

## Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority

September 20, 2017

- Members Present:** Tom Ferry, Brady Brosious, Ed Mann, Harlan Parker, Neal Smith, Dan Kiesinger and John Whitmer.  
Michael Dunigan was excused.
- Others Present:** Scott Bailey, Manager; Steve Witmer, Assistant Manager; Ken Potter, Solicitor; Ron Jager, Engineer; Nicki Milligan, Secretary; Sherri Badman, Selinsgrove Borough.

Chairman Whitmer opened the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Ferry made a motion seconded by Mr. Mann to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2017 meeting. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

### Engineers Report:

1. Bridge Replacement Project: The National Beef lateral paving remains to close out the project. Projected to be finished mid-October.
2. The preliminary design for the plant upgrade project is underway.
3. The engineering review of the Panda Hummel Station request to discharge approximately 700,000 of chemically treated boiler/pipe cleaning water was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. Brosious to not accept the 700,000 gallons of boiler/pipe cleaning water into the Regional System including the proposed discharge of approximately 2 million gallons of first flush boiler/pipe cleaning water that was not yet reviewed by the engineer. A roll call vote was taken and reads as follows; Mr. Mann, YES; Mr. Brosious, YES; Mr. Parker, YES; Mr. Ferry, YES; Mr. Smith, YES; Mr. Kiesinger, YES and Chairman Whitmer, YES.

### Old Business:

1. No word on the application to regain lab accreditation for BOD, CBOD, and Fecal Coliform.
2. PMRS is working on the retirement plan amendments to allow in-service distributions.

### New Business:

1. A meeting with the Snyder County Commissioners will be scheduled concerning inclusion in the Luzerne County Flood Mitigation Grant Program.
2. Shamokin Dam and Penn Twp. have paid their 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Service charges.
3. The 2018 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation worksheet was presented to the board for approval. Mr. Mann made a motion seconded by Mr. Ferry to approve the 2018 Pension MMO. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

4. The 2018 draft budget that was presented at the long range meeting was discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. Parker to send the draft budget to the participants for their review. An advertisement will be placed stating ESCRA will hold a public meeting for questions or comments concerning the 2018 draft budget at our next regular meeting on October 18, 2017 with final adoption scheduled for the November 15, 2017 Authority Meeting. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
5. A capacity request for 1 EDU was presented from Sherry Evans for a new single family dwelling at 16 Burgess Ave. A motion was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Brosious to approve the capacity request tentative on receiving the \$250.00 Nutrient Asset Fee for 1 EDU. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
6. An estimate from Gutelius Excavating in the amount of \$6200 was presented to repair a section of paving that settled over our retired line near Buchanan and Old Trail in Hummels Wharf. A motion was made by Mr. Ferry and seconded by Mr. Smith for Scott Bailey (manager) to authorize the repairs for the pavement issues at the Buchanan and Old Trail location in the amount of \$6,200.00 tentative on receiving a waiver from Monroe Twp. in a timely manner releasing ESCRA from responsibility for any future issues. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
7. The Shamokin Dam wet wells were cleaned.
8. The SCADA CPU hard drive was replaced today.
9. National Beef 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017 surcharge was sent out in the amount of \$25,542.21.
10. There was a change in Biosolids disposal from ag-utilization to landfill for the month of September because of site issues.
11. There was a drive seal failure on Primary Clarifier #2.
12. A meeting with Concord Public Finance was held on August 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss upgrade financing options.
13. Proposed 2018 meeting dates were presented, a motion was made by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the dates, as amended changing the date from Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday and all other dates as presented. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
14. The manager will not be at the October Long Range Planning Meeting.
15. The Bench Trial is scheduled for November 16-17, 2017.

**Solicitors Report:**

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

**Financial Report:**

The August Disbursements, August 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.

**Executive Session:**

The 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 and discuss Health Insurance. The board convened into executive session at 7:39 pm and reconvened at 8:08 pm.

There being no further business, Chairman Whitmer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next regularly scheduled authority meeting is October 18, 2017 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 October 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nicki Milligan*

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Secretary