

READINGTON-LEBANON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

August 23, 2017

OPENING: Chairman, Dr. Schaible opened this regular meeting and announced that the Sunshine laws have been satisfied for the convening of this meeting.

PRESENT: Dr. Schaible, Messrs. Burton, Monaco, Cichone, and Ms. Rohrbach members, Mrs. Plesnarski administrator. Dr. Westfield did not attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 26, 2017 as written, was carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES: Motion to approve invoices for August in the amount of \$ **71,128.54** along with authorization for the Administrator to transfer this amount into the Operating Checking account on September 1, 2017 was made by Ms. Rohrbach. By same motion, approval and authorization of (1) invoice totaling \$**2,848.50** to be paid from the General Fund Account on September 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. Cichone, and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT: Motion to acknowledge the review and approve the August Budget Statement without any exceptions noted as written was made by Mr. Cichone, seconded by Ms. Rohrbach and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

NEW BUSINESS: *Hunterdon County ESC Co-Operative* – Mrs. Weierich advised the board that the Hunterdon County Educational Services commission operates a NJ State approved cooperative pricing system. There is no fee to join and the Cooperative offers an array contracts that can be useful and economically advantageous to the Authority. Mr. Burton agreed and noted that the Authority might want to look into co-ops from other

states such as Utah as well. Ms. Rohrbach questioned the type of products available. Mrs. Weierich noted that various office supplies, lawn and maintenance equipment, and painting services to name a few. Dr. Schaible questioned why we hadn't taken advantage of the co-ops earlier. Mrs. Weierich stated that although we have availed ourselves to State contracts, once the cost of joining a co-op such as Morris County is factored in the savings are reduced. Members were in agreement that joining would be a good cost savings action and give the Authority more purchasing options. Motion to authorize the Authority to enter into the HCESC cooperative pricing agreement was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Cichone and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Process Water Pump Project – Mrs. Plesnarski updated the board on the project's progress. The contractor has been given notice to proceed. Mr. Stothoff has advised Mrs. Plesnarski that the pumps need to be supplied by Municipal Maintenance instead of Hayes Pump. The estimated delivery of pumps has increased by four weeks. Mrs. Plesnarski has requested that a by-pass be set up ahead of time as a precaution due to the added lead time. Mr. Burton questioned if there would be a change in price. Mrs. Plesnarski stated that Mr. Stothoff would still need to abide by his awarded bid price. Mr. Cichone questioned if the completion date has changed. Mrs. Plesnarski stated that Mr. Ponte has been contacted about the possibility of an extension in completion date. Mrs. Plesnarski will continue to keep the board apprised of any updates.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned by motion made by Dr. Schaible seconded by Mr. Monaco and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Burton
Vice Chairman

Virginia Weierich
Recording Secretary

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE READINGTON-LEBANON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER
17-15

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2017 the governing body of the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

BY:

Vincent Schaible, Chairman

ATTEST BY:

Richard Burton, Vice-Chairman