

Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority

August 16, 2023

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

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

Chairman Dunigan opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Kiesinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Hendricks to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2023, meeting. Mr. Mease abstained from the vote, all other members agreed, and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineers Report:

Project Change Order Requests

- A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks and seconded by Mr. Young to approve Change Order #25 in the amount of \$1,845.00 for Garden Spot Electric. All members agreed, and the motion passed unanimously.
- A Substantial Completion Certificate for the ESCRA upgrade project was presented from Lobar, Inc. The Board decided to table until September.

Construction Project Update:

1. VLR Memorandum upgrade update.
2. Self-Cleaning Strainer at the Main Pump Station and Return Building update.
3. Schwing screw press progress update. Re-tested week of 7/17/2023.
4. Hypo Room update.
5. Boiler Project update.
6. HVAC System update.
7. ESCRA SCADA Integration Final punchlist.
8. ESCRA Network Security recommendations.

Pending Project Documents:

1. Pending documents from Lobar, Inc.
 - Main Pump Station Wetwell #1 bypass line credit.

Old Business:

1. Investment discussion.
 - A motion was made by Mr. McBryan and seconded by Mr. Kuhns to approve the purchase of 2 6-month CD's in the amount of \$250,000.00 each through PLGIT Prime. All members agreed, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - A motion was made by Mr. McBryan and seconded by Mr. Kuhns to purchase a 10yr Treasury Bond through Northumberland National Bank in the amount of \$500,000.00. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Solar Renewable Energy, LLC.
3. Bright Farms Industrial User permit.
 - Long Term Plan all Bright Farm's effluent is being hauled off site.

4. National Beef I & I update.
 - A 30-day extension of the Industrial Waste Permit was issued on 8/14/2023.
5. ESCRA Employee Wage and Compensation information.

New Business:

1. Shamokin Dam Pump Station paving.

Financial Report:

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

Salary/Wage Discussions:

- A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. McBryan to give all hourly employees a \$1/hr. increase, Manager Greg Pysher and Assistant Manager Cory Kline will receive a \$4,000.00 per year increase effective September 1, 2023, with a decrease in the Health Care reimbursement for employees who waive health care insurance coverage through ESCRA to \$6,672.00 per plan year All members agreed, and the motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mr. Kiesinger and seconded by Mr. McBryan that all hourly employees will receive a one-time \$500.00 performance/construction bonus. Manager Greg Pysher and Assistant Manager Cory Kline will receive a one-time \$1,000.00 performance/construction bonus. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mr. McBryan and seconded by Mr. Kuhns to approve a one-time \$1,000.00 bonus and an additional \$1/hr. increase for any employee that acquires his/her Class A Operators license. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Dunigan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09p.m. The next regularly scheduled authority meeting is September 20, 2023 at the ESCRA WWTP conference room, 870 South Front Street, Selinsgrove, PA at 7:00p.m. The next Long-Range Planning Committee meeting is September 13, 2023 at 7:00p.m. **as needed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Milligan
Nicki Milligan, Secretary