

Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority

December 20, 2017

Members Present: Michael Dunigan, Ed Mann, Harlan Parker, Neal Smith, Dan Kiesinger, Tom Ferry and Richard Young.

Others Present: Scott Bailey, Manager; Steve Witmer, Assistant Manager; Ken Potter, Solicitor; Ron Jager, Engineer; Nicki Milligan, Secretary.

Vice Chairman Dunigan opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Ferry made a motion seconded by Mr. Mann to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting and the December 13, 2017 Long Range meeting as amended. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

Engineers Report:

1. Bridge Replacement Project, still waiting on the reimbursement from the State.
2. The preliminary design for the plant upgrade project is progressing.
3. Mr. Jager presented the Flood Hardening Study for review.

Old Business:

1. Nothing new concerning the Lab Accreditation.
2. Nothing new from PMRS concerning the retirement plan amendments to allow in-service distributions.
3. Biosolids still going to the landfill.
4. The request for flood mitigation funds is under review.

New Business:

1. Chairman Whitmer passed away Friday November 10th. He was appointed to the board in July 1994, elected Assistant Secretary/Treasurer in January of 1996, elected Vice-Chairman in January of 1998 and elected Chairman in January of 1999. A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mann to approve Resolution 17-3 that was prepared by Mr. Potter acknowledging John's years of service to ESCRA and the community. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
2. A request was made to have the annual Authority Reorganization at the January Long Range meeting.
3. The new credit cards from the Northumberland National Bank were received. The Chase account will be closed after the next billing cycle.
4. The Primary Sludge Pump Control Panel was installed and up and running, the installation of 2 timers for manual operation remains.

5. The 2018 UC Contribution Rate is unchanged at 2.5%, the base rate increased from the first \$9,750 of wages to the first \$10,000 of wages.
6. The capacity verification letter was sent to HRG for the Monroe Manor II project.
7. National Beef paid their 3rd Quarter 2017 surcharge in the amount of \$22,045.61.
8. The current Electricity Supplier contract at a rate of \$.05929/kwh expires in December of 2018. Competitive pricing was obtained for a new contract. A contract was signed for 3 years at a rate of \$.04999/kwh that expires in December of 2021.
9. There was a meeting concerning a new Kombucha Tea business in the old Philips building next to Ply Gem Stone. They were instructed to fill out an Industrial Waste Discharge Permit Application with Selinsgrove Borough to be reviewed to see if a permit will be required.
10. Richard Young is the new representative from the Hummels Wharf Municipal Authority replacing Brady Brosious, there is nothing official from Shamokin Dam Borough concerning a replacement for John Whitmer.

Financial Report:

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

Solicitors Report:

1. Mr. Potter did not have anything new to report.

Executive Session:

The Vice Chairman requested an executive session to consult with its attorney or professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with pending litigation against the Borough of Selinsgrove concerning withholding of regional system service charges. The board convened into executive session at 7:25 pm and reconvened at 7:56 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Alternate Proposal #2 Credit/Deficit Calculations for 2015. The calculations would be applied to Shamokin Dam, Penn Township and Hummels Wharf based on flow, BOD and TSS and applied to Selinsgrove based on flow only. The respective Credits/Deficits for Shamokin Dam, Penn Township and Hummels Wharf were already issued and applied to their respective municipalities while Selinsgrove's Deficit will be billed. A roll call was taken and reads as follows; Mr. Mann, YES; Mr. Parker, YES; Mr. Ferry, YES; Mr. Smith, YES; Mr. Kiesinger, YES; Mr. Young, YES and Vice Chairman Dunigan, YES.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ferry to accept the Reconciliation as Presented Version 2 Credit/Deficit Calculations for 2016. The calculations would be applied to Shamokin Dam, Penn Township, Hummels Wharf and Selinsgrove based on flow only for 2016. A roll call was taken and reads as follows; Mr. Mann, YES; Mr. Parker, NO; Mr. Ferry, YES; Mr. Smith, YES; Mr. Kiesinger, NO; Mr. Young, NO and Vice Chairman Dunigan, YES.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferry and seconded by Mr. Mann to distribute the 2015 and 2016 Credit/Deficit Calculations to the participants to be assessed on their 2nd quarter 2018 Regional System bill upon receiving the settlement payment from Selinsgrove. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dunigan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The next regularly scheduled authority meeting is January 17, 2018 at the ESCRA WWTP conference room, 870 South Front Street, Selinsgrove, PA at 7:00 p.m. The next scheduled Long Range Planning Committee meeting is January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Milligan

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Secretary