

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012, Chairman Asa Hughes presiding. Other Members present via telephone at the commencement of the meeting were: Tom Muller, Richard Bohner, Norma Cusick, and Scott Bieber. Authority Staff present were: Aurel Arndt (via telephone), Doug Young, Joseph McMahon, Patricia Mandes, Liesel Adam, and Cristin Garger. All persons present via telephone were able to hear each other and communicate with each other throughout the entire meeting and remained present through the entire meeting once that member connected to the meeting conference call.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mr. Arndt noted that there were no additions to the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Arndt stated there would be no Executive Sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Bohner, seconded by Mr. Muller, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting (5-0).

April 9, 2012 Workshop Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Bohner, seconded by Ms. Cusick, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 9, 2012 Workshop Meeting (5-0).

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) Digester Mixer Procurement

Ms. Mandes explained that based on the WTP Energy Audit/Bioenergy Recovery Evaluation Study completed in August 2011, the Board authorized the Design Phase for the Truck Waste Receiving Station & Primary Digesters Mixer Replacement Project at the LCA Wastewater Treatment Plant in December 2011. She stated that the draft tube mixers will be more energy efficient, will increase biogas production, and reduce the amount of biosolids generated saving money on land application. She stated that digester mixers are a long lead time item and to maintain the schedule it was necessary to procure the six 24-inch diameter digester mixers in advance of the construction contract bidding. The current schedule anticipates completion of the installation in the last quarter of 2012. Ms. Mandes stated project consultant, CET/GHD, Inc., has recommended that the Digester Mixer Procurement Contract be awarded to Olympus Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$289,270. She added that regardless of this project, the mixers were budgeted for replacement in 2012.

On a motion from Mr. Bieber, seconded by Mr. Muller, the Board unanimously approved the Capital Project Authorization for Digester Mixer Procurement in the amount of \$289,270 (5-0).

On a motion from Mr. Muller, seconded by Mr. Bohner, the Board unanimously awarded the contract for the Digester Mixer Procurement to Olympus Technologies, Inc. (5-0).

SYSTEM OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Mr. McMahon had no comments.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McMahon noted that Ms. Adam accepted a Special Recognition award on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Water Suppliers from the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin for community outreach and education efforts.

Ms. Adam noted that Lehigh Valley Water Suppliers will be hosting the Drinking Water Week Golf Tournament on May 9, 2012, and Hydromania will be held on May 10, 2012.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

None.

OTHER COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Richard H. Bohner
Secretary