

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • July 20, 2022 • 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
Eric Coombs
Mark McCouch (not present)
Joseph Wade

HLRA Staff

Michael J. McGee
Tom Ames (not present)
Larry Burns (not present)
Michael Shinton
Mary Eberle, Esquire
William Gildea-Walker (not present)

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building at 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham PA 19044 and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Dan Kennedy of 318B Laurel Avenue inquired as to whether any soil samples had been collected on the navy base property. Mr. McGee provided a brief overview of the groundwater monitoring and sampling efforts as well as the status of the groundwater extraction wells on the property. Mr. McGee noted that the Navy recently completed sample collection for soil on the base property. Over 1,000 soil samples have been collected and last week they were submitted to EPA and PA DEP for their review and comment. Mr. Kennedy inquired as to a timeframe for review of the samples and Mr. McGee noted that there is no time requirement for EPA and PA DEP response.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on April 20, 2022. It was moved by Ms. Furia, second by Mr. Coombs, to approve the minutes for the April 20, 2022 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. McGee provided Board members with an update on the Navy's environmental efforts at the former base. The work associated with the landfill caps at Sites 3 and 12 continues and is weather dependent as they complete the clay layers of the cap. The work should be completed by the end

of the summer. He hoped that there would be an opportunity to have the Board members visit the sites after the cap was installed.

Mr. McGee advised the Board that HLRA operational funds are provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). Mr. McGee noted that the financial update had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting. He noted that there was a slight change to the update as the last grant was closed on June 30, 2022 and the new grant has been approved. The new grant, covering the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 was signed today. The new grant is for \$382,201 and is valid for 12 months. The grant continues to require a 10% local match which is comprised of the time of the Township Manager and Director of Finance for HLRA business.

Mr. Whiteside asked Ms. Eberle for the Solicitor's Report. Ms. Eberle stated that she had been busy the last few months as negotiations with the Navy have continued with multiple meetings. She has also participated in executive sessions with the board including the executive session on June 30, 2022 to discuss real estate. She is also supporting the Board in general matters.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. Coombs, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$87,493.93 covering the period April 21, 2022 to July 20, 2022. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there was any new business. There was none.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the HLRA Board would be meeting in Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss real estate issues.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on October 19, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

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William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary