

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • May 15, 2024 • 2:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joseph Wade

By phone:

Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
Mark McCouch

Not Present:

Eric Coombs

HLRA Staff

Michael Shinton
Tom Ames
Mary Eberle, Esquire

Not Present:

William Gildea-Walker

Chairman Whiteside called the Special Meeting to order at 2:30 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. There were none.

Mr. Whiteside stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a resolution authorizing the HLRA staff to submit a Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority (MIRiA) application. Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. Shinton to provide the background.

Mr. Shinton noted the Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority (MIRiA) is authorized to provide grants to local municipalities and authorities for projects related to the contamination originating from the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove base and also for projects related to the redevelopment of the base. MIRiA grants require a 'local match' which is multiplied by MIRiA to provide funding for authorized projects.

Continuing negotiations with the Navy involve a potential agreement for future easements for the roadways across the base shown on the Redevelopment Plan. As we are aware,

construction of roadways involves extensive planning and design work. Our current grant from the DOD Office of Local Defense Communities Cooperation (OLDCC) includes funding for the initial transportation planning which is underway. The initial planning includes obtaining a topographical survey of the former base and conceptual layout of the Norristown Road extension. Much more planning work is needed before any actual construction is started.

Recent discussions with OLDCC indicate that their funding can be used as the 'local match' in the MIRIA funding process.

Mr. Whiteside asked if the Board wanted to consider a resolution.

Mr. Wade moved to adopt MIRIA Grant Program Application Resolution #2024-03 as proposed authorizing application to the Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority for the purpose of funding a topographical survey of the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove property, the conceptual design and preliminary cost estimates for roadway extensions, and a study of Maple Avenue from Easton Road to County Line.

The motion was seconded by Mr. McCouch.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Furia: Aye

Mr. Wade: Aye

Mr. McCouch: Aye

Mr. Whiteside: Aye

The vote was 4-0 in favor, the MIRIA Grant Program Application Resolution #2024-03 passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on July 17, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Gildea-Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary