



Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority
1989 Wyoming Avenue
Forty Fort, PA 18704

Minutes
January 16, 2024 Regular Session

Call to Order

On January 16, 2024, 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, 1989 Wyoming Ave, Forty Fort. It was noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

Mr. Yannuzzi, Chairman, called to order the January 16, 2024 meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Present

Mr. Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E., Chairman
Mr. William Hardwick
Mr. Jay Delaney
Mr. Gordon Dussinger - *Absent*
Mr. John Maday

Also Present

Christopher Belleman, P.E., Executive Director
Jeffrey Rockman Esq., Slusser Law Firm, LCFPA Solicitor – *Via Telephone*
Amy Grevera, CPA, Grevera and Associates, LCFPA Accountant
Laura Holbrook, Mitigation & Outreach Specialis
Deana Prochaska, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Reorganization- Election of Officers

Executive Director Mr. Christopher Belleman was appointed Chairman pro-tem.

Motion By: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Maday

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

Mr. Belleman requested nominations for the position of Board Chairman.

Mr. Hardwick nominated Mr. Yannuzzi. Second by: Mr. Delaney.

No other nominations.

Motion was made to close nominations.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Seconded by: Mr. Maday

Vote for Chairman was indicated in Roll Call.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Yannuzzi indicated his vote was for Mr. Yannuzzi
Mr. Hardwick indicated his vote was for Mr. Yannuzzi
Mr. Maday indicated his vote was for Mr. Yannuzzi
Mr. Delaney indicated his vote was for Mr. Yannuzzi

Mr. Yannuzzi was elected as Chairman by a roll call vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

Mr. Yannuzzi requested nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Yannuzzi nominated Mr. Hardwick. Second by: Mr. Maday.
No other nominations.

Mr. Hardwick was elected Vice Chairman by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

Mr. Yannuzzi requested nominations for Treasurer.

Mr. Yannuzzi nominated Mr. Dussinger. Second by: Mr. Maday.
No other nominations.

Mr. Dussinger was elected as Treasurer by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

Mr. Yannuzzi requested nominations for Secretary.

Mr. Yannuzzi nominated Mr. Maday. Second by: Mr. Delaney.
No other nominations.

Mr. Maday was elected as Secretary by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

Mr. Yannuzzi requested nominations for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Yannuzzi nominated Mr. Delaney. Second By: Mr. Hardwick.
No other nominations.

Mr. Delaney was elected as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer by a vote of 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

Public Input

None.

Regular Meeting

Motion was made to ratify the minutes of the Authority meeting held on December 19, 2023.

Motion by: Mr. Delaney

Second by: Mr. Hardwick

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

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 4-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

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, MADAY, DELANEY.

New Business

2023 Levee Fee Collections Update.

Motion was made to approve a modification to the current agreement with Borton Lawson Engineering LLC, 613 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, to provide construction administration services on the "LCFPA Pump Stations Electrical Control Systems Upgrade Project" in the estimated amount \$45,000. This project was identified for reimbursement under our ARPA grant award.

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Maday

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

Motion was made to approve change Order #2 with D&M Construction Unlimited, 107 N. Turnpike Road, Dalton PA, in the amount \$37,172.70 on the "LCFPA Pump Stations Low Slope Re-Roofing, Masonry and EPDM Roof Repairs Project". This change order request is for out-of-scope additional masonry repairs performed at the Delaney Street, D&H, Old River Road, Church Street, and Solomon Creek Pump Stations. This project was identified for reimbursement under our ARPA grant award.

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Delaney

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

On the question:

Mr. Hardwick: It is roughly \$7,000 per building, the total is \$37,172.70 for all of the buildings?

Mr. Belleman: Yes, for all of the buildings

Mr. Hardwick: Ok.Thank you.

Motion was made to approve permission for the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority to partner with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Penn State University, University Park, PA to perform research on the Forty Fort levee. Penn State has been awarded a \$757,974 grant through the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study climate-resilient infrastructure adaptations for levee networks.

This effort includes obtaining detailed information about topography, river channel bathymetry, levee geometry, nearby vegetation, levee, and subsurface soil conditions using state-of-the-art methodologies (drone- and boat-based surveying, geophysical testing...) to develop a high-fidelity “digital twin” model of the levee. Penn State will use this model to better understand how levee conditions and flood hazard will be impacted by climate change.

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. “AYES” – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

On the question:

Mr. Delaney: Yes, Mr. Chairman, to add on to your request for other areas but in particular I would ask Chris to get an answer for us and maybe they are just calling it the Forty Fort levee but why does it just say Forty Fort levee and not Wilkes Barre or other parts of the levee?

Mr. Belleman: Well, they are not going to study the entire 16 miles. I think they are just focusing on the Forty Fort levee because we had boils that occurred in the flood of 2011. Left unattended it could undermine the entire levee system, but we reacted and addressed it.

Mr. Delaney: I would respectfully say we had boils on Gordon Ave too in 2011, I am just asking the question why Forty Fort and not the rest. These are just questions.

Mr. Yannuzzi: Take a look at item 4 on the sheet, it says ‘Why Forty Fort’.

Mr. Delaney: Yeah, that is why I asked. Why not Wilkes Barre?

Mr. Belleman: Yeah, they give a brief explanation, but I’d be more than happy to approach them with that question.

Mr. Yannuzzi: Jay is your question if they want to consider Wilkes Barre, they could do that as well?

Mr. Delaney: Well, I was making a point because Chris said there were boils in Forty Fort and yes there were, but there were also boils off Gordon Ave in Wilkes Barre. I am just asking because close to \$800,000 is a lot of money and I’m just asking Chris to throw that question out to them.

Next Regular Meeting

February 20, 2024 at 1:00p.m.

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The LCFPA Board will meet for an executive session following the January 16th meeting.

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn the January 16, 2024 meeting of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board.

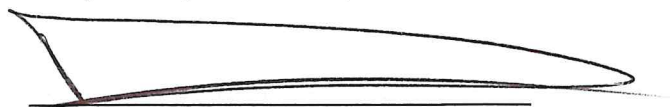
Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0. “AYES” – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, MADAY, DELANEY.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Deana Prochaska
Recording Secretary