

**RLMA-DYWA Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday July 26th, 2023**  
**11 E. Broadway, Red Lion**

**RLMA Members Present:**

Dennis Klinedinst-Chairman  
Gary LaTulippe- Vice Chairman  
David Reichard – Treasurer  
Chris Minnich- Asst. Sec/Treasurer  
John Krantz-Superintendent  
Kyrsten Scutta- Recorder

**DYWA Members Present:**

Patricia Myers-Chair  
Pat Callahan- Sec/Treasurer  
Susan Sprague  
Dana Shearer  
Connie Stokes-Manager  
Justin Mendisky-Engineer  
David Garabedian-Zoning Officer

**Visitors:** None

**Meeting Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the pledge was recited. After a roll call introduction, Mr. Minnich made a motion to approve the night's agenda and Mr. LaTulippe seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**New Business:**

- **Dallastown Meter Pit**
  - DYWA stated the meter pit at Hardee's needs to be updated as currently someone must go out daily to manually get readings. DYWA submitted for a grant last December and is waiting to hear back. They have their permitting and the project design is 90% complete. Mr. Mendisky coordinated with RLMA's engineer, Mr. Jason Reichard, and the upgrade will work with RLMA's current system.
- **Solar Renewable Energy**
  - Mr. Krantz informed DYWA that RLMA is planning a project at the treatment plant to install solar panels. The site being looked at would house enough panels to produce double the electrical power the plant needs. Some contouring and other work on the grounds will need to be completed first.
- **PENNVest Loan**
  - RLMA has plans submitted to replace the Edgewood Water Tank. They have their permitting and the design is complete, but like everyone else have been waiting to hear back from grant applications. As this project is imperative (they hope to have it completed in 2024), they are going to apply for a loan from PENNVest. If the grants are later awarded, PENNVest will take that amount off the loan.
  - RLMA is also submitting for money to replace a 38-year-old generator at Greenbranch, and to remove an underground storage tank along the river.
  - A future project that cannot be added to this PENNVest application (because permits have yet to be received) involves upgrading the raw water transition line as a good portion of it is still transite. RLMA wants to replace it with ductile iron so it's not as brittle and thus will be less volatile.
  - DYWA noted that PENNVest interest rates are supposed to remain the same for the next 4 years and RLMA agreed they heard the same which bodes well for future projects.

- **Bulk Water Permit**
  - During RLMA’s recent inspection, DEP noted that they do not have a permit to sell bulk water to walk-in customers. The permit is \$1,000.00 annually and they want to know DYWA’s opinion on discontinuing this service.
  - It takes a considerable amount of time to hook up and distribute the water to only a handful of customers yearly, and thus does not seem worth the cost of the permit.
  - Mr. Mendisky noted the only time he would see this being an issue would be during an emergency (like a drought).
  - After some discussion with DYWA, RLMA decided they will not be pursuing this permit.
- **Watershed Weekend**
  - Source Water Protection Week includes both Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. RLMA asked DYWA which weekend would work best for them to participate in their Watershed Weekend event.
  - After some discussion, it is decided Watershed Weekend will be **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**
  - Mr. Krantz is going to send DYWA a write-up for their newsletter, which will also be sent to the Red Lion Area School District and the Dallastown Area School District.
  - Mr. LaTulippe announced that he will be taking over as Chairman of the Source Water Protection Committee. Mr. Missimer will be stepping down but will remain a member.
- **Kamstrup Meters**
  - RLMA is halfway through the process of replacing all their meters with Kamstrup meters. During this process, Kamstrup did a free promulgation study and determined that with a few antennas RLMA could read 99% of their meters remotely, in real time, using AMI technology.
  - Mr. Krantz asks DYWA if their current meter replacement project (with MasterMeters) is compatible with AMI technology, and it is. Both Authorities agree to open future discussion of a joint project to install these antennas (if it is strategically possible).
  - This will not only be more efficient for employees of both Authorities, but the technology could also link with new utility billing systems and catch leaks far more quickly.
- **Next Year’s Meeting**
  - **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Dallastown-Yoe Water Authority offices at 6:30pm.**

**Adjournment:**

- Mr. Minnich made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. D. Reichard seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:53pm

Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta