

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:17 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2013, Chairman Asa Hughes presiding. Other Members present at the commencement of the meeting were: Richard Bohner, Scott Bieber, Norma Cusick, Brian Nagle, and Tom Muller. Authority Staff present were: Bradford Landon, Liesel Adam, Ed Bielarski, Frank Leist, John Parsons, and Cristin Keppel.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mr. Bielarski stated that the Wastewater item regarding Western Lehigh Interceptor Manhole Inspection will be removed from the agenda and handled at a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 24, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Bohner, seconded by Ms. Cusick, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 24, 2013 Regular Meeting (5-0). Mr. Nagle abstained due to his absence at the subject meeting.

July 8, 2013, Workshop Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Bohner, seconded by Ms. Cusick, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 8, 2013 Workshop Meeting (6-0).

Mr. Stellar entered the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

July 29, 2013, Special Meeting Minutes - Amended

Mr. Landon stated that there was an error in the originally approved minutes for the July 29th meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Bohner, seconded by Ms. Cusick, the Board unanimously approved the amended minutes of the July 29, 2013 Special Meeting (7-0).

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

LCA By-Laws Amendment (Approval)

Mr. Landon stated that Authority By-Laws must be updated to reflect the staffing changes because of the City of Allentown Concession Transition. There were also two other changes made to clarify Authority practices: (i) that the language as to the calling of special meetings was how board members could institute special meetings, but not the exclusive way of doing so and (ii) broadened the provision for board member distance participation from just telephone to other available electronic connections. He referred to the previously distributed memorandum.

On a motion from Mr. Muller, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board unanimously approved the LCA By-Laws Amendment (7-0) and ratified any and all prior actions taken to call and hold special board meetings.

Allentown Division 2013-2016 Capital Plan (Approval)

Mr. Leist, along with Mr. Parsons, gave an overview presentation (attached) of the Allentown Division Capital Plan through 2016; noting that that Capital Plan was required at closing of the Concession Lease. He noted that there are four categories of projects included in the plan: LCA funded projects required as part of the Lease agreement, LCA funded projects added by the Authority, City funded projects that were incomplete at closing of the Lease agreement, and City funded projects regarding the EPA Administrative Order.

Messrs. Leist and Parsons gave overviews of the major projects noting the costs and funding sources. Extensive discussion followed.

On a motion from Mr. Stellar, seconded by Mr. Nagle, the Board unanimously approved the City of Allentown Division 2013-2016 Capital Plan (7-0).

SYSTEM OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

None.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mr. Nagle inquired as to why we have been investing in two-month CDs.

Mr. Bielarski explained that funds were invested that way in case the money was needed to liquidate the City of Allentown deal, longer life CDs will be used moving forward per LCA's usual financial activity.

Mr. Bohner asked if the Board members could have some sort of comprehensive update at the next meeting regarding all major wastewater projects since there are multiple major projects like the Act 537 Planning, disputed billing charges with the City of Allentown, inflow & infiltration, and future treatment capacity. The other Board members agreed such a presentation would be helpful.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Richard H. Bohner
Secretary