dan Kiesinger, Mike Kuhns and Scott Frost.

Others Present: Greg Pysher, Manager; Cory Kline, Assistant Manager; Ken Potter, Solicitor; Nicki Milligan, Secretary

Chairman Dunigan opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Kuhns made a motion seconded by Mr. Kiesinger to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2024, meeting. All members agreed, and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineers Report:

1. VLR Memorandum
 1. VLR/VFD Memorandum upgrade update.
 2. Submersible Mixer Installation.
 3. VLR Isolation Gate installation.

Construction Project Update:

1. Self-Cleaning Strainer at the Main Pump Station
 - HydroDyne Screen Deluge parts ordered for the MPS.
2. Self-cleaning strainer in the return building.
 - Preliminary piping design
3. Clarifier paint issue.
4. Screw press update.
 - The Velodyne Parts have been received.
5. Boiler Project update. The Operations building boiler has been received. The Boiler Drawing are being reviewed.
6. High Pressure water pump design. Pump No. 1 seal was replaced. Pump No. 3 is currently down. The recirculation line will be utilized to add load to the system.
7. Main Pump Station Pump Driveshaft vibration issue has been resolved. The Drive shaft braces have been installed and the driveshaft for pump No. 3 has been repaired.
8. Plant drain float issues. The emergency float for the plant drain has failed. Parts are being obtained and the floats will be made so they are serviceable.
9. ESCRA As Built drawings.
10. 2023 Annual Plant Inspection report has been received. The 2024 Plant Inspection will be scheduled.
11. ESCRA WWTP Improvement Construction Services Letter.

Old Business:

- Investment discussion. A motion was made by Mr. McBryan and seconded by Mr. Kuhns to approve reinvesting the 2 Treasury Bonds that will mature on 7/31/2024 in the amount of \$300,000.00 to purchase a 20yr Treasury Bond with an interest rate of at least 4% or above with Northumberland National Bank, and to reinvest the 1 yr. CD with PLGIT that will mature on 7/25/2024 in the amount of \$236,000.00 to purchase another 1 yr. CD with PLGIT. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
- Solar Renewable Energy, LLC. The solar project is currently on hold, Penn Township is updating the solar ordinance.

- ESCRA depreciation sheet review.
- Energy contract renewal. Manager Greg Pysner has inquired with Penn State University regarding a COSTARS energy program.
- 2023 Financial Audit. The approved Financial Audit was distributed.

New Business:

- 2025 Flow estimate letters will be sent out the last week of July.
- 2023 Credit/Deficit review. The 2023 Credit/Deficit calculations were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. McBryan and seconded by Mr. Kiesinger to proceed with the distribution of the 2023 Credit/Deficit with the 1st Quarter 2025 billing to be sent out December 1st, 2024. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2024/2025 Group Health Insurance renewal. A motion was made by Mr. Frost and seconded by Mr. McBryan to approve the 2024-2025 Health Insurance renewal with Geisinger Health Plan. The total cost would be approximately \$108,729.88 per year for Health Insurance. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
- Group Dental/Vision. A motion was made by Mr. Kiesinger and seconded by Mr. Young to add the employee Dental/Vision plan into the ESCRA benefits package. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
- ESCRA Employee Wage and Compensation information was distributed to the board members for their review.

Financial Report:

The June Disbursements, June Budget Analysis and the current General Ledger Account Summary were presented to board members for review. Mr. Kuhns made a motion seconded by Mr. Young to approve the reports. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Dunigan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled authority meeting is August 21, 2024 at the ESCRA WWTP conference room, 870 South Front Street, Selinsgrove, PA at 7:00 p.m. The next Long-Range Planning Committee meeting is August 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. **as needed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Milligan
Nicki Milligan, Secretary