

Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 25th, 2025

Members Present

Dennis Klinedinst - Chairman
Gary LaTulippe- Vice Chairman
Chris Minnich- Asst. Sec./Treasurer
Kelly Henshaw - Secretary
Nevin (Butch) Horne - Treasurer

Others Present

John Krantz- Superintendent
Cory Dillinger- Solicitor
Rebecca Mason – Entech (zoom)

Meeting Agenda/Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge was recited and roll call was taken.
- Mr. Minnich made a motion to approve tonight's agenda and Mr. Henshaw seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Mr. Minnich made a motion to approve the minutes from the RLMA Meeting on May 28th, 2025, and Mr. Horne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Water Usage Report: the report was distributed to the Board. Everything ran well.

-Precipitation was up and we are not currently in a draught.

Connections Report: There were no new connections.

Overtime Report: The report was distributed to the Board.

Visitors: (none)

Water & Sewer- New Business:

- **York Water Company**
 - Mr. Dillinger heard back and their counsel's response was that our proposed rates are unreasonable and too high, but nothing further. He sent a reply asking if they could provide a counter-proposal so we have a starting point to continue negotiations.
 - We have no obligation to come to an agreement; we are working more out of a courtesy to the residents of CMV. No further action will be taken until we hear back.
- **Filter Plant**
 - DEP will be conducting an inspection of the Water Treatment Plant in July. Mr. Krantz provided the Board with the information DEP sent over and has requested that Mr. Kim Mazur of Entech be present during the inspection.
- **Paddock at Equine Meadows**
 - RLMA was out to check and exercise the valves at the Paddock. Two of the valves have shifted in a way that left us unable to get a wrench on them. This does not necessarily mean the valves are bad, but other measures will need to be taken. We also plan to exercise the curb stops in the near future.
 - Mr. Krantz and Mr. Dillinger have both been in contact with various people from the HOA (president, counsel, etc.). It is still unclear who will be paying for the work we are providing, but it will not be RLMA's responsibility.
 - Mr. LaTulippe brought up the idea of a surety bond again and questioned what Mr. Dillinger's thoughts are on the matter.

- Mr. Dillinger replied that he would like to wait until the inspection is complete so that we have a total cost to provide. If it's going to be as simple as fixing two valves, they may be willing to pay out of pocket rather than securing a bond.
- Mr. Klinedinst discussed with the Board that he feels we need some security through a letter of credit, escrow, etc. that goes beyond the inspection in case anything catastrophic comes up that may be missed.
 - In the meantime, Mr. Krantz is going to reach out to the President of the HOA to discuss setting up an escrow to pay for the time and labor being held up by RLMA employees and our engineer/solicitor.
- Mr. Dillinger feels that no further action need to be taken until completion of the inspection at which point various options can be discussed with all parties present and a compromise can be reached.
- **Greenbranch Generator Project**
 - Mr. Klinedinst and Mr. Krantz met on site with all contractors (generator provider, electrician, mason, petroleum, etc.) earlier this month and the project is ready to move forward. The work will be done in the month of July and they are hopeful to have the project complete by 8/1/25.
- **Edgewood Tank**
 - Kinsley began work in the middle of the month to replace the remainder of the old water main from the new Edgewood Tank to Woodridge Drive. They have begun the disinfection process, where chlorine sits and then a sample is taken to the lab by Mr. Krantz. When these results are favorable, they can begin the replacement.
 - Mr. Krantz and Mr. Klinedinst were on site to witness with cameras that all valves and gates are functioning, so a blockage in the line is the most likely cause and this line replacement will correct the issue.
 - Mr. Hoffnagle was sent a letter about the project extension and is agreeable to the work that needs to be completed. RLMA will clean up/mow his land around the site while work is ongoing.
- **Beaver Creek Raw Water Intake - Trash Rake**
 - Mr. Krantz provided a quote for this replacement to the Board, and was able to talk to the original company for suggestions on other companies who can provide quotes as well. He expects to have two more quotes for comparison soon.
 - Brubacher was on site and believes they can assist in removal of the old rake and setting the new one. However, a mechanical engineer will need to be utilized to hook everything up and get it working.
- **Cabin Creek Reservoir - Bascule Gate (Hydraulic Cylinder)**
 - The Board previously discussed quotes for this work, but it was difficult to find a company that would complete everything (removal and repair of the cylinder).
 - AIS/Heisey is able to do this for ~\$41,000 and Mr. Krantz signed a contract to get this work done. This hydraulic cylinder is extremely important and its repair is critical.
 - They are a CoStars approved company.
- **Intakes at Beaver Creek and Greenbranch**
 - Brubacher also assessed the intakes at both locations and feels they will be able to successfully dredge and clear these areas.

