

Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 28th, 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. LaTulippe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Mr. Henshaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the RLMA Meeting on April 23rd, 2025, and Mr. LaTulippe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

-We are no longer in a drought and we are moving ahead in precipitation.

Connections Report: There was (1) new connection at 1110 Dietz Rd, Windsor Twp.

-Entech is working on capacity for the Zarfoss building.

-Mr. Krantz is in contact with multiple people about a different property that recently caught fire.

Overtime Report: The report was distributed to the Board.

Visitors: (none)

Water & Sewer- New Business:

- **York Water Company**
 - They submitted a PUC application on 4/16/25 and are still reviewing the counter-proposal that we sent to them via Mr. Dillinger. We have not heard back either way.
- **Filter Plant Performance Evaluation**
 - Entech submitted the response letter to PA DEP after this evaluation. Mr. Krantz provided the response from DEP to the Board and Ms. Mason is working with Entech on some details requested.
- **Paddock at Equine Meadows**
 - The surety information that RLMA is requesting (15%) was provided to the HOA and they responded that they did not want to post surety based on the revenue RLMA has already received from the lines.
 - This is one of our unique situations where almost all the work was done to officially dedicate the lines to RLMA, except this part. The difference is that the 15% requested is typically on the cost of new lines, which these are not.
 - Mr. Klinedinst and Mr. Horne raised some concerns about eating costs and creating a slippery slope for other properties to request similar leeway if we do not ask for funds up front.

- Mr. Dillinger gave one suggestion of trying to find a compromise on the amount of money requested, noting that RLMA has provided maintenance for free in the past, but we did charge for their most recent repairs (per Mr. Krantz).
- Mr. LaTulippe suggested another option of not requesting funds up front, but then billing the HOA for any necessary repairs found during pre-dedication inspection (for valve replacements, etc.)
- There was also some discussion about the ownership dispute between the Paddock and PASCH still ongoing, but Mr. Dillinger feels confident that will be worked out between them.
- The Board ultimately agreed that Mr. Dillinger can present our counter proposal offering an agreement that any necessary repairs will be paid for by the HOA without the need to post funding up front.
- **Aldi**
 - The Deed of Dedication is complete, and a copy was provided.
- **Greenbranch Generator Project**
 - There was an adjustment made to the cost of the project as Martin Energy originally quoted it over three years ago. Prices went up and the prevailing wage was also required to be paid. PENNVest approved the adjusted price provided by Martin today.
 - Mr. Krantz is going to schedule a pre-construction meeting with Mr. Brian Martin in the coming weeks. He was on site getting a visual of the area recently and he expects things to start moving quickly.
 - Once the generator is installed - the door, security lights, and fencing can all be taken care of easily. He expects to be entirely complete by this summer.
- **Edgewood Tank**
 - Entech sent a letter to PA DEP/PENNVest requesting permission to replace the rest of the water main coming from the new tank (connecting to Woodridge Drive) as they believe an obstruction here is causing our issues with the tank not draining into our distribution system. This replacement should fix all our concerns.
 - The work would be financed with additional PENNVest money (at our super low rate).
 - The Board had some discussion about the root cause of the issues with the tank, but Mr. Krantz noted that at the end of the day getting this line replaced is a positive thing that would need to happen eventually.
 - Mr. Klinedinst also suggested that we use a camera to televise the lines while we have everything open with Kinsley to check on anything else that may be causing a problem at the same time.
 - If this does not solve the problem, of course further investigation and troubleshooting would ensue.
 - Mr. Dillinger is going to check in with Mr. Hoffnagle's agreement just in case.
- **Beaver Creek Raw Water Intake - Trash Rake**
 - This was originally installed in 1996 (29 years ago) and the project is potentially going to cost up to \$250,000. Mr. Krantz provided quotes to the Board.
 - Mr. Dillinger confirmed that we will have to go through the formal bidding process.
 - He is going to double check if equipment and installation can be bid separately or if they must be bid together.

- Ms. Mason believes that with a CoStars purchase, the equipment could be provided to the bidder for installation.
 - Mr. Dillinger urged erring on the side of caution when it comes to bidding as potential litigation can result for Authority members if we don't follow the protocol.
- Mr. Klinedinst had some concerns budget wise and Mr. Krantz confirmed that decisions will have to be made about the various upcoming projects and their urgency.
- **Cabin Creek Reservoir - Bascule Gate (Hydraulic Cylinder)**
 - Mr. Krantz provided the Board with a few quotes to repair and install this cylinder (~\$41,000 to \$45,000).
 - There was also a quote for repair only (~\$5,000), but we would need to secure removal to have it repaired.
 - This project is becoming more of an emergency as this gate cannot fail (especially with increased precipitation). He will be looking at all options and quotes received via Mr. Chad Arnold.
 - The cost to purchase a new cylinder and have this one repaired (so we would have a spare) proved to be far out of any achievable price range.
- **Borough Garage Water Quality Issue**
 - Brubacher Excavating will be installing a new 6" ductile iron water main extension on Vulcan Road to correct the poor water quality (~\$53,000).
 - The Borough did not wish to participate in any further improvements suggested to be made at the same time.
 - We elected to wait until the completion of Suds & Songs for everyone's safety.

Solicitor's Report: (Cory Dillinger)

- **Denali Water**
 - Mr. Dillinger and RLMA have not heard back since sending over a contract for review.
 - **Right-to-Know Requests**
 - Mr. Krantz and Mr. Dillinger have been working through these requests together to gain the necessary information and have everything covered.
 - **Rules & Regulations**
 - Another meeting is scheduled with Entech to continue finalizing changes and updates.
- *There was some discussion about a Wawa Gas Station being built in the near future to look out for*

Engineer's Report: (Rebecca Mason)

- **Pump Station B Elimination**
 - Ms. Mason stated that she is waiting on response for this project regarding the letters of support sent to York and Windsor (via Mr. Krantz).
- **Chapter 94 (DEP comments via Springettsbury)**
 - Entech has been in communication regarding this issue (Country Club Hill PS being overloaded). RLMA is aware of the issue, and it is one of their ongoing noted projects.
 - DEP has requested a corrective action and/or management plan in the meantime.
 - A response and plan need to be drafted and then sent to DEP by mid-August (including a detailed timeline for repairs along with specifics on lining, replacement, etc.).

- This could go on for many years (being under a corrective action plan) until DEP has determined that we have fixed the issue.
 - There was some inquiry about new development in the area during this time and Ms. Mason stated that there are ways to add EDUs if an I&I/metering study can prove that enough gallons have been reduced to allow new EDUs to be added.
 - Based on her experience, it will be a balancing act with a lot of work ahead.
- Ms. Mason suggested that she and Mr. Krantz sit down to determine which areas are the biggest concerns to get an idea of where to begin to fix the issue as quickly as possible.
- This issue is solely between RLMA and DEP - Springettsbury was merely the notifier.

● **2024 Consumer Confidence Report**

- Entech completed all necessary information and Mr. Krantz filed DEP. They received and approved of it with no issues, and it was distributed to the Board this evening.
- A direct link will be provided on the RLMA website as well as included in the upcoming water bill for all customers to be able to access the report.

A few other capacity/plan reviews have been sent out as requested and Entech is awaiting a response

Superintendent's Report (John Krantz)

- Mr. Krantz submitted all necessary reports for April 2025.
 - While submitting the DWELR report, one of the four did not go through properly and will have to be noted on next year's CCR. This was determined to be because technological issues/old software on their end, and Mr. Krantz was in contact discussing what occurred.
- The second floor was advertised for lease under Rock Real Estate. We are hopeful of finding a nonprofit looking to rent the space within the next few months (for the simplicity of it).
 - If this does not find us a tenant in a timely manner, we will have to go through the tax office to determine how to appropriately rent the space to anyone else.
- There was a leaking valve at 519 El Dorado Drive discovered after a meter installation. Dickason Plumbing was able to come out and take care of the issue quickly.
 - They were also on site to replace the fan in the RLMA air conditioning unit.
- Mr. Krantz contacted attorney Mr. Pat Zaepfel about reviewing our Water Allocation Permit and some violations were noted. DEP is not currently pushing these issues, but we should remain aware of them and be prepared to answer any of their questions in the future.
- Our security cameras at the main office and WTP need updated as the current software is antiquated and no longer functioning (being more than 10 years old).
 - Triangle came in to assess and said both sites need new servers, licenses, backup drives and cameras to update the entire system. It would be ~\$21,000 to complete both locations.
 - Mr. Minnich recommend ensuring any cables/wiring that are exposed be protected against potential damage from people, animals, the elements etc. as he has seen this become an issue in the past and Mr. Krantz agreed.
- Mr. Krantz has been trying to contact Mr. Brad Sprenkle regarding the retrieval of some expensive equipment he owns. The Board wants to notify him of a deadline to pick these things up, as they are worried about being held liable in case anything gets damaged while still in our possession.

- Mr. Krantz was able to finally complete the course on underground storage tanks and the ABC training that goes with it. His certification has been received and sent to DEP.
 - He plans to train Mr. Arnold in the near future as well as other shop employees after that.
- Industrial appraisal (completed every 3 years per our auditors) began their assessment earlier this month and will keep us informed throughout the process.
- Kampstra (and Mr. Garrett Rohrbaugh) was able to meet with Mr. Krantz, Mr. Klinedinst, and Mr. LaTulippe regarding a new 457 B plan.
 - This issue is close to being wrapped up with our previous provider, which will allow us to move forward with a new company.
- Tracking mechanisms are going to be installed in RLMA company vehicles for the safety and security of our employees. Things like theft, accidents, damage, accusations etc. are our main concerns and the cost is cheap through Verizon monthly.
- Mr. Krantz discussed the matter at Indian Springs Drive with Rexroth's engineer and the residents regarding extending a water main up that way. When they return with their decision/price the Board can decide how they want to handle the project/cost.
- The Prospect Street PS wasn't pumping but upon investigation there was a clog that was able to be taken care of, and it is back up and running.
 - Mr. Krantz believes that these valves getting clogged could be a lot of our problem with some of the older Pump Stations. He has extra in stock to be able to quickly replace them while cleaning out any clogs.
- Merlin will be out to Greenbranch to assess the solar cameras, not charging and adjust positioning if necessary.
- Envirep installed a new rotating assembly on the raw pumps at the WTP because the old were stripped and we could not get it to move. They are going to try to remove the old as well for us to have as a spare.

Further Concerns:

• Regarding a billboard style sign out front

- Mr. Klinedinst stated that after research it is way more difficult than it is worth to install a message sign in the front of the building - due to square footage limitations as well as restrictions on electronic signage. The rules in question are allegedly being discussed for an update, but we are researching our options in the meantime.

Statement and Bill Approval:

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

Executive Session:

- The Board went into executive session at 8:35 pm to discuss employee and legal matters.

Adjournment:

- The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:55.
- Mr. LaTulippe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:59.

Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta