

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
WORK SESSION**

**October 23, 2014**

**Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaccaro at 6:00 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the October 23, 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  
          Louis J. DeLisio, Commissioner  
          Paul A. Juliano, Commissioner  
          Richard D. Schooler, 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 October 23, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Vaccaro reviewed the October 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners. Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that he attended the WEFTEC conference in New Orleans and noted that he attended several workshops on the latest wastewater technologies and found the conference beneficial.

Construction and Engineering Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that he attended the project meeting regarding the DCO CoGen project. There are certain air quality permitting issues that still need to be resolved regarding the project. Vice Chairman Phillips attended the October 23, 2014 RDI/I meeting. Municipal surveys are 96% complete and BCUA personnel are following up with other municipalities. Additional capital costs related to the RDI/I will not be required until 2016. Vice Chairman Phillips noted that the PSE&G easement agreement is not finalized and there remain certain engineering issues that need to be resolved before the agreement is presented to the full Commission. The Edgewater Outfall project continues to move forward. Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that the BCUA continues to work with the NJDEP regarding permit issues. The estimated construction schedule for the project is approximately five years. Vice Chairmen Phillips noted that the force main assessment project commenced in early October.

Security and Safety Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that the safety incentive that was distributed in September was well received by the BCUA employees. Vice Chairman

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Phillips inquired if the BCUA contacted the Moonachie police department regarding the response to the September intruder incident. Louis D'Arminio stated that Moonachie has been contacted and the issue has been reviewed and resolved with the police department.

Administration Reports:

Executive Director Laux advised the Commissioners that workplace harassment training for all employees will begin in October. Director Laux noted that he and several Commissioners attended the October 7<sup>th</sup> Riverkeeper annual award celebration. A FEMA progress report will be presented at the November or December Commissioner meeting. Director Laux advised the Commissioners that the Finance Committee met in October to review the 2015 budget and that the agenda for the October 2014 meeting contains resolutions regarding the introduction of the 2015 Water Pollution Control (WPC) and 2015 Solid Waste Management Budget (SWM). Mathew McCarter, Acting Treasurer distributed a summary presentation of the budget and proceeded to review the presentation with the Commissioners. A copy of the 2014 WPC and SWM proposed budgets was previously provided to all Commissioners. Commission DeLisio advised the Commissioners