- Mr. Krantz said we may also need to do some small additional removal of mud for this to be entirely complete.
- Mr. Klinedinst inquired about the state of these intakes and when they were last serviced. Mr. Krantz confirmed this is a project (like so many) that has fallen through the cracks over the years. A more regular schedule of preventative maintenance will make everything go more smoothly.
- **Borough Garage Water Quality Issue**
 - Brubacher was able to complete the extension and replacement of the main at Vulcan Road. Originally the Borough Garage wanted to keep their old service line, but after it was dug up it was clear the galvanized line was falling apart and leaking. It was all replaced with 6" ductile iron.
 - This was done for the Machine Shop as well and now both are connected to the new main which should greatly improve water quality for both places.
- **Letters of Support Pump Station B at Prospect Road**
 - Mr. Krantz provided the Board with letters from Windsor and York Townships regarding this project. He has also reviewed the documentation from the Act 537 that DEP requires to move forward.
 - Ms. Mason noted that there will be a 60 day review period for each municipality (including Red Lion Borough) followed by a 30 day review period for the public.
- **Kensington Phase III**
 - Mr. Dillinger has been doing research regarding the various agreements and limits of the Authority and has determined the only private agreement we have is with Dallastown-Yoe, meaning there is no agreement that currently exists with York Water.
 - Any territorial limit(s) come from the Municipal Authorities Act itself.
 - The question on the development comes into play because RLMA lines are close on the south side and York Water lines are close on the north side.
 - Ultimately, Mr. Dillinger believes that we can split the customers and service the EDUs as individual portions and Ms. Mason is in agreement.
 - Mr. LaTulippe expressed concern about being surrounded by York Water Company, thus locking us out from further expansion. York Water is bound by the PUC and Mr. Dillinger believes there is a possibility of RLMA winning all of the development, but it is unclear.
 - Mr. Klinedinst noted that there are other areas we can look at expanding into now (being proactive) to prevent this same concern.

Solicitor's Report: (Cory Dillinger)

- **Holtzapple**
 - Mr. Mike Craley sent an easement agreement for Mr. Dillinger to review between Holtzapple and the Windsor entity in question and he provided a few comments. This matter is primarily between those two parties and RLMA is only responsible to the meter.
- All of Mr. Dillinger's other matters were covered in new business.

Engineer's Report: (Rebecca Mason)

- **Rules and Regulations Update**
 - Ms. Mason met with Mr. Krantz and Mr. Dillinger to discuss final changes on the sewer side and she is finalizing those to prepare them for distribution.
- **Corrective Action Plan**
 - After ongoing discussion and changes, Ms. Mason received a final draft that is ready to be reviewed and sent to DEP.
- **Filter Plant Evaluation**
 - Ms. Mason noted that some of the questions posed by DEP were forwarded back to the operations staff at the WTP by Entech, and will be further discussed with Mr. Krantz and during the next DEP inspection.
- **Other Plan Reviews**
 - Entech is keeping up with the various other plan reviews in the works (to include the funeral home, 21 W. Broadway, and the Holtzapple easement) and providing comments and requesting detail as needed.

Superintendent's Report (John Krantz)

- Mr. Krantz submitted all necessary reports for May 2025.
- Springettsbury contacted us regarding an overload at the Bellevue Pumping Station. Ms. Mason reached out to them with our Corrective Action Plan for DEP and that we have identified the problems and plan to begin making the necessary repairs in 2026 (and will budget accordingly).
- All of our new distribution employees are enrolled in the Sacramento Course for Distribution. They are all working hard and making progress and a few will be ready to test very soon.
 - They understand that if they do not complete this within 2 years they may be let go.
- JR Holly Engineering (Mr. Blaine Markle) was contacted by a resident at Indian Springs Drive to get the customers up there connected to water services and they seem interested in helping out.
- Windsor Township borrowed ~30 water valve box risers to complete their paving project that they promptly returned when they were finished.
- Keystone Petroleum completed their 3 year inspection and the violations have been removed from the underground storage tank. Mr. Krantz will be reaching out to other companies to have these inspections completed in a timely manner going forward, keeping us within regulations.
- Mr. Krantz and few employees attended a Smith & Loveless Pump Training School. This will help RLMA keep pumping stations running (even if they are due for elimination in the future).
- The 2024 Consumer Confidence report was prepared, distributed, and posted accordingly.
- A few employees were also able to attend York Safety Days with Mr. Krantz which provided good education and experience.
- Mr. Krantz signed a contract for sludge removal after Mr. Dillinger reviewed it and they did amend it accordingly and everyone is happy with how it reads now.

- The Edgewood Tank money coming in was used to purchase two CDs through M&T Bank and the remaining money will be used to purchase a CD through PLGIT. The Board plans to let the money mature as long as possible.
- Mr. Krantz also provided quotes for updates required to improve the SCADA system. It's going to be quite the pricey project and he suggests we start replacing things as we are able because technology is only going to continue to improve and the cost will only go up.
- Mr. Mark Smith provided a letter stating that all matters regarding the 457B should be wrapped up by the end of the week so the transition to the new company can begin.
- Mr. Krantz is going to reach out to Ms. Stacy Silva for a lead service line update.

Other Matters:

-Mr. Klinedinst noted that the Borough is having a tree removal service come in, and that it will benefit RLMA to add on any removals necessary at that time. Mr. Krantz agreed and of course the cost will be split appropriately.

Letters were sent out to give the final push to customers who still need meter replacements to avoid additional monthly fees on their water bills in the future

Statement and Bill Approval:

- Mr. Henshaw motioned to approve the bills and was seconded by Mr. Minnich. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Executive Session:

- Mr. Klinedinst motioned that the Board move into executive session and Mr. LaTulippe seconded.
- The Board went into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss employee and legal matters.

Adjournment:

- The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:26pm. Nothing was voted on.
 - Mr. Henshaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta