

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)
Board Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 2, 2020**

In attendance:

BOARD:

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

STAFF:

William Gildea-Walker, Executive Director
Larry Burns, Treasurer
Mary Eberle, Solicitor (absent)

Mr. Panzer opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Panzer confirmed that Chair Stephens was attending today by telephone and that Vice-Chair Whiteside could not be in attendance. Mr. Gildea-Walker indicated that was correct, and also that Ms. Eberle could not be available for today’s meeting.

Mr. Panzer asked if there were any question or comments from the audience. There were none.

Mr. Panzer asked for the will of the board regarding the September 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the minutes of the August 7th MIRIA board meeting. Mr. Nesbitt seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Panzer asked if the Executive Director had a report. Mr. Gildea-Walker confirmed he had not been at the September meeting but was pleased with compliance results reported last month. In our meetings with consultants, with PA Revenue and with the Lancaster CRIZ and Allentown NIZ, we were told we’d be lucky in our first year of operation to get compliance numbers in the 35% range. With the challenges of COVID19, we were concerned that even 35% might have been optimistic. But our compliance consultant, staff and board all worked together to try to maximize first year participation. Our coordinated efforts were well received by parcel owners and businesses and we achieved a 94% compliance rate. Just amazing. Mr. Panzer remarked that he was appreciative of all the efforts and activities that occur outside the board meetings and that staff certainly makes MIRIA efforts look easy. Mr. Gildea-Walker then invited Mr. Burns comments on September efforts. Mr. Burns confirmed that at our last board meeting, MIRIA approved three Quick Response Grants to Horsham Water and Sewer Authority, to North Wales

Water Authority and to Warminster Municipal Authority. Staff had follow-up zoom meetings with each, and after executing a Quick Response Grant Agreement, Horsham Water and Sewer Authority's Quick Response Grant of \$1,432,917.00 was funded on September 28th. A Quick Response Grant Agreement for Warminster Municipal Authority has been prepared and is under review by Ms. Eberle. With her approval, it will be forwarded to the Warminster Municipal Authority for execution and we would expect to fund their \$500,000.00 Quick Response Grant sometime next week. A follow-up to our zoom meeting with North Wales Water Authority required some additional information which we have not yet received. We hope in the coming weeks to finalize our Quick Response Grant review for North Wales Water Authority.

Mr. Gildea-Walker confirmed that MIRIA efforts would continue in October and November, and that at our December 18th meeting, we will have confirmed the amount of PA Revenue monies available to MIRIA, would review and approve the December grants, and would also look ahead to 2021 and approve next years' budget. Mr. Gildea-Walker also made note that in recent days, Chair Stephens recognized three MRIA Clean Water Corporate Partners for their participation, being Chapman Auto Group, Tinius Olsen and Heffernan and Partners. In the coming days and weeks, we plan on recognizing in some fashion all who participated. Mr. Gildea-Walker commented that Ms. Eberle last month worked with Mr. Burns, with water providers and their attorneys, to help finalize grant applications.

Mr. Burns confirmed that Chair Stephens phone connection had been cut off and reconnected him. Mr. Panzer provided a brief overview of Mr. Gildea-Walker's Executive Director's report.

Mr. Panzers commented that without Ms. Eberle's attendance, that her report would be deferred to the next meeting.

Mr. Panzer confirmed there were bills or communications in the list of checks. Mr. Panzer asked for the will of the board relating to the list of checks. Mr. Nesbitt motioned to approve the list of checks totaling \$8,919.00. Ms. Harman seconded. Mr. Panzer noted the list of checks were for normal and routine operating expenses, including rent, the cost of our compliance consultant, legal fees and travel and supply costs. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Panzer inquired if there was any other business? There was none.

Mr. Panzer reminded all that the next MIRIA board meeting was to be held on Friday, November 6th at 9:00 am at the township building. With no other business, Mr. Panzer adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:11 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary