

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)
Board Meeting Minutes
MARCH 1, 2024**

In attendance:

BOARD:

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

STAFF:

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

Mr. Stephens opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:02 am in the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road.

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

Mr. Stephens noted that the board had had an executive session prior to this meeting, to discuss real estate matters.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the February 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Whiteside motioned to approve the minutes to the February 2nd board meeting. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens noted the next agenda item was for the Executive Directors report and invited Mr. Burns’ comments. Mr. Burns confirmed that last month the board approved change-order #1 to the Scott Contractors construction contract regarding the West Moreland Avenue project. He advised he was on the base yesterday with MIRIA’s engineer and the fence subcontractor and the group agreed to a minor design change in the fencing to preserve an existing gate to the Navy property. He expects work on the Navy side to begin in the next month or so, though the heavy construction is set to occur between June 15th and August 15th. He noted the Horsham Water & Sewer bid for the sewer extension was due yesterday and hoped to get particulars about scope and costs later in the day. Regarding the Adam’s Pit Stop property, not much has changed. Mr. Burns has begun conversations with the township’s public works team regarding removing most of the asphalt at the property and planting grass seed. He indicated public works has a very busy

schedule preparing for spring and summer, and if the project can not be added to their spring schedule that the project may have to wait until the fall. Mr. Burns concluded that that was all he had for today, but invited questions if the board had any. There were one.

Mr. Stephens noted the next agenda item was bills and communications and asked for the will of the board regarding the approval of the list of checks. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the list of checks to be paid in the amount of \$64,082.94 to fund MIRIA operating expenses and MIRIA project costs of \$17,888.56, and to fund 2022 grant disbursements of \$46,194.38 to North Wales Water Authority and Horsham Township. Mr. Whiteside seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens noted the next agenda item was the approval of the list of checks related to shuttle bus operations. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the list of checks to be paid from the Shuttle Bus Operating Account in the amount of \$10,293.20 to fund shuttle bus service costs for February, 2024. Mr. Panzer asked Mr. Burns to further comment on the shuttle bus list of checks. Mr. Burns confirmed that MIRIA had entered into the contract for the shuttle bus and that the arrangement has a reimbursement agreement from Horsham Township, and usually MIRIA is reimbursed by the township within a week of our payment of each invoice and that MIRIA is merely a flow-through in the arrangement. Mr. Whiteside seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens confirmed that under additional business there was Resolution #2024 - 1 to consider, and asked Ms. Eberle for her comments on the resolution. Ms. Eberle noted that staff was currently in negotiations for a potential purchase of two properties that would help enhance future traffic improvements to support the redevelopment of the base. Those negotiations are in mid-stream and have not been completed. Before we enter into an agreement of sale, the board needs to approve a condemnation resolution. We are exempt from transfer tax as a result and we are not at a point where we can yet disclose the exact identity of the properties. We are asking you to adopt Resolution #2024 – 1 to authorize condemnation of the properties, or to authorize in the alternative the amicable acquisition of the properties. The second motion under new business is to authorize appraisals on the properties and to engage environmental assessments if we are fortunate enough to enter into an agreement of sale on the properties. Mr. Stephens asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Whiteside motioned to approve Resolution #2024 – 1 to approve and authorize condemnation or for staff to enter into an agreement of sale on two priority properties for acquisition. Mr. DeRosa seconded. Mr. Burns confirmed it was a roll-call vote.

Mr. DeRosa – Aye
Mr. Panzer – Aye
Mr. Whiteside – Aye
Mr. Stephens – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding further authorizations. Mr. Panzer motioned to approved and authorize MIRIA staff to engage and authorize appraisals, phase 1 environmental studies and title insurance on the two priority properties for acquisition. Mr. DeRosa seconded.

Mr. Stephens asked if there was any additional business. Mr. Panzer remarked that the brief report from Mr. Burns does not even scratch the surface of the amount of effort behind the scenes and thanked Mr. Burns for his efforts. Mr. Stephens agreed.

Mr. Stephens confirmed the next meeting of the board would be on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 9:00 am here in the Horsham Township Building.

With no other business, Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary