

Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority

300 Laird Street, Suite #A-1 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Minutes June 21, 2022 Regular Session

The Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board of Directors met in Executive Session prior to the June 21st, 2022 meeting to discuss union contract negotiations.

Call to Order

On June 21, 2022 at 1:25 P.M., the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board convened their regular monthly meeting at the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Administrative Offices, 300 Laird Street Suite A-1 Wilkes-Barre. It was noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

Mr. Yannuzzi, Chairman, called to order the June 21, 2022 meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Present

Mr. Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E., Chairman

Mr. William Hardwick

Mr. Richard Adams - Absent

Mr. Gordon Dussinger

Mr. John Maday

Also Present

Christopher Belleman, P.E., Executive Director Christopher Slusser, Esq., LCFPA Solicitor Laura Holbrook, Mitigation & Outreach Specialist – Via Telephone Deana Prochaska, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary) Erik Mark, Reporter, Citizens Voice

Public Input

None.

Regular Meeting

Motion was made to ratify the minutes of the Authority meeting held on May 17, 2022.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Motion was made to ratify the updated minutes of the Authority meeting held on April 19, 2022.

Motion by: Mr. Maday Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" - YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

LCFPA Activities/Projects

A. Staff Activities/ProjectB. Board Activities/Project

Bills and Communications

Motion was made to approve the payment of the bills as presented.

Motion by: Mr. Maday Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Report of the Treasurer

Motion was made to submit the report of the Treasurer into the record as stated.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

New Business

2022 Levee Fee Collections Update.

Motion was made to approve the proposal submitted by Reilly Associates, 49 S. Main Street, Pittston, for their subdivision, lot consolidation, and lot line adjustments services to address the LCFPA/WVSA Boundary Line Issues, Hanover Township, in the amount \$14,980. This project will be paid through the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project Fund. The Chairman directed that the Executive Director contact WVSA and request that the sanitary authority consider contributing 50% of the cost since it resolves a common problem.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

On the question:

Mr. Hardwick: What is the cost?

Mr. Yannuzzi: \$14,980, and if WVSA contributes 50% it will be half that.

Motion was made to approve the proposal submitted by Juniata Geosciences, 8672 Willow Brook Road, Alexandria, PA, for the Wyoming Valley levee relief well inspection and testing work, in the amount \$146,550. This project has previously been deemed qualified by County administration as meeting eligibility requirements to be funded through ARPA.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Hardwick

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Motion was made to approve the proposed amendment to the existing agreement with Portnoff Law Associates (PLA) on the collection of delinquent levee fees. This became necessary when the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau released new guidelines, which became effective November 30, 2021 that caused PLA to change the first step of its collection process.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Motion was made to approve the bid submitted by Prism Response LLC, 70 Hillside Drive, Drums, PA for the removal of suspect hazardous material at four (4) properties located in W. Nanticoke and Mocanaqua, in the total amount \$48,000. The four properties are 2 E. Poplar Street, 9 S. Mill Street, and 30 W. Poplar Street, West Nanticoke; and 48-50 Italy Street, Mocanaqua, Conyngham Township. This mitigation project will be paid through the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project Fund.

Motion by: Mr. Maday Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Next Regular Meeting

July 19, 2022 at 1:00p.m. 300 Laird St. Suite A-1 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the June 21, 2022 meeting of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Prochaska
Recording Secretary