

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

November 25, 2014

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaccaro at 6:02 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the November 25, 2014 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
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 November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Vaccaro reviewed the November 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners. Vice Chairman Phillips noted that several Commissioners attended the League of Municipalities convention.

Security and Safety Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that lost time accidents have increased slightly.

Construction and Engineering Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips noted that he attended the November 25, 2014 meeting with PSE&G representatives regarding the easement agreement. The agreement is finalized and PSE&G has agreed to BCUA's terms. Construction is scheduled to begin January 5, 2015 and the stop joint placement issue has been resolved. The valuation of the proposed temporary and permanent easement is approximately \$295,000. The Edgewater Pump Station/Force Main project continues to move forward. Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that the BCUA continues to work with the NJDEP regarding permit issues and is hopeful that a new permit will be issued by January 2015. Commissioner Zilocchi asked what the cost of the project would be and how the project will be capitalized. Vice Chairman Phillips advised that the estimated capital cost for the project is approximately \$35 million which is substantially less than the Edgewater Outfall and plant upgrade requirements. Project will not begin until 2016 with an estimated completion date in 2019. Executive Director Laux advised the Commissioners that the pending NJEIT application is being revised to amend the

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Edgewater Outfall project in favor of the Pump Station/Force Main Project. The CoGen Expansion project continues to move forward. There are certain air quality permitting issues that still need to be resolved regarding the project. The CoGen engine was delivered and has been placed on the foundation. Vice Chairman advised the Commissioners that the project should be completed by April 2015.

Administration Reports:

Executive Director Laux advised the Commissioners that the 2015 Authority budget was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) for approval. Director Laux thanked the Commissioners for their cooperation in preparing the DCA submittal considering the new document submission requirements for the volunteer board. The rate and budget hearing will be conducted on December 18, 2015 at 5:30 PM. Director Laux advised the Commissioners that the 2015 meeting schedule is on the agenda for approval by the Commissioners. Resolution 14-1-056 on the meeting agenda is for the acceptance of the LFB findings and recommendations regarding the NJEIT bonds. Director Laux requested that the Commissioners approve the annual employee holiday luncheon. The Commissioners unanimously approved the luncheon. The luncheon will be on December 19th. Director Laux thanked the BCUA staff for the donation of turkeys to the annual Bergen County Sheriff turkey collection program. Director Laux requested approval to continue the intern program during the winter school break. Commissioner Schooler requested a motion to approve the intern program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bentz and unanimously approved.

Director of Solid Waste and Information Technology Systems Wierer's monthly report was accepted as submitted. Director Wierer advised the Commissioners that the 2014 household hazardous waste collection program was the most successful program since the program's inception. Commissioner Zilocchi noted that the comments received from the program participants are very positive. Commissioner Zilocchi noted that BCUA employee Mark Vangieri was awarded the ANJR Rex award for recycling excellence and congratulated Mr. Vangieri.

Director of WPC/Chief Engineer Andersen's monthly report was accepted as submitted.

Acting Treasurer McCarter's monthly report was accepted as submitted. Vice Chairman Phillips noted that the BCUA continues to receive effluent reuse payments from PSE&G.

Security Administrator D'Arminio's monthly report was accepted as submitted

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



Richard Wierer
Acting Authority Secretary