

RLMA/DYWA Joint Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 23rd, 2025

RLMA Members Present

Dennis Klinedinst
Gary LaTulippe
Chris Minnich
Nevin Horne
John Krantz
Rebecca Mason (Entech)

DYWA Members Present

Steve Oscar
Joe Joines
Susan Sprague
Pat Callahan
Tim Ward
Staci Hartz (HRG)

Meeting Agenda/Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- The pledge was recited and roll call was taken.

RLMA Business:

• **Source Water Protection Plan**

- Mr. Krantz noted that RLMA's SWP efforts and meetings have fallen to the back burner recently due to a number of pressing projects that needed completed first. The hope is to get back on track soon, including an updated version of Watershed Weekend. It will be advertised more like a Fall Festival with snacks and geared as a family event. Mr. LaTulippe is working on connecting with local schools to advertise, as well as to potentially bring in high school students interested in forming a committee with the Water Authorities for SWP/environmental protection.
- Mr. Krantz mentioned that he found a contact recently and some members of DYWA believe they can reach out to science teachers at Dallastown High School.
- Mr. Krantz will provide a date for Watershed Weekend in the near future and Mr. Klinedinst encouraged DYWA to reach out with any ideas or suggestions.

• **Edgewood Tank**

- RLMA's new tank went online 7/1/25 with almost everything running smoothly. There was a slight issue with one of the old pipes that has since been corrected.
- At the end of the month the tank will be painted, the remaining site work will be completed, and it will be fenced in with other security measures added.
- Mr. Krantz inquired about the future of DYWA's Lion Tank. They are in the process of analyzing studies and data to determine next steps because the hydraulic rate is too low.
 - They will be evaluating if the tank is needed, and if so whether to fix or replace.

• **Greenbranch Generator Project**

- RLMA is in the process of replacing this generator (which was over 60 years old) with a newer model that will be more efficient and dependable. The project is expected to start on August 19th of this year, followed by added security measures such as fencing and lighting (to discourage vandalism).
- The storage tanks will receive some upgrades as well.

- **Vulcan Road Water Main**

- This water main (that connects to the Red Lion Borough Garage) was recently replaced as the ductile iron had been cast, causing sediment to build up and resulting in water quality issues. RLMA also added a blow off to the end of the line to ensure the problem has been completely resolved.

- **Beaver Creek Raw Water Intake - Trash Rake**

- RLMA's trash rake recently went out of commission and needs replaced (~\$250,000 project). Their contractor will need to be hired to remove the existing rake and place the new stainless steel one, and then a mechanical contractor will be hired to come bolt/secure the new rake and get it functional. They will also potentially install baffling to prevent such large debris buildup.
- This intake is currently being manually cleaned which is a significant undertaking.
- RLMA is in the process of getting quotes and budgeting funds.

- **Fluoride**

- RLMA is currently investigating the option of eliminating fluoride in the water - a very controversial topic. Mr. Krantz asked DYWA members in attendance for their opinions.
- The consensus was they did not have strong opinions either way, stating that there are known benefits to putting it in the water while also understanding it is a cost to RLMA.
- Upon further discussion, the investigation began due to public outcry against fluoride, including RLMA receiving messages from Rep. Wendy Fink to discontinue the practice. Ultimately, it is up to what the people desire and how the Board decides.
- DYWA is going to bring the matter up at their next meeting and return any relevant feedback to Mr. Krantz.
- RLMA will be posing the question to the customers/public in some form (website poll, Facebook, billing, etc.) in the coming weeks.
- The normal public notification protocols must be followed before any actual changes will be made official.

DYWA Business:

- **SCADA Upgrades**

- DYWA has enlisted Keystone to upgrade the SCADA and other data functions on all of their sites and they should be up and functioning in the near future.
- This will eliminate the need to do manual readings.
- RLMA is still in the process of replacing all of their meters to ones read digitally as well, urging their customers to schedule replacement before the December 2025 deadline.

Other Questions:

- **Lead Service Line Identification**

- DYWA inquired where RLMA is in this process and Mr. Krantz replied that it is still ongoing. With every meter replacement, new build, and further work, more lines are being identified, however many remain unknown still.
- DYWA purchased a "Swordfish" probe (~\$70,000) to aid in line identification for their customers and have had considerable success. Mr. Krantz noted that RLMA would be interested in renting this equipment at some point if DYWA is willing to lend it.

- As far as cost bearing goes for replacing lines, a lot of information is still up in the air. The customer is allowed to make their own decision on whether to replace their lead lines, but once the property goes up for sale all lead lines will need replaced.

➤ **National Incident Management System (NIMS)**

- Mr. Klinedinst informed all in attendance that he received notice as a Red Lion Borough Council Member that going forward the federal government will require NIMS certification from small governments in order for them to receive emergency funding of any kind. He noted that only himself and one other borough member currently qualify and suggested that others follow suit in order to ensure funding when it is needed most.
- The class is easy to attend and only takes a few hours.

➤ **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, July 8th 2026 at 6:30pm at Dallastown-Yoe Water Authority.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Klinedinst adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta