

**Military Installation Remediation and  
Infrastructure Authority (“MIRIA”)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
MARCH 4, 2022**

In attendance:

BOARD:

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

STAFF:

Larry Burns, Executive Director  
William Gildea-Walker, Deputy  
Director (absent)  
Mary Eberle, Esq., Solicitor

Mr. Whiteside opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance at 9:02 am in the Horsham Township Municipal Building at 1025 Horsham Road.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any question or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board regarding the February 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. DeRosa motioned to approve the minutes of the February 4th board meeting. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside invited Mr. Burns to make his Executive Directors report. Mr. Burns noted that as an authority of Horsham Township, that MIRIA provides council with an annual update. As part of preparing for an update to council, staff assembled a list of MIRIA accomplishments anticipated from its first two cycle through and including December 31, 2022. Those accomplishments include funding surcharge rebates or credits of \$9.1 million, funding 25,500 linear feet of new water mains, funding the connection of approximately 515 homes with tainted private wells, funding a good portion, about 34%, of the Hancock Road water tank, awarding Horsham Township about \$3.6 million for infrastructure projects and setting aside about \$2.4 million for MIRIA economic development and infrastructure projects. All in all, the board and staff should be exceedingly proud of our efforts. Mr. Burns indicated that was all he had to report and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Whiteside noted the next agenda item was the approval of the list of checks. Mr. Panzer motioned for approval of the list of checks in the amount of \$1,558,507.65 to fund MIRIA operating expenses, to fund MIRIA project costs and to fund a 2021 cycle grant disbursement #1

to Horsham Township in the amount of \$1,546,427.19. Mr. DeRosa seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside noted the next item on the agenda was consideration of Resolution #2022-1, and invited Mr. Burns remarks. Mr. Burns commented that annually, MIRIA can amend our Qualified Authority Application with the Department of Revenue, and the resolution seeks board approval to do so. In our first cycle, of the 100 acres available to be named Designated Parcels in the MIRIA Zone, the Department of Revenue after much back and forth, only approved about 80 acres. Last year in our second cycle, MIRIA amended the application and requested approval of an additional 7 parcels or about 19 acres looking to round-out the 100 acres. The Department of Revenue only approved 6 parcels increasing Designated Parcel acreage to about 92 acres and declined accepting a vacant property at 500 Enterprise. Staff intends at this time to resubmit the 500 Enterprise property to round-out Designated Parcels to just about the 100 acres afforded under the act. Ms. Harmon motioned to approve Resolution #2101-1 authorizing MIRIA staff to amend our original Military Installation Remediation Program, Qualified Authority Application with the PA Department of Revenue, to amend and expand the list of “Designated Parcels” to include an additional parcel. The additional parcel may include an additional parcel totaling approximately 7.5 acres. In the case that the additional parcel is rejected by the Department of Revenue, staff is further instructed to provide its’ best efforts in substituting parcels in an attempt to maximize “Designated Parcels” under the program. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. Mr. Burns confirmed it was a roll-call vote.

Mr. DeRosa – Aye

Ms. Conner-Hallston-Aye

Ms. Harmon – Aye

Mr. Panzer – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

The resolution was unanimously approved.

Mr. Whiteside noted the next item on the agenda was consideration of Resolution #2022-2, and invited Mr. Burns remarks. Mr. Burns confirmed that in January, Sports Facilities Advisory made a presentation to the MIRIA board confirming their findings of the Recreational Fields Feasibility and Market Opportunity Study. Similarly, in November, Michael Baker International made a presentation to a meeting of Horsham Council, the HLRA and MIRIA presenting the findings on the Road Network Study. Resolutions #2022-2 and #2022-3 seek the boards authorization and formal adoption of those studies. Ms. Harmon motioned to approve Resolution #2101-2 authorizing the adoption of the Sports Facilities Advisory Market Opportunity Report. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. Mr. Burns confirmed it was a roll-call vote.

Mr. DeRosa – Aye

Ms. Conner-Hallston-Aye

Ms. Harmon – Aye

Mr. Panzer – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

The resolution was unanimously approved.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the board pertaining to Resolution #2022-3. Ms. Harmon motioned to approve Resolution #2101-3 authorizing the adoption of the Michael Baker International Road Network Study. Ms. Conner-Hallston seconded. Mr. Burns confirmed it was a roll-call vote.

Mr. DeRosa – Aye

Ms. Conner-Hallston-Aye

Ms. Harmon – Aye

Mr. Panzer – Aye

Mr. Whiteside – Aye

The resolution was unanimously approved.

Mr. Whiteside inquired whether there was any additional new business to be considered? There was none.

With no other business, Mr. Whiteside adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:11 am.

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Thomas Panzer, Secretary