



**Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority**  
300 Laird Street, Suite #A-1  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

**Minutes**  
**August 16, 2022 Regular Session**

**Luzerne County Manager, Randy Robertson, introduction to the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority.**

**Call to Order**

On August 16, 2022 at 1:00 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 August 16, 2022 meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Present**

Mr. Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E., Chairman  
Mr. William Hardwick  
Mr. Richard Adams  
Mr. Gordon Dussinger  
Mr. John Maday

**Also Present**

Randy Robertson, Luzerne County Manager  
Pat Dooley, Luzerne County Planning & Zoning  
Lawrence Plesh, Luzerne County Engineer  
Matt Jones, Luzerne County Planning & Zoning  
Christopher J. Belleman, PE, Executive Director  
Laura Holbrook, Mitigation & Outreach Specialist  
Deana Prochaska, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary) – Via Telephone  
Amy Grevera, CPA, LCFPA Accountant  
Jeffrey Rockman, Esq., LCFPA Solicitor  
Erik Mark, Reporter, Citizens Voice  
Jen Andes, Reporter, Times Leader

**Public Input**

**None.**

### **Regular Meeting**

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

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

### **LCFPA Activities/Projects**

A. Staff Activities/Project

B. Board Activities/Project

### **Bills and Communications**

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

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

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

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Hardwick

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

### **New Business**

**2022 Levee Fee Collections Update.**

**Portnoff Law Associates Delinquent Levee Fee Quarterly Collections Update.**

**Motion was made to approve the Mitigation and Outreach Specialist to attend "Benefit Cost Analysis Training" at PEMA HQ, 1310 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, on August 24 and 25, 2022. The training and course material are free for attendees, plus employee per diem for the day. Overnight lodging for August 24 will be at the Spring Hill Marriot, Harrisburg.**

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**On the question:**

**Mr. Adams:** I don't think we need board approval for this Chris, I feel very comfortable you could make this decision without board approval.

**Motion was made to request permission for the Executive Director to draft a policy after reaching out to local bike shops on the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) on the levee system using the draft policy recently issued by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) as a template.**

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the following: *“In an effort to equitably fund the operation of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority (LCFPA), the Board is requesting that the LCFPA begin discussions with Luzerne County Government to restructure the relationship in such a manner that all the funding will be equally distributed to all Luzerne County taxpayers. The LCFPA Board is further directing the Executive Director and the Solicitor to begin these discussions with the Luzerne County Government within 30 days and make monthly reports on the progress of this restructuring”.***

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

**On the question:**

**Mr. Hardwick:** What I think we should do is just put forth what our intention and mission is to start, I just want to be careful we don't put in words like “restructure the relationship”. The fact is what we want to do is sit down and say how can we work together to spread this fee county wide.

**Motion was made to approve the amended wording: *“In an effort to equitably fund the operation of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority (LCFPA), the Board is requesting that the LCFPA begin discussions with Luzerne County Government to restructure the financial relationship in such a manner that all the funding will be equally distributed to all Luzerne County taxpayers. The LCFPA Board is further directing the Executive Director with the assistance as required by the Solicitor to begin these discussions with the Luzerne County Government within 30 days and make monthly reports on the progress of this restructuring”.***

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Hardwick

Motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of 5-0. “AYES”- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Motion was made to approve the following: *“In an effort to equitably fund the operation of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority (LCFPA), the Board is requesting that the LCFPA begin discussions with Luzerne County Government to restructure the financial relationship in such a manner that all the funding will be equally distributed to all Luzerne County taxpayers. The LCFPA Board is further directing the Executive Director with the assistance as required by the Solicitor to begin these discussions with the Luzerne County Government within 30 days and make monthly reports on the progress of this restructuring”.***

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of 5-0. “AYES”- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Motion was made to approve a resolution for the FY2022 Local Share Account grant application in the amount of \$264,000.00 for various flood protection equipment.**

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Hardwick

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. “AYES”- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Next Regular Meeting**

September 20, 2022 at 1:00p.m.  
300 Laird St. Suite A-1  
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**Adjourn**

**Motion was made to adjourn the August 16, 2022 meeting of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board.**

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Deana Prochaska  
Recording Secretary