

**Military Installation Remediation and
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)
Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2020**

In attendance:

BOARD:

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

STAFF:

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

Absent:

The November 6, 2020 board meeting of MIRIA was held as an audio and video conference, and was duly advertised as such on Sunday, November 1st. Public comment was available before and during the meeting by email to Horsham@horsham.org. At the onset of the meeting, Mr. Gildea-Walker confirmed this.

Mr. Stephens opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:04 AM.

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

Mr. Burns confirmed to Chair Stephens that State Representative Megan Schroeder attended the meeting in-person and was in his office to participate.

Mr. Stephens asked for the will of the board regarding the October 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Whiteside motioned to approve the minutes of the October 2nd board meeting. Mr. Panzer seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens asked if the Executive Director had a report. Mr. Gildea-Walker confirmed that in recent months, the MIRIA board had approved Quick Response Grants and with the execution of a grant agreement, Horsham Water and Sewer Authority was awarded and paid \$1.433 million for the rebate to customers of a PFC surcharge. More than 6,000 checks have been written to their customers and another 1,600 checks were pending for customers who may have moved or in cases where additional information might be required. Warminster Municipal Authority was also approved for a \$500,000 Quick Response Grant, though those funds were not yet disbursed as the underlying executed grant agreement had not yet been returned. North Wales Water

Authority had also been approved for a \$743,000 Quick Response Grant, though they chose to rescind the Quick Response Grant and look to the December grants for their projects.

Mr. Gildea-Walker reminded that the MIRIA was expected to receive its funding from PA Revenue on December 16th and that at our December board meeting, we hope to review and approve the balance of grant applications.

Mr. Stephens underscored the importance of full attendance at the December meeting as we would have confirmed the available funding and would consider the remaining grant applications.

Mr. Stephens asked if Ms. Eberle had a Solicitors report. Ms. Eberle confirmed that she and staff had worked with water providers to move Quick Response Grants to the finish line.

Mr. Stephens inquired if there were bills or communications. Mr. Gildea-Walker confirmed there was a list of 4 checks for the boards' approval. They represented normal monthly expenses except for the largest, written to Horsham Township for payroll. Horsham Township's normal payroll person had been out for a double knee replacement and recently returned to work. The check #1033 for \$14,379.07 represented payroll reimbursement to MIRIA for the months of August, September and October. Stephens asked for the will of the board relating to the list of checks. Mr. Panzer motioned to approve the list of checks totaling \$24,269.07. Mr. Whiteside seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens inquired if there was any other business. There was none.

Mr. Stephens confirmed that he and Mr. Burns had participated in a virtual meeting with Lower Gwynedd Township regarding the MIRIA. Some Lower Gwynedd residents are serviced by Ambler Water and the township was eager to hear of MIRIA's mission and to see if there was a way to help their residence by helping Ambler Water. Ambler had applied for a MIRIA grant, but there were a few hiccups and it was uncertain at this time if they'd be participating. Mr. Stephens reminded that other municipal entities that may be impacted by PFAS resulting from a former military installation and that we would welcome their participation in future cycles. He asked if others became aware of any potential participants, to certainly bring them to the attention of staff.

Mr. Stephens reminded all that the next MIRIA board meeting was to be held on Friday, December 18th, 2020 at 9:00 am and that that meeting was expected to be an in-person meeting.

With no other business, Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:14 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary