

**Red Lion Municipal Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday July 23rd, 2025**

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

John Krantz- Superintendent  
Cory Dillinger- Solicitor  
Rebecca Mason – Entech  
Matt Wagner -Entech

**Meeting Agenda/Minutes:**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. following the RLMA/DYWA joint meeting. The pledge was previously recited and roll call was taken for this meeting. Mr. Henshaw was not present.
- Mr. LaTulippe made a motion to approve tonight's agenda and Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Mr. LaTulippe made a motion to approve the minutes from the RLMA Meeting on June 25th, 2025, and Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

-The aggressive rains (over 6.1") resulted in a lot of turbidity but the WTP handled it well.

**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. Krantz presented that York Water refused our revised proposal (regarding our water meter reading data for CMV development) and countered with their original proposal.
  - Mr. Dillinger stated that this can be discussed further, but at the current time it is of no benefit to RLMA to provide this data to York Water.
- **Filter Plant**
  - DEP conducted an inspection of the WTP earlier this month with Mr. Kim Mazur in attendance. This was to provide clarity on our Filter Plant Performance Evaluation and plans are being put in place with all relevant parties to address any outstanding issues.
- **Fluoride**
  - As discussed previously in the RLMA/DYWA joint meeting minutes ago, the RLMA Board has been discussing the possibility of eliminating fluoride from the water system. Public outcry from customers as well as government officials (including local Rep. Wendy Fink) have led to this possibility being investigated.
  - Ms. Mason commented on the permitting costs (\$5,000 to start) as well as labor on Entech's part, and in the previous meeting discussed other documentation and expertise that will be involved if the decision is to discontinue fluoride.

- Mr. Dillinger inquired about future implications, but ultimately the Board has vowed to vote with the wants of the customers/public.
- **Paddock at Equine Meadows**
  - RLMA completed the full inspection of the system and there are two valves in the main that are inoperable. These will need to be addressed before RLMA can accept dedication.
    - Mr. Krantz and Ms. Mason estimate total costs to be between \$10,000-\$15,000.
  - We also checked all curb stops and they are functioning within reason (some shifting was needed due to age).
  - After lengthy discussion, everyone agreed the best course of action is to draft an agreement stating the upfront valve costs are to be paid by the development, with an added clause that all necessary maintenance (up to 6 months) will also fall to them.
  - This way no unnecessary funds are being posted while still protecting the Authority.
- **Greenbranch Generator Project**
  - Mr. Krantz reported that this project is due to begin August 19th. He has been in contact with all appropriate entities to ensure everything runs smoothly.
  - Mr. Dillinger and Mr. Krantz are going to further discuss DEP input and funding for this project.
- **Edgewood Tank**
  - Mr. Wagner announced that DN Tank is scheduled to do finalizations and coating next week (weather permitting). After that, Kinsley can do their final grading and the electrical contractor can install the light poles. This would complete the current contract.
    - Mr. Klinedinst expressed the urgency to complete this project, and Mr. Wagner replied that Kinsley is subcontracted through DN and it will fall to DN to ensure they schedule everything in a timely manner.
  - Mr. Krantz and Mr. Wagner discussed adding fencing at a later date and Mr. Krantz plans to get quotes from Security Fence for this work.
  - Mr. Klinedinst inquired about the new pipe that was installed to fix the issue of water not flowing properly from the tank. During the installation, the pipe was run slightly different than originally agreed upon and he wanted to know the reasoning.
    - Mr. Wagner replied that the existing conditions detailed in the drawing (of the underground in the area) were not accurately depicted. Thus, they had to pivot the pipe slightly in order for the solution to definitively work.
- **DN Tanks Payment #11**
  - This payment is for the change order to install the new pipe and fix the water flow issue.
  - Mr. Minnich motioned to pay DN Tanks \$69,825 and Mr. Horne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- **Beaver Creek Raw Water Intake - Trash Rake**
  - Mr. Krantz got a second quote that was higher than the first we received and he is waiting on a third quote. He estimates that it will be next year before this project will be completed due to cost and lead times on equipment. RLMA employees will continue to clean the intake manually until then.
- **Cabin Creek Reservoir - Bascule Gate (Hydraulic Cylinder)**



- Mr. Krantz signed the contract and the work is scheduled to begin in the near future. Paperwork and logistics are being finalized and they will pull the cylinder out, rebuild it, and the reinstall it. This is a very urgent project (the recent heavy rains were causing issues with the gate) and it will be completed ASAP.

- **Intakes at Beaver Creek and Greenbranch**

- These intakes are both in desperate need of dredging (this will also help with the Trash Rake issue at Beaver Creek). Mr. Krantz met with Brubacher to discuss the project and provided quotes for the work to the Board (~\$20,000-\$25,000 a piece).
- Mr. Krantz talked with DEP about what to do with the mud that is dredged up and they replied that if there is a place on site to safely put it that is fine, and it would also be acceptable to haul it to the rice paddies as well.
- We can use Brubacher's equipment as well as our own truck for this.
- The Board agreed that Mr. Krantz should move forward with this project.

- **Vulcan Road**

- The installation of the 6" ductile iron main was completed.
- Mr. Krantz originally provided two quotes for restoration/pavement, one that included the Red Lion Borough's desire to pave the remainder of the road and parking lot, and one that just restored the area affected.
- After discussion with Mr. Klinedinst, the Borough elected to forgo their additional paving and the quote provided to the Board this evening is for the permanent restoration of the trench area only (~\$49,000).
- Mr. Minnich motioned to approve the Brubacher quote for restoration at Vulcan Road and Mr. LaTulippe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- **Kensington Phase III**

- The Water Allocation Permit with Kensington has been amended and needs executed.
- Mr. Dillinger reminded the Board that the original agreement was for RLMA to service the whole project, but the developer later wished to break it up into North and South areas (with York taking the North and RLMA taking the South - and majority).
- He addressed all territorial and other concerns and is comfortable with the new agreement. As soon as Kensington signs, Mr. Dillinger will bring the agreement for the Board to sign.

- **Country Club Road**

- Due to the large rainfall there was a surcharge at the Country Club Road Pump Station (which is a known issue we are working to address). Mr. Krantz notified DEP and provided the Non Compliance Discharge form to the Board.
  - DEP noted that RLMA was not even close to the only system that experienced this issue.
- Mr. Krantz noted that when he arrived to investigate the issue, the secondary pump had not turned on to pick up the slack. The alternator switch had gone bad (perhaps due to the storm or otherwise) and this issue has been addressed.

- **NYE Cigar and Soldiers**

- Mr. Klinedinst expressed growing concerns about having an event like this on the main state road where the Authority is located. He believes it is in our best interest to move forward with the plan to allow Mr. Jordan Ilyes/RLABA to own/raise the cigar at the Franklin Street Social (with the road being blocked off for everyone's safety).
- He also expressed that the Red Lion Borough has agreed to take over raising and removing the soldiers in the square if the Authority will continue to store them (where they currently reside).
- Mr. LaTulippe motioned that we relinquish the cigar and soldiers and Mr. Horne seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Mr. Krantz will contact Mr. Ilyes and send a letter to the business association.

- **Beaver Creek #1 Pump**

- Mr. LaTulippe motioned to have this pump rebuilt by A.C. Schulte for \$11,400 and Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report: (Cory Dillinger)**

- **Edgewood Tank**

- MPL and Entech are working with Commonwealth Inspections to get the tank inspected properly. Everyone has been having a difficult time with this process.

- **Holtzapple**

- Mr. Dillinger approved the updated easement agreement and Mr. Craley is working out some final minor details with Mr. Holtzapple.

- **Greenbranch Land**

- The issue of site control was briefly discussed regarding what part of the property the Authority actually owns. The way the parcels divide out, RLMA owns most of the land in the area, but not the land where the intake actually sits.
  - DEP is going to want documentation on this matter.
- Easement with Safe Harbor Power exists allowing the Authority to operate on this land, but it does end in 2030. The property may have since been transferred to an individual as well. There are provisions that will propel the easement forward, but Mr. Dillinger wants to look further into the matter (noting that we do have plenty of time to figure this out).

- **Village Walk**

- This developer submitted plans back in 2022, proposing a private sewer pump station. Ms. Mason noted that there was a meeting with the developer discussing the various issues that would arise in allowing a private PS and suggest alternatives such as a gravity system, etc. and they hit an impasse.
- Mr. Krantz also noted that where they want to tie is actually York's system.
- Mr. Dillinger said the developer has since returned and stated they want to do the private system and are willing to go through the extra work. Our best course of action now is to build a safety blanket agreement to ensure that everything is up to our specs and that we have an escrow account, etc.
  - DEP will require this agreement because if the developer ever abandons the station it will be RLMA's responsibility to take care of it.



- Mr. Klinedinst inquired about adding a clause to our Rules & Regs that prevent this type of connection and Mr. Dillinger said he would research this possibility, but as of now does not believe we have a way to prevent them from building a private pump station.
- There was lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of all the options in front of us, but Mr. Dillinger noted that this just popped up and he wanted to get it on everyone's radar to think of how we wish to move forward.

\*Mr. Dillinger also noted that it is not legal to shut water off for any bankrupted company\*

### **Engineer's Report: (Rebecca Mason)**

- **Pump Station B Elimination**
  - We are still in the mandatory comment periods with the local commissions (60 days) and followed by the public (30 days) so the project will not be moving forward for awhile yet.
- **Rules & Regulations Updates - Sewer**
  - Ms. Mason received final documentation from Mr. Moore and will be distributing to Mr. Krantz and Mr. Dillinger for approval later this week.
- **Corrective Action Plan**
  - Entech is still drafting the response letter to DEP and gathering the necessary information to do so. Mr. Krantz had someone on site to test and verify pumping rates and Ms. Mason needs some more information from these tests to better assess the various pumps.
  - She is confident they will meet the official response deadline of August 21st.
- **Other Plan Reviews**
  - The capacity review for 21 W. Broadway was completed and it is confirmed there is enough for the proposed 28 luxury apartments.
  - Holtzapple and Wise Avenue submittals were complete and comments were also provided
  - The funeral home review is also complete.

### **Superintendent's Report (John Krantz)**

- Mr. Krantz submitted all necessary reports for June 2025.
- Two computers at the WTP were updated (one with a failing hard drive) with DOCEO.
- The total coliform tests of the Edgewood Tank came back negative and it is able to be put online later this month.
  - Mr. Mazur and Mr. Wagner suggested to drain the tank about 6 feet (and stir it up a little) to ensure the residuals were coming back accurately and they were.
- DEP requires public notification when the CCR is completed and available for view. Our billing company did not print this notice on the June 2025 bill as directed. Mr. Krantz notified DEP and they stated to go forward with public notification as quickly as possible.
  - There was a publication in the YDR announcing the availability of the report and it will appear on the July 2025 bill as well.
- There was operator error regarding Edgewood Tank where levels were allowed to get too high and the overflow started to blow off. Mr. Krantz discussed this issue with Mr. Mazur to clarify the working levels of the tank and to notify the operators that the levels must be controlled from Edgewood, not Fairmont.

- Beaver Creek #2 Pump failed on July 4th and Mr. Krantz along with Heim Electric were on site to fix the issue.
  - A breaker blew on the motor and actual caused some lines to melt together. Heim got it up and running that day and will be back on site to run new wiring among other things and prevent the issue in the future.
- Mr. Krantz discussed the need to start submitting the Partnership for Safe Drinking Water Reports to the State and AWWA (which includes turbidity information). This is something that had fallen through the cracks with all of the sudden staffing changes that will now be corrected and completed going forward.
- Triangle is beginning the camera conversion at the WTP and then moving to the other buildings as well to update everything accordingly and ensure safety measures.
- The Sensaphone (data logger) that monitors the level of water that goes over Beaver Creek Dam every month (that needs to be reported) was damaged by lightning and needed replaced. Heim was able to assist with this among all the other projects they have completed for us recently.
  - There was previous discussion of adding a check valve at this location that Mr. Krantz noted will need further review due to costs and spacing limitations.

#### **Other Matters:**

-Mr. Klinedinst remarked upon the decline of care in the town of Red Lion (citing garbage, weeds, etc.) and the general lack of care for the area as a whole. It is something he has discussed with Borough Council and wishes for he and his fellow council members to be able to improve going forward.

-There was some discussion about interest rates varying amongst different banks compared to the CDs we have already purchased. There may be enough funds to purchase another CD at a higher rate or there options to invest this money elsewhere. Mr. Krantz will research what to do with the funds and present it to Mr. Klinedinst and the Board.

#### **Statement and Bill Approval:**

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

#### **Executive Session:**

- The Board decided Executive Session was not needed.

#### **Adjournment:**

- Mr. LaTulippe motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Horne seconded.
  - Mr. Klinedinst adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta*