

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

February 26, 2013

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaccaro at 6:08 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the February 26, 2013 Work Session was read into the record by Richard Wierer, Acting Authority Secretary.

BEFORE: The Honorable Commissioners of the Authority
Andrew "Chuck" Vaccaro, Chairman
Ronald Phillips, Vice Chairman
Catherine T. Bentz, Commissioner
James L. Cassella, Commissioner
Louis J. DeLisio, Commissioner
Paul A. Juliano, Commissioner
David J. Lorenzo, Commissioner
Richard D. Schooler, Commissioner
George P. Zilocchi, Commissioner

The meeting was opened to the public. No members of the public wished to speak. The meeting was closed to the public.

Review of February 24, 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Vaccaro reviewed the February 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Construction and Engineering Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that meetings with FEMA related to the damage from Hurricane Sandy have been ongoing.

By-Laws Committee:

Commissioner Schooler advised the Commissioners that the adoption of the By-Laws are on tonight's agenda and that there are no changes to the By-Laws.

Security and Safety Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips distributed the 2012 Year End Injury Report and Analysis. As detailed in the report, BCUA injuries have reduced substantially since 2011. Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that a Security and Safety Committee meeting was conducted on February 26, 2012 at which time the existing safety policy was discussed. The Security and Safety Committee recommends to the board that the existing safety policy be amended. Subsequent to discussion among the Commissioners, it was decided that the existing safety policy should be revised to provide for various

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safety incentives. A motion to support amending the existing safety policy to provide for an incentive program and to direct the Executive Director to promulgate such program for presentation to the Board was put forth by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Schooler and was unanimously carried.

Administration Reports:

Executive Director Laux advised the Commissioners that several resolutions on the regular agenda are for professional service agreements. Director Laux advised that all professional service agreements under the Finance and Legal Committee are reappointments except the general counsel service agreement. Director Laux noted that the legal firm designated in the resolution for general counsel was interviewed in 2012 and a resolution appointing the legal firm was adopted by the BCUA but vetoed by the County Executive. Commissioner Lorenzo stressed that a government agency with the importance of the BCUA's mission should be represented by a general counsel and thanked Mr. Stephen Sinisi, Esq, for his efforts as special counsel during 2012.

Director Laux advised the Commissioners that the next phase of the BCUA health care plan audit would commence shortly. Director Laux noted that Resolution 13-1-020 authorizes the submittal of a funding application for \$18 million to the NJEIT for the Edgewater Outfall Extension project. In addition, Director Laux advised the Commissioners that a letter detailing the results of a noise study conducted subsequent to noise complaints received from the Borough of Little Ferry was forwarded to Little Ferry representatives. The study concluded that no excessive noise was being generated from the BCUA facilities.

Director Laux advised that Resolution 13-1-019 is for a monetary donation to the Little Ferry First Aid, Little Ferry Hook and Ladder and Little Ferry Hose Company. Subsequent to discuss among the Commissioners, the Commissioners decided to increase the donation to \$2,500.

The Overpeck Rowing Association has requested that the BCUA again sponsor the North Jersey Championship Regatta. Subsequent to discuss among the Commissioners, the Commissioners decided to contribute \$1,200 for the event.

Director of Solid Waste and Information Technology Systems Wierer report was accepted as submitted.

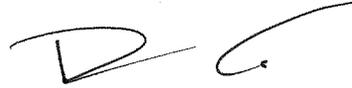
Director of WPC/Chief Engineer Andersen report was accepted as submitted. Chief Engineer Andersen advised the Commissioners that damage and recovery estimates from Hurricane Sandy are estimated to be \$2.5 million. The BCUA submitted the first two FEMA applications on February 22, 2013 and FEMA should cover 75% of BCUA costs.

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CFO/Treasurer Nowosielecki report was accepted as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio report was accepted as submitted.

Motion to adjourn the Work Session meeting was made, seconded and unanimously carried.



Richard Wierer
Acting Authority Secretary