

**HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY • March 18, 2015• 3:30PM**

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair  
Joanna M. Furia, Vice Chair  
William Donnelly  
Dr. Curtis Griffin  
Mark McCouch

HLRA Staff

Michael J. McGee  
Tom Ames  
William Walker  
Mary Eberle, Esquire

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 started the meeting by asking 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 21, 2015. It was moved by Mr. Donnelly, second by Ms. Furia to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2015 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. McGee for the Executive Director's Report. Mr. McGee noted that the HLRA has received the Final EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). He added the release of the Final EIS is a major hurdle the Navy has cleared in the process of transferring the NAS-JRB property. Mr. McGee also informed the board that the EIS notice of availability will be placed in the Federal Register on March 20, 2015 giving the public 30 days to view before the Navy can issue the Record of Decision on the EIS. Mr. Whiteside asked about how long it will take to receive a FOST now that the EIS process was nearing completion. Mr. McGee confirmed that there has been contact made with the Navy and the initial FOST might be available by Summer 2016. He also noted that NAS-JRB Willow Grove is likely the first of the BRAC bases (not yet transferred) having to address the PFC groundwater contamination. Mr. Whiteside commented that he thinks the involvement from State Rep. Todd Stephens, R-151, Congressmen Brendan Boyle, D-13, and Patrick Meehan, R-7, had an impact in moving the Navy forward with the EIS.

Mr. McGee briefed the board on the recent meeting with Catellus concerning the proposed Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA). With help from Attorney George Schlossberg & Attorney Mary Eberle; Mr. McGee is hopeful that the final draft of the ENA would be prepared and the final ENA may be available for Board consideration by the next HLRA meeting date, or

if necessary, a special board meeting could be scheduled. Once the ENA is completed, the EDC application will be refined and negotiations with the Navy can be scheduled.

Mr. McGee advised the board that the current OEA Grant expires the end of April 2015 and that the staff has been working on the draft application for another twelve month OEA Grant. He clarified that the Federal Government has funded ninety percent of the HLRA operational costs with the much of remaining ten percent consisting of in kind services by the Horsham Township Manager (Mr. Walker) and Financial Director (Mr. Sabol).

Mr. Whiteside asked for the Solicitor's Report. Ms. Eberle indicated to the board there were only two to three issues that she found with the proposed ENA and that she felt confident that the HLRA and Catellus could come to an agreement on the ENA quickly.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$56,742.43. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked for any new business. Mr. McGee requested the Board to consider recommending to the Navy removal of the height restriction easement on the former Horsham Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center property. Mr. McGee explained this easement was in place for the former Navy runway and that it was no longer needed. He also commented that this height restriction was limiting the new construction of Hallowell Elementary School. Mr. Donnelly made a motion recommending that the HLRA staff be directed to recommend to the Navy removal of the height restriction easement; Mr. McCouch provided a second. Mr. Whiteside asked if anyone had spoken with the Navy about this issue and if they were compliant with this request. Mr. Griffin stated that he had spoken with a number of different people with the Navy and that they are very comfortable with the removal of the height restriction easement. Before Mr. Whiteside called for a vote, Mr. Griffin asked Ms. Eberle if he needed to abstain from the vote due to his position as Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Eberle indicated that he did not need to abstain from voting on this matter. At the conclusion of the Board's comments, Mr. Whiteside called for a vote. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there was any additional business or comments, there were none.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on April 15, 2015 at 3:30 pm in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.



William T. Walker  
HLRA Secretary