

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority ("MIRIA")
Board Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2025**

In attendance:

BOARD:

Todd Stephens, Chair
W. William Whiteside, Vice Chair
Thomas Panzer, Secretary (absent)
Tara Conner-Hallston
Scott DeRosa
Gregory Nesbitt
Anthony Spangler (absent)

STAFF:

Larry Burns, Executive Director
William Gildea-Walker, Deputy Director
Kelly Eberle, Esq., Solicitor

Mr. Stephens opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:03 am in the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road.

Mr. Stephens asked if there were any question or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the May 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the minutes to the May 2nd board meeting. Mr. Whiteside seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens confirmed the next agenda item was for the Executive Directors report and invited Mr. Burns remarks. Mr. Burns reminded the board there is no July meeting. He noted that in the list of checks are a couple items that are not customary. Check 1730 is for the Postal Service and represents mailing costs for the annual report which is currently in design. There is a check on for annual mowing costs of the four MIRIA properties either by Public Works or a 3rd party. There is also a check for advertising of the Concise Financial Statement. Last month a check was written to the township, Number 1714, for a 2022 grant disbursement. That check was for two different things and the township was resistant to comingling funds and requested that we void the original check and replace with two others, being checks 1731 and 1732. Mr. Burns confirmed in the board package was an email from him to grant applicants that discusses the over-subscription of the MIRP program in cycle 2025. He reminded the board that last year with the 2024 cycle, that water providers were very busy with projects from prior cycles and when queried on their intention regarding 2024 grants, North Wales Water Authority chose not to participate and water providers were only expected to provide local effort of about \$800,000 combined, which would only afford program funding from Harrisburg of about \$4 million, substantial less than average

annual award amounts. Last year we encouraged Horsham Township to make up some of the difference, and the township posted \$2.5 million in local effort and ultimately was awarded more than \$11 million in the 2024 cycle. That effort was an attempt to right-size the program as we were awarded about \$16.7 million. This year, the 2025 cycle is just the opposite. Northampton Bucks County has come into the program and we had several grant applicants intending to post large local effort amounts seeking substantial grant amounts. In his query of potential grantees, it was apparent that there could be as much as \$31 million in grant application, when our average award over the last five years has only been about \$17 million. After discussions with leadership, it was agreed to limit grant applications to \$3.5 million and local effort to \$700,000. With each application. As a result, you'll see the certification to the PA Department of Revenue which shows total local effort of \$3.989 million on total grant applications of about \$19.7 million. In that group, Upper Southampton Municipal Authority only applied for an amount equal to a 4 times multiple, and Mr. Burns has already had conversations with them regarding amending their application, which he expects they will do between now and December. Mr. Burns commented that in the board package is information about priority property #4 for acquisition. For confidentiality regarding negotiations the property address is not yet public, but we have interest in the next 60 days of engaging an appraisal on the property to serve as a basis to start our negotiations. Mr. Burns noted that he has not talked with ownership since last October and is aware the property will become available this October, and expects to be in touch with ownership in the next 30 days. He concluded his remarks and offered to answer any questions the board might have. There were none.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the approval of the list of checks. Mr. Nesbitt motioned for approval of the list of checks in the amount of \$122,199.30 to fund MIRIA operating expenses, MIRIA project costs and to fund MIRIA grant disbursements to Horsham Township, the HLRA, and Upper Southampton Municipal Authority. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the approval of the list of checks related to shuttle bus operations. Mr. Nesbitt motioned to approve the list of checks to be paid from the MIRIA Shuttle Bus Account in the amount of \$11,279.36 for payment for service for May, 2025. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens remarked that under additional business, that Mr. Burns is looking for authorization to order and appraisal on priority property #4 for acquisition and asked for the will of the board. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve and authorize MIRIA staff to engage and authorize an appraisal on the priority property designated at the December 13, 2024 Executive Session of the board as priority property #4 for acquisition. Mr. Whiteside seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens confirmed that the next meeting of the board would be on Friday, August 1, 2025 at 9:00 am here in the Horsham Township Building.

With no other business, Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:11 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary