



**Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority**

300 Laird Street, Suite #A-1

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

**Minutes**

**June 15, 2021 Regular Session**

**Call to Order**

On June 15, 2021 at 1:00 P.M., the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board convened their regular monthly meeting at the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Administrative Offices, 300 Laird Street Suite A-1 Wilkes-Barre. It was noted that all meetings are electronically recorded.

Mr. Yannuzzi, Chairman, called to order the June 15, 2021 meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Present**

Mr. Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E., Chairman

Mr. William Hardwick – *Via Telephone*

Mr. Richard Adams

Mr. Gordon Dussinger

Mr. John Maday

**Also Present**

Christopher Belleman, P.E., LCFPA Executive Director

Jeffrey Rockman, Esq., LCFPA Solicitor

Laura Holbrook, LCFPA Mitigation & Outreach Specialist

Deana Prochaska, LCFPA Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Micheala Fehn, LCFPA Project Engineer

**Public Input**

None.

**Regular Meeting**

**Motion was made to ratify the minutes of the Authority meeting held on May 18, 2021.**

**On the question:**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

### **LCFPA Activities/Projects**

- A. Staff Activities/Project
- B. Board Activities/Project

### **Bills and Communications**

**Motion was made to approve the payment of the bills as presented.**

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

**Motion was made to submit the report of the Treasurer into the record as stated.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Maday

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

### **New Business**

**2021 Levee Fee Collections Update.**

**Delinquent Levee Fee Collections Update.**

**Motion was made to request permission from the proper officials to approve the list of LCFPA projects to be submitted to Luzerne County administration for inclusion into the overall Luzerne County list of projects to be funded through the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)". Resolution No. 2021-02 memorialized this approval.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Motion was made to request permission from the proper officials to approve the "Shared Use Trail Maintenance Agreement" with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Engineering District 4-0, 55 Keystone Industrial Park, Dunmore, PA. This agreement is in support of the sandbag closure elimination at Beade and Bridge Street, Plymouth Borough.**

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES"- YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Motion was made to request permission from the proper officials to roll-out the Wyoming Valley levee system "Landscaping Rehabilitation Invitation for Sponsors".**

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 4-1. 'AYES' – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, DUSSINGER, MADAY.  
"NAYS" - ADAMS

**Motion was made to request permission from the proper officials to award the professional engineer and surveying services agreement for the “*Duryea Levee Rehabilitation Project*” to Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI). Approval is contingent upon Duryea Borough executing an agreement with LCFPA that indicates their commitment to move forward with the project and recommendations of the study and have the articles of cooperation updated and agreed upon by Luzerne County.**

**On the question: Mr. Hardwick questioned if we have any indication if Duryea reached out to the State or Federal level, to see if they have support for this project? Mr. Yannuzzi said that is in the future once the agreements are signed.**

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Adams

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. “AYES” – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Discussion on the proposed “*Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority and the Municipality of Kingston*”. The Board approved that the proposed agreement as written be forwarded to the Municipality of Kingston for their consideration.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Dussinger

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. “AYES” – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**Decision was made by the proper officials to have all future LCFPA meetings in person. It was approved by a unanimous vote and no public comment. Advertisement and the LCFPA website will reflect that.**

**Motion was made to forward the proposed amended articles of incorporation to Luzerne County Council for their consideration so that the LCFPA can expand the assistance provided to Luzerne County, beyond the limits of the Wyoming Valley flood protection system. This effort includes, but is not limited to, the “*Duryea Levee Rehabilitation Project*” and possibly other municipal projects. Motion was amended to reflect that before the LCFPA approves any future municipal projects that adequate additional funding sources should be provided. Lastly, the Board of Directors would like to see the final version of the proposed amendment before it is sent to Luzerne County.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. “AYES” – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

**The existing electricity procurement agreements with UGI Energy Services and Direct Energy Business expire on or about December 1, 2021. Decision was made by the proper officials to allow the Executive Director, Christopher Belleman, to start the process of updating the electricity procurement documents to be in position to start advertising for these services by September/October 2021 time frame.**

**The Board met in executive session after the June Board Meeting for discussions regarding real estate and ongoing litigation.**

**Next Regular Meeting**

July 20, 2021 at 1:00p.m.  
300 Laird St. Suite A-1  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

**Adjourn**

**Motion was made to adjourn the June 15, 2021 meeting of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

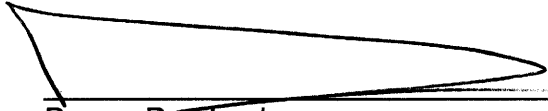
Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. "AYES" – YANNUZZI, HARDWICK, ADAMS, DUSSINGER, MADAY.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



Deana Prochaska  
Recording Secretary