

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JUNE 9, 2025

MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Vin:

It's five o'clock here. And I'm going to call the regular meeting of the RPB Finance Committee to order if everyone can mute themselves so we don't get feedback, I'd appreciate it. And we're going to start with our safety moment.

And as the weather is warming up, it is Fire It Up Safety: Grilling Safety. Summer has officially kicked off and millions of Americans have started grilling. Before lighting your grill, do a safety check. Has your grill been recalled? Make sure you know that. Do a visual inspection of your hoses on your gas grill for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. Check for propane gas leaks.

Is the grill cleaned regularly? Cleaning the grill as described in the owner's manual and also cleaning the grease trap will reduce the risk of flare-ups and grease fires. Once your safety check is complete, make sure you're using your grill outside. Never leave your grill unattended and keep children away from the grilling area and enjoy your hot dogs. Okay. Let's move on to the approval of the minutes of the May 12th, 2025 meeting. Is there a motion?

Tom:

So moved.

Vin:

Is there a second?

Jay:

Second.

Vin:

Thank you. There's a motion and a second. And is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say, "Aye."

Committee members:

Aye.

Vin:

Any opposed? Any abstentions? The ayes have it. Thank you. All right. Let's move on to number three, the discussion of the Five Member Authority stipend. All right. And we may go into executive session upon a two-thirds vote if necessary. Is there any discussion on this topic?

Tim:

Are you referring to going into executive session or are we going to talk about-

Vin:

Well, let's start with what we want to talk about before we decide whether or not it's appropriate to go into executive session.

Tim:

Well, I think it's appropriate if we're going to be talking about numbers, there's a few questions I'd like to ask. I have no hesitation about asking them openly. I'm hoping if Tom Clifford is here, I don't know if he is.

Tom:

I am.

Tim:

Oh, good. Because I know you were in on the conversations generations ago where one was issued and how that was determined and calculated. And that's important to me to understand. If that's a private conversation, fine. If not, I don't mind talking about anything else.

Tom:

No, I mean we could certainly discuss that in public session. I mean, it's generic in nature. Certainly, that it would, I believe, fall within the discretion of the board or the Representative Policy Board. I would stand corrected if counsel would see some constraints on our ability to do that. But I think it's under compelling circumstances.

And based on the recommendation of leadership and Five Member Authority, that power would be enough. It would be on a case by case basis, but I don't think beyond that, that we need to do anything more. I would see that as a discretionary act. It would require the approval of the RPB. But again, do we need to put it within rules? Do we need to put it within the bylaws? I would defer on that, but I think it reposes within our discretion.

Tim:

Well, in advancement of that goal, we obviously can talk about this openly as a group today without an executive session because I have no bones about it either way. Jeff, do you have an opinion on the backstory and on the current suggestion we might be making?

Jeff:

I mean if you want to have a generic conversation about the jurisdiction and authority of the RPB to provide stipends to the FMA, then you can do that in public session.

Tim:

That wasn't my question or concern. I know Tom addressed it as if it was, but that was not my concern, Tom.

Vin:

Do you want to get into more of the particulars, Tim?

Tim:

I thought we would want to definitely be doing that. I assumed we had the jurisdictional capability of doing this, so that was not my concern or question. Mine was just talking about a stipend and the past history of how one was issued and how they determined an amount.

Vin:

Right. Well, once I believe, if that's correct, and under those circumstances [inaudible 00:06:17] Why don't we go... I'm thinking maybe it would be appropriate to go into executive session.

Tim:

I have no problem.

Vin:

Okay. Is there a motion?

Tim:

I'll move that.

Jamie:

I'll second it.

Vin:

All right. A motion made and seconded to go into executive session for purposes of discussion. The stipend with more specificity and requires a two-thirds vote. All those in favor?

Committee members:

Aye.

Vin:

Anyone opposed?

Vin:

Is that an opposition? Was that last aye in opposition just so we get the record clear?

Jamie:

No.

Vin:

No. Okay, so let me call it again. Anyone opposed? Hearing none, any abstentions? Hearing none. All right. Sounds like it was unanimous. Let's go into executive session.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 5:06 PM TO 5:24 PM]

Vin:

All right. Excellent. Thank you. Welcome back, Mario. All right. So, we're out of executive session at 5:24. Back in public session. And is there a motion to authorize a stipend in the amount of \$1,500 to the Five-Member Authority for their work in fiscal year 2025?

Jamie:

So moved.

Vin:

Excellent. Is there a second?

Tim:

Second.

Vin:

Excellent. There's a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all those in favor say, "Aye."

Committee members:

Aye.

Tim:

Do you have enough on the record, though, for this? I mean, now that we're in the public session, don't we have to define what the motion is in terms of the stipend?

Vin:

Well, it was a motion to authorize the stipend in the amount of \$1,500 to the Five-Member Authority for their work in fiscal year 2025.

Tim:

Bingo. Okay.

Vin:

Okay? That was the motion. It was made. It was seconded. All those in favor say, "Aye."

Committee members:

Aye.

Vin:

Any opposed? Any abstentions? All right, it passes unanimously. Thank you all for your discussion and for your vote. All right. Let's move on to the quarterly report on RPB approved projects. Rochelle, floor is yours.

Rochelle:

Thank you. I'm just going to focus on a few of the [inaudible 00:02:28]-

Rochelle:

So the first project, Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant Clarifiers, Recycle Pump Station, and Concrete Restoration. This is actually a DWSRF project that we are moving forward with getting the financing. The project is basically complete as of the end of the fiscal year. There's just some punchless items with the final, final completion being done in July of 2025.

The Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant, HVAC and Electrical Improvement. The HVAC is actually our congressional directed spending project. We're hoping to get our second reimbursement sometime this month from the grant. And this also will most probably be partially funded on the electrical improvement side by DWSRF. And the project, as you can see, is underway. It's expected to complete in May of 2026. The Lake-

Tim:

And that grant amount, Rochelle, how much was that grant amount?

Rochelle:

The HVAC, this is from memory, is two... I think it's between two to three million.

Tim:

Okay.

Rochelle:

So, that's good. We actually did get our first reimbursement of a little over 250,000 already in fiscal 2025. And I know the next reimbursement we're going to ask for is over 500,000. So, that's good news.

Lake Whitney Dam and Spillway Improvement. This is the initial design. And I think you're aware that the project is progressing towards getting to 100 percent design, and then the application will be submitted regarding the actual construction.

CIS Project. I think you've gotten some updates on this. We did go live on April 2nd, and the anticipated completion is through the end of June, which includes the post-go-live period. And that will end on June

2025. The only thing I will mention, that if there are any residual items associated with the actual implementation, we will ensure that they're actually completed at no additional cost, anything that was associated with the implementation itself.

The Derby Wellfield Chemical Improvements. This project is almost complete, and it's expected to complete in the first quarter of fiscal 2026.

For Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed Improvements, this is a DWSRF project. It did get a bit delayed. And actually, the anticipated completion date, the final completion is actually expected in October of 2026, not 2025, with significant completion and probably in the July/August timeframe. And again, this is a DWSRF project. And yeah, we should get that low-cost loan and grant associated with that project. Any questions?

Tim:

I had a question, Rochelle. When we approve these projects, do we approve them net of grants or do we approve them, obviously being informed of those grants' potentials, but are these figures we're looking at net of grant amount or a corporate grant amount?

Rochelle:

They're gross of the grant amount because it's-

Tim:

Okay. Which is correct in my view. I just wanted to be certain that that's the case. So, in one of these cases, it's a discount, it'll be actually discounted from that? Okay.

Rochelle:

Well, yeah. I mean, in effect, yes, because we'll get reimbursed or-

Tim:

Right.

Rochelle:

... [inaudible 00:07:12]. Any other questions?

Tim:

Thank you. Yes.

Vin:

All right, thank you. All right. Right. Well, we have a notification of committee chair elections in July. If anyone would like to serve as chair, please step forward. Not now, but we'll have that election in July.

All right. Is there any new business to come before the body? Hearing none. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7th at 5:00 PM. It will be a hybrid meeting, and we will start with the election of chair. So, let's see. Is there a motion to adjourn at 5:32?

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Tim:

So moved.

Tom:

So moved.

Vin:

All those in favor say, "Aye."

Committee members:

Aye.