

HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY • April 15, 2026 • 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joanna M. Furia Esq., Vice Chair
Eric Coombs
Elizabeth Thomson (via Zoom)

HLRA Staff

Michael Shinton
Tom Ames
Larry Burns
David Keightly, Esquire
William Gildea-Walker

Not present:

Joseph Wade

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 21, 2026. It was moved by Ms. Furia, second by Mr. Coombs, to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2026 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Shinton briefed the Board as follows:

- A financial update was sent out at the end of last week. We have submitted the reports to close out our final grant with OLDCC.
- The 2025 Audit is underway and Maillie should be wrapping up their report soon.
- We continue to meet monthly with the Navy to negotiate a potential transfer of property and to receive updates on environmental remediation projects underway on the property.

- HLRA staff assisted the township with a USDOT BUILD grant application to fund the construction of the Norristown Road extension. We hope to hear good news on the application later this year.
- Additionally we continue to coordinate with Congressman Fitzpatrick's office on CDS funding through his office, also for construction of the Norristown Road extension.
- We received some feedback from the Navy on the Maple Hill Apartments encroachment. Their engineer is preparing a final set of plans to resolve their encroachment onto Navy property.
- We continue to meet monthly with the Navy and regulatory agencies to work through the Covenant Deferral Request to develop the approval framework for the FOSET document to allow the transfer of the first 118 acres. We are still estimating approximately 18-24 months until transfer.
- One of the necessary components for the FOSET document is a Materials Management Plan, which details how intrusive work on the site will be conducted and how soil and water will be managed during construction. Compliance Plus Services, which is an environmental engineering firm located here in Horsham, has provided a proposal for the creation of the Materials Management Plan, which is on the agenda for consideration later in the meeting.

At this point, Mr. Whiteside asked for explanation of the Plan. Mr. Shinton stated that these plans are routine in the redevelopment of brownfields projects and will assist everyone in establishing the procedures necessary for the actual field work.

Mr. Shinton continued with the Executive Director's report:

- The HLRA Staff is proposing that a social media policy be adopted by the Board. As the redevelopment of the base gets closer, we need to communicate with the interested parties effectively and establishment of a policy is appropriate.

- In later March, SERDP & ESTCP hosted a webinar on the analysis and treatment PFAS in concrete and asphalt. Several samples from the base were utilized in the study. The results are encouraging, which showed that a majority of the PFAS compounds were captured in the top 1-2 inches of concrete and asphalt, and that the PFAS could be removed from the materials through a heat-treating process. This certainly bodes well for the reuse of the existing concrete and asphalt surfaces on the property.
- The Navy is planning a groundbreaking ceremony for the groundwater extraction and treatment system at some point in the near future.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. Coombs, seconded by Ms. Furia, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$130,385.11 covering the period January 22, 2026 to April 15, 2026. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Under new business, Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. Shinton to summarize the social media policy prior to the Board action. Mr. Shinton stated that it was wise to establish a policy at this time to guide both the Board and staff prior to the redevelopment. The recommended policy limits the platform(s) on which the social media posts will be made (Linked In) which is an established platform frequently by business professionals. Mr. Coombs moved to adopt HLRA Policy #9 for Social Media. The motion was seconded by Ms. Furia. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Also under New Business, Mr. Whiteside asked Mr Shinton if there was additional comments on the proposal for a Materials Management Plan. Mr. Shinton noted that the proposal included two phases, the first relating to preparation of the Plan; the second involved support during the actual construction work. The Board is only considering the development of the Materials Management Plan. With no further discussion, Ms. Furia moved to approve engaging Compliance Plus Services, Inc. for professional services to include the preparation of a Materials Management Plan as identified in their April 7, 2026 proposal with the fee for services not to exceed \$28, 200. Mr. Coombs seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Ms. Thomson commented on how the HRLA staff responded to a previous request to provide a copy of the early transfer notification letter to Governor Shapiro. Ms. Thomson also requested to see copies of all future letters with her name on them prior to transmission.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on July 15, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.



William Gildea-Walker
HLRA Secretary