



## **Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority**

300 Laird Street, Suite #A-1

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

### **Minutes**

#### **May 18, 2021 Regular Session**

#### **Call to Order**

On May 18, 2021 at 1:00 P.M., the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board convened their regular monthly meetings 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 May 18, 2021 meeting.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

#### **Present**

Mr. Dominic Yannuzzi, P.E., Chairman  
Mr. William Hardwick  
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  
Charles Barber, CEO, The Luzerne Foundation  
William & Lynette Falls

#### **Public Input**

None.

#### **Regular Meeting**

**Motion was made to ratify the minutes of the Authority meeting held on April 20, 2021.**

**On the question:** Mr. Adams asked that we disclose who is present and who is attending via telephone on all BOD meeting minutes.

Motion by: Mr. Maday

Second by: Mr. Hardwick

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. Hardwick

Second by: Mr. Adams

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. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Maday

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

### **New Business**

**Presentation by Charles Barber, CEO of *The Luzerne Foundation* on fundraising techniques and strategies.**

**William Falls was present to receive a Letter of Recognition and USACE disk award for his 9 years of service to the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority.**

**Formal motion was made to congratulate and thank Mr. Falls for his 9 years of dedication and service.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Hardwick

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

**Motion was made to table permission to roll-out and advertise the proposed Wyoming Valley levee system "*Recreational Components Invitation To Sponsors*", until the June 15, 2021 Board Meeting.**

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Hardwick

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 award the "*Selected Tree and Stump Removal*" contract to Joseph McIvaine Tree and Lawn, 428 Philmont Avenue, Feasterville, PA in the amount \$30,000.00.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Maday

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 re-approve an “Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority and Forty Fort Borough”.**

**On the question: Mr. Adams questioned if we received timeframes yet on the proposed Forty Fort Levee Trail? Mr. Belleman advised that Greenman-Pederson Inc. (GPI), Scranton PA, has started the design and permitting work on the trail project and that he attended a meeting with GPI representatives at the FPA offices on March 12, 2021.**

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 for the Mitigation & Government Outreach Specialist, Laura Holbrook, to participate in the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Class of 2022 program. Tuition to participate in the program is \$2,000.00.**

Motion by: Mr. Yannuzzi

Second by: Mr. Adams

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 Resolution No. 2021-01 to submit a grant request to the Commonwealth Financing Authority through their Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) for the “Wyoming Valley Relief Well Evaluation Project” in the amount of \$129,200.00.**

Motion by: Mr. Maday

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 a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 to help fund the “Agnes Flood Film Documentary Project”.**

**On the question: Attorney Rockman provided guidance to the Board with his opinion that a donation by the Authority towards this effort would not be in conformance with the applicable statutes within the *Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act*.**

No Motion.

**Motion was made to request permission from the proper officials to approve Amendment #2 in the amount \$28,000.00 to the existing agreement with Borton Lawson Engineers, 613 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre PA, dated July 17, 2018 for additional engineering services on the Closure Structure Modifications Project, Phase II.**

Motion by: Mr. Adams

Second by: Mr. Maday

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

**The Board met in executive session after the May Board Meeting for discussions regarding real estate and personnel.**

**Next Regular Meeting**

June 15, 2021 at 1:00p.m.  
300 Laird St. Suite A-1  
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**Adjourn**

**Motion was made to adjourn the May 18, 2021 meeting of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority Board.**

Motion by: Mr. Hardwick

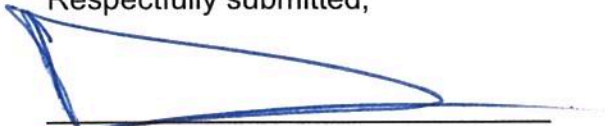
Second by: Mr. Yannuzzi

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Deana Prochaska  
Recording Secretary