

**North Wales Water Authority
Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes of 03/16/2022

Call to order:

A regular business meeting of the NWWA Board of Directors was held on March 16, 2022, beginning at 5:10 p.m. and called to order by Board Chair Nagel.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Nagel led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken and recorded as follows.

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Joan H. Nagel	NWWA	Chair	Present
Albert S. Tenney	NWWA	Vice Chair	Present
Donna L. Mengel	NWWA	Secretary	Present
Neil J McDevitt	NWWA	Treasurer	Present
Sally Neiderhiser	NWWA	Asst./Sec Treasurer	Present
Robert C. Bender	NWWA	Executive Director	Present
Brad S. Fisher, P.E.	NWWA	Director of Eng. / Ops.	Present
Christine Lezoche	NWWA	Director of Finance	Present
Michael P Clarke, Esq.	Rudolph Clarke	Authority Solicitor	Present
Barbara Merlie Esq.	Rudolph Clarke	Authority Solicitor	Present
Lane Bodley P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present
Allen Mason P.E.	Carroll Engineering	Authority Engineer	Present
Howard Woods, P.E.	H. Woods & Assoc.	Consultant	Present by Video

Becca Suskin was present as the ASL interpreter for Mr. McDevitt.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board next considered the approval of the Minutes of 02/16/2022. Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt, the minutes were approved.

<u>Vote Record</u>						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x Approved Tabled Failed	Mrs. Nagel		x			
	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	x			
	Ms. Mengel		x			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser		x			
	Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x			

Public Comment: None Present

Resolutions:

Mr. Bender re-introduced the Long -Term Financial Plan prepared by Finance Director Lezoche and Consultant Howard Woods, explaining that the plan was needed for financing and borrowing, bond ratings, and for future capital improvement planning, noting that the plan included over a year’s work and many discussions. Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the motion was approved

☐ Vote Record						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved					
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	x			
		Ms. Mengel	Initiated	x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x		

Resolution 2022-02 Adopting the updated schedule of charges, fees, and rates. Mr. Bender referenced the Long-Term Financial plan, the prior presentations, noting that it has been almost 30 years since the Authority last increased rates. He advised the Board that our staff and professionals have determined that to maintain our maintenance and capital improvement plans, and to adhere to our debt service ratios as required by our bond Indentures, that a minimum rate increase of 15% and an equalization of rates amongst rate classifications was needed starting in 2023. Mr. Bender noted that our average residential customer uses slightly less than 200 gallons of water per day, and that if the recommended rate increase is approved as requested, the average residential customer will pay about 13 cents per day more for water services, with non-residential customers paying more or less, based upon their actual daily water use. Mr. Bender noted that our water rates are the lowest in the entire region, and that we will still have the lowest rates - even after the 2023 rate increase. The Board thanked the staff and professionals for their diligence in ensuring that the increase was both needed, and was the minimum needed to maintain proper operations and a safe and clean water supply for our customers.

Upon a motion of member Tenney, seconded by member Mengel, the resolution was approved

☐ Vote Record						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved					
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel		x		
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	x		
		Ms. Mengel	Seconded	x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt		x		

Resolution 2022-03 Authorizing the submittal of the MIRIA grant application for 2022-23

Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the resolution was approved.

☐ Vote Record						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved					
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel		x		
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x		

	Ms. Mengel		x			
	Mrs. Neiderhiser	Seconded	x			
	Mr. McDevitt	Initiated	x			

Bids and Contracts:

Award of Bid Contract 530-21-12A & 12B the ANG & H2O Grant funded PFOA/PFAS Water Service Project in Warrington Twp. to Doli Construction in the amount \$1,053,280.

Upon a motion of member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the bid was awarded.

Vote Record

x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	x			
		Ms. Mengel	Initiated	x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x		

Award of Bid Contract 530-21-13 for the H2O Grant funded PFOA/PFAS Water Service Project in Warrington Twp. to Passerini and Sons Inc. in the amount \$695,465.00.

Upon a motion of member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser, the bid was awarded

Vote Record

x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	x			
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser	Seconded	x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Initiated	x		

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Clarke presented the Extension Agreement and Deed of Dedication for E1075 Roosevelt Court at Gwynedd a townhouse development located in Upper Gwynedd Twp for approval to be provided to the developer after NWWA receipt of the required financial security.

Upon a motion by member Neiderhiser, seconded by member Tenney the agreement was approved.

Vote Record

x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser	Initiated	x		
		Mr. McDevitt		x		

Ms. Merlie explained and presented the 2nd Amendment to the T-Mobile lease located at Shetland Dr in Warrington Twp for approval.

Upon a motion by member Mengel, seconded by member Neiderhiser the agreement was approved

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x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	x			
		Ms. Mengel	Initiated	x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser	Seconded	x		
		Mr. McDevitt		x		

Engineers Report:

Mr. Bodley presented Payment Application #16 to CBI Storage Tank Solutions LLC for Bid Contract 521-19-01A E-1012 Montgomery 3 Tank Project in the amount of \$402,206.54

Upon a motion by member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt the payment was approved.

☑ Vote Record						
x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x		

Mr. Bodley presented Payment Application #5 to MJF Electrical for Bid Contract 521-19-01B E-1012 Montgomery 3 Tank Project in the amount of \$5,580.00

Upon a motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Neiderhiser the payment was approved.

☑ Vote Record						
x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser	Seconded	x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Initiated	x		

Mr. Bodley presented a motion to approve the Change Order for Bid Contracts 521-19-01A & 01B relating to Montgomery Twp requesting an antenna on top of the new tank.

Upon a motion by member Tenney, seconded by member McDevitt the change order was approved, subject to confirmation of acceptance of Montgomery Township.

☑ Vote Record						
x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Initiated	x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x		

Operations Report:

Mr. Fisher noted that nothing was out of the ordinary over the prior month.

Mr. Fisher then presented Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$352,125.00 to Pact Two LLC for Bid Contract 520-20-11A PFAS Treatment at Warrington Wells 5-8-11 General Construction
Upon a motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Tenney, the payment was approved.

☑ Vote Record

x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Initiated	x		

Mr. Fisher presented Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$15,652.80 to GS Developers for Bid Contract 520-20-11B PFAS Treatment at Warrington Wells 5-8-11
Upon a motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Tenney, the payment was approved.

☑ Vote Record

x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel		x		
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Initiated	x		

Mr. Fisher presented Payment Application #6 in the amount of \$90,583.55 to Shainline Excavating for Bid Contract 520-20-12 Upper & Lower Barness Road Water Main Project
Upon a motion by member Mengel, seconded by member McDevitt, the payment was approved.

☑ Vote Record

x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel		x		
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x		
		Ms. Mengel	Initiated	x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x		

Mr. Fisher presented Payment Application #8 in the amount of \$40,540.59 to GS Developers for Bid Contract 520-20-13B PFAS Treatment at Warrington Wells 3 & 9
Upon a motion by member Mengel, seconded by member Tenney, the payment was approved.

☑ Vote Record

x	Approved		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel		x		
	Failed	Mr. Tenney		x		
		Ms. Mengel	Initiated	x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Seconded	x		

Mr. Fisher presented Change Order #1 & 2 for Bid Contract 530-20-13A & 13B, in the amount \$35,834.00 the PFAS Treatment at Wells 3 & 9 Project.

Upon a motion by member McDevitt, seconded by member Mengel, the change orders were approved.

Vote Record

			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved					
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	x			
		Ms. Mengel	Seconded	x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser		x		
		Mr. McDevitt	Initiated	x		

Bills & Requisitions Approval:

Mrs. Lezoche reported that there were no payments or activities out of the ordinary on the bill's listings, recommending and requesting approval to pay and process all invoices, refunds, transfers, and to requisition funds, as presented.

- a. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 02/17/2022
- b. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 02/24/2022
- c. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 03/03/2022
- d. Ratification and processing of Bills, Refunds, Transfers and Requisitions List dated: 03/10/2022

Payment of the bills presented was approved by the Board in accordance with the following roll call vote:

Roll Vote Record

			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
x	Approved					
	Tabled	Mrs. Nagel	x			
	Failed	Mr. Tenney	Seconded	x		
		Ms. Mengel		x		
		Mrs. Neiderhiser	Initiator	x		
		Mr. McDevitt		x		

Executive Directors Report:

Mr. Bender reported upon ongoing discussions with Ambler Borough, Horsham, and Warwick Township about additional bulk water purchases. Mr. Bender reported upon proposed changes to MIRIA grant guidelines, stating that he was satisfied with the proposed changes at this time.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, upon motion by member Mengel seconded by member Neiderhiser the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

 Donna L. Mengel, Secretary