

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2018

The Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:02 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018, at which time Chairman Nagle called an Executive Session regarding legal issues. Other Members present at the commencement of the meeting were: Linda Rosenfeld, Jeff Morgan, Richard Bohner, and Ted Lyons. Deana Zosky was on the conference phone throughout the entire meeting. Authority Staff present were Liesel Gross, Brad Landon, Chuck Volk, Ed Klein, Pat Mandes, Susan Sampson, Chris Moughan, John Parsons, and Lisa Miller.

The Executive Session ended at 12:17 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Lehigh County Authority was called to order at 12:17 p.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chairman Nagle announced that today's Board meeting is being videotaped and streaming live and recordings will be posted to the Authority's website and that an Executive Session was held at the beginning of the meeting on potential litigation.

Liesel Gross stated there are no changes to the agenda but there are two items for Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Liesel Gross informed the Board that Scott Bieber emailed her requesting a correction to the July 23, 2018 minutes.

On a motion by Linda Rosenfeld, seconded by Ted Lyons, the Board approved the Minutes of the July 23, 2018 meeting as corrected (5-0). Richard Bohner abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Allentown Division – Water Main Replacement Program Cycle 4

Chuck Volk explained the project before the Board is a scaled down water main replacement project. The original bids received for this project were previously rejected by the Board on July 23, 2018 due to construction costs coming in significantly higher than anticipated due to the strict work hour limitations in place by PennDOT on Susquehanna Street and also the increased pipe costs. The project was scaled down from 2.2 miles to 0.9 miles of water main to be replaced. Mr. Volk is asking for approval of a change order to the previously approved general construction contract with JOAO Bradley Construction Co., Inc. that was awarded for the Suburban Division Main Replacement Project in order to complete this additional scope of work. Pricing for the change order provided by JOAO Bradley Construction Co., Inc. falls within the terms and unit pricing for the previously approved contract. The total construction cost for the change order is \$1,892,497.00.

The Board discussed concerns regarding the unit cost and its accuracy and also preferred to keep the contracts separate between the Allentown Division and the Suburban Division. Liesel Gross asked Mr. Volk about the process if the Authority decided to rebid the project. Mr. Volk explained that a timing delay is the biggest factor and could delay the project for another month. Chairman Nagle noted the Board appears to be in favor of rebidding the package.

On a motion by Ted Lyons, seconded by Jeff Morgan, the Board requested the restructured Allentown Division – Water Main Replacement Program Cycle 4 project be rebid (6-0).

Suburban Division – Spring Creek Force Main Air Release Valve Replacement – Bid Rejection

Chuck Volk explained the request for the bid rejection for Suburban Division – Spring Creek Force Main Air Release Valve Replacement project is a lack of bidders and the bid price coming in significantly higher than anticipated. Mr. Volk would like to split the project into a multi-year project since there is not an urgency to complete the entire project at this time.

On a motion by Linda Rosenfeld, seconded by Richard Bohner, the Board rejected the bid for the Suburban Division – Spring Creek Force Main Air Release Valve Replacement project (6-0).

Kevin Baker arrived at 12:30 p.m.

MONTHLY PROJECT UPDATES / INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairman Nagle announced that the August 2018 Monthly Project Updates and Information Items report was received in advance. Liesel Gross highlighted items for the August 27, 2018 meeting that include the Allentown Division 2013C Bonds which may or may not be ready for discussion at that meeting. Kevin German will be present for any questions pertaining to the 2017 Annual Risk Management report that will be included in the next Board packet. The 2018 LCA Action Plan & Key Performance Indicators Dashboard will be on the agenda for discussion as well as an approval request for the Allentown Division Water Filtration Plant SCADA System Replacement project.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / OTHER COMMENTS

None.

Chairman Nagle called a recess at 12:32 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held at 12:36 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and personnel. The Executive Session ended at 1:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Richard Bohner
Assistant Secretary