

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:15 p.m., on Monday, November 23, 2015, Acting Chairman Richard Bohner presiding. Other Members present at the commencement of the meeting were: Linda Rosenfeld, Norma Cusick, Ted Lyons and Deana Zosky. Authority Staff present were Aurel Arndt, Liesel Adam, Ed Klein, Pat Mandes, Frank Leist, Brad Landon, John Parsons, Chuck Volk, Bob Kerchusky, Phil DePoe and Lisa Miller.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Pat Mandes stated that she will have an update regarding the EPA Administrative order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 31, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Norma Cusick, seconded by Linda Rosenfeld, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of August 31, 2015 (3-0). Richard Bohner abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Liesel Adam introduced Steve Lettko, Mike Cawley and Dale Swoyer Jr. to the Board. They are LCA employees and are also part of the Union. Dale Swoyer Jr. asked the Board why the meetings are held at noon instead of in the evening. Richard Bohner replied that the afternoon meetings are Board tradition for as long as he could recall. Brad Landon stated that the Board tried having the meetings in the evening but few additional people attended.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Allentown Division – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Odor Control Tower Replacements/Repairs – Approval

Frank Leist gave an overview of the project. The Board asked what the odor control towers do. Robert Kerchusky explained how they break down the hydrogen sulfide gas. Mr. Leist is asking for approval of the Capital Project Authorization – Construction Phase in the amount of \$486,300 which includes the Professional Services Authorization to D'Huy Engineering and the General Contract Award to Blooming Glen Contractors.

On a motion by Norma Cusick, seconded by Linda Rosenfeld, the Board unanimously approved the Capital Project Authorization – Construction Phase in the amount of \$486,300 which includes the Professional Services Authorization to D'Huy Engineering and the General Contract Award to Blooming Glen Contractors (4-0).

Allentown Division – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Main Pump House Locker Room Renovations – Construction Phase Approval

Frank Leist gave an overview of the project. The locker room was last updated in the 1970's. Risk Management requested that it be repaired. Mr. Leist is seeking approval for the Capital Project Authorization – Construction Phase in the amount of \$277,500 which includes the Professional Services Authorization to D'Huy Engineering and the General Contract Award to CMG of Easton, Inc.

On a motion by Norma Cusick, seconded by Linda Rosenfeld, the Board unanimously approved the Capital Project Authorization – Construction Phase in the amount of \$277,500 which includes the Professional Services Authorization to D'Huy Engineering and the General Contract Award to CMG of Easton, Inc. (4-0).

EPA Administrative Order

Pat Mandes reported on the letter received from EPA stating that they will not change the administrative order to use LCA's requested language.

SYSTEM OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Robert Kerchusky reported that during October, the output at the water filtration plant in Allentown averaged approximately 19.44 million gallons per day. Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plant received an average of 29.56 million gallons per day. Diefenderfer performed a lot of work at the plant in the past month. The power zone house is now set and all the major cabling has been pulled through the conduit. The roof project is making good progress. There was some discussion on the historical background of the Kline's Island plant.

STAFF COMMENTS

Aurel Arndt stated that the letter received from Dan Koplisch regarding the 2016-2025 Capital Plans will be discussed at the December 14 meeting of which Mr. Koplisch plans to attend.

Norma Cusick asked if the emergency backup generators are now all in place. Aurel Arndt said that they are in the Suburban Division but not all of them are in the City Division.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

Brad Landon updated the Board on the Lowhill Township sewer system acquisition agreement. Since the discharges from the Lowhill system are transported through the Upper Macungie Township system to get to the Western Lehigh Interceptor, he said that Upper Macungie Township is negotiating a new agreement which he expects will be ready for the Board to review either at the December or January meeting.

OTHER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Acting Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Norma Cusick
Secretary