

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • April 19, 2023 • 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
Joseph Wade

HLRA Staff

Larry Burns
Michael Shinton
Mary Eberle, Esquire (via phone)
William Gildea-Walker

Not Present:

Eric Coombs
Mark McCouch
Tom Ames

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on January 18, 2023. It was moved by Mr. Wade, second by Ms. Fuiria, to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2023 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Shinton noted that Mr. Ames was unable to be present at the meeting today. Mr. Shinton noted that the financial update had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting. The current OLDCC grant runs through the end of June and our previous grant, which ended on July 30, 2022 has been administratively closed out by OLDCC. Mr. Shinton indicated that we would be applying for a new grant from OLDCC soon and that Patrick O'Brien, the director of OLDCC, has indicated to us that we would continue to receive funding as we work through our environmental issues with the Navy.

Mr. Shinton provided a brief presentation highlighting several environmental remediation projects underway at the base. The Navy has completed all the physical work at the Site 3 & Site 12

landfills. Land use control documents are forthcoming for both sites. Work is underway at Quarters A, the base CO's house and barn, for lead-based paint remediation. In anticipation of the future transfer of that portion of the property, the Navy is removing soil around both structures due to lead-based paint contamination from paint flaking off of the exterior surfaces. The Navy is also taking steps to demolish Quarters E, along Easton Road, which was damaged when a truck crashed through the perimeter fence earlier this year.

Mr. Shinton reviewed the recommendations of the draft final EE/CA for the permanent groundwater extraction and treatment system which was published on February 16, 2023. The system is being designed to extract and treat raw groundwater at a rate of 500 gallons per minute from two extraction fields near IR Site 5 and Building 680. The selected alternative calls for the construction of a treatment system using GAC and Single-Use Resin. Two buildings would be constructed, a 16,000 square foot treatment building near Building 680 and a 265 square foot manifold building near Site 5. The system would discharge via a new pipe from the treatment building, along the common boundary with the BANGB, and discharge into Park Creek. The current schedule calls for construction to begin in August of 2024 with approximately 2 years of construction. The current estimated construction cost is \$11 million with an annual O&M cost of \$1.3 million.

Mr. Shinton noted that Mr. Gildea-Walker had been appointed as the community co-chair of the Restoration Advisory Board. The Navy had also requested applications for additional members of the RAB board and both Mr. Shinton and Mr. Ames applied for RAB membership.

Mr. Shinton reported that the Air National Guard, EPA and PADEP have taken steps to add the Air National Guard and the BANGB to the Willow Grove Federal Facilities Agreement. Prior to this action, the EPA had to issue administrative orders to the ANG & BANGB to get action on certain issues.

Mr. Whiteside asked Ms. Eberle for the Solicitor's Report. Ms. Eberle stated that she had been active at the staff level and with the HLRA's BRAC Special Counsel involved with ongoing negotiations discussions with the Navy.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Ms. Furia, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$71,809.54 covering

the period from January 19, 2023 to April 19, 2023. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board on the engagement of Sanborn Head and Associates, Inc. for professional services. Mr. Wade moved, seconded by Ms. Furia, to approve the engagement of Sanborn Head and Associates, Inc. for professional services related to technical assistance and strategic consulting as detailed in their revised March 10, 2023 proposal, for a fee not to exceed \$20,000.00. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on July 19, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary