



Wyoming County
Water Resource Agency

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MINUTES

April 19, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

In Attendance for Board of Directors:

T. Murphy, former V/Perry Administrator; **D. Leuer**, T/Middlebury (9:08 AM); **C. Ketchum**, T/Eagle; **S. King**, T/Pike; **J. Brick**, T/Perry (9:09 AM) & **L. Kilburn**, V/Arcade

Absent:

G. Stearns, V/Warsaw

Also Attending:

S. Perkins/Director of Env. Health/WCWRA Administrator; **B. Daly**/Director of Planning & Development; & **J. Cook**/County Budget Director

The meeting was called to order by Agency Chair T. Murphy at 9:00 AM.

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - **01/17/2018 Meeting (Reviewed and attached).**
 - **Motion by:** S. King
 - **Second:** L. Kilburn

4 Aye / 3 Absent / Carried.
- **Financial Report**
 - **2018 1st Qtr. Financial Report (Reviewed and attached)**
 - **Motion by:** T. Murphy
 - **Second:** L. Kilburn

4 Aye / 3 Absent / Carried

At 9:08 AM Director Leuer entered the meeting during the next agenda item.

At 9:09 AM Director Brick entered the meeting during the next agenda item.

- **2017 Annual Report (Reviewed and attached)**
 - **Motion by:** S. King
 - **Second:** J. Brick

6 Aye / 1 Absent / Carried

Director Leuer questioned inclusion of funding for water quality in the state budget.

There was additional discussion over the Water Resource Agency's ability to apply for grants. S. Perkins added that once a project partnership is established there could be potential. Currently the "ownership" of the water systems are eligible. Wyoming County could be lead agency. County to multiple town connections would define county as lead agent. Engineering costs to explore. For example, if Pavilion (for the Town of Covington) wanted water to the town then Covington would be lead agent. Explore connection to Monroe or Erie counties.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the Agency would be eligible to apply for grant funds. Budget Officer, J. Cook reminded everyone that it would be the county as the Water Resource Agency is basically another county department, which S. Perkins explained to be the difference between an agency and autonomous authority.

S. Perkins explained the Genesee County model.

SAMS grants are being utilized by towns for several purchases.

Board Chair Murphy asked if there are things the Agency should be doing and is not or doing but maybe not be doing?? S. Perkins didn't think so and felt at this time the agency is right on track according to the by-laws and what was envisioned when the agency was created.

B. Daly explained recent request by OCR to recall CDBG funding.

- Revolving loans will come to an end and grants will be replacement.
- He did explain that Wyoming County has no plan to return called funds.
- HUD wants monies given as grants to infrastructure improvements and business expansion.
- B. Daly described a conference call he was on with Jason Pervous and Harry Sicherman where Mr. Pervous claimed to not want one single dime back. That would result in closing of many agencies across the state.

There was some discussion by Directors Leuer and Brick, as members of the Wyoming County Business Center (a Local Development Corporation) that they recently voted to lower interest rates.

- **WCWRA Administrators 1st Quarter Activity Report**

- **Motion by:** D. Leuer
- **Second:** J. Brick

6 Aye / 1 Absent / Carried

- **Old Business and Updates**

- **Town of Covington Water Project**
 - Moving on to next phase
 - 117 surveys sent out / 89 returned with 74 in favor.
 - Engineering firm will continue to work with steering committee.
 - Connection to York water tower at the corner of Peoria and Boyd Roads.

At 9:56 AM B. Daly stepped out of the meeting.

- **Village of Wyoming Water Project**
 - Cost overrun. Process to be re-bonded. 90-120 days out now...
- **Highland Glens Subdivision**
 - 92 units in the Town of Bennington
 - Have to redo their agreement with Erie County to include Highland Glens.

At 9:59 AM B. Daly returned to the meeting.

- **Silver Lake Dredging Project**
 - Met a week or so ago
 - County Highway to be included
 - Wyo. Co. Soil & Water Conservation District to be included.
 - What to do with the material?
 - Difficult to find land for disposal
 - Could possibly be used for highway rehab. according to the permit person at DEC. For Commercial purposes.
 - May be able to use it to reclaim the old salt mines.
 - If spread on ag. lands will take out of ag. production for human consumption or an animal used for human consumption.
 - Turf production – considered commercial. Director Brick spoke with the local turf grower and he really didn't seem super excited about it. Said he'd help out but not interested in coming after the material.
 - Will have more information for the May 17th meeting.
 - Could be a great cover material for landfills.
 - Director Leuer felt that the Silver Lake dredging would benefit from a Water Shed Manager. Agency Chairman Murphy added that the lake is a major water source, hence the reason for the Water Resource Agency's involvement.
 - Director Leuer criticized mismanagement of resources.
 - Director Brick commented on the Town of Perry's commitment to the project adding that the town has already spent \$35,000 on preliminary engineering...
- **Septic System Replacement Fund**
 - All paperwork is back from EFC. Individuals can start to apply.
 - 1st year focus
 - Java Lake & Silver Lake
 - B. Daly commented that CDBG monies do the same thing...
- **Water Operator Training Session – March 21st (Ag. Center Conference Room)**
 - 52 Operators attended.
- **New Business** (moved to the Supervisors' chambers)
 - **GIS Initiative (Review/Presentation)**
 - Water meters & dry hydrants for users of "I am Responding" software technology.
 - Use of GIS by agency members

- **Next Meeting - (9:00AM) July 18th**

 - **Meeting Adjourned at 10:57 AM**
 - **Motion by:** T. Murphy
 - **Second:** J. Brick
- 6 Aye / 1 Absent / Carried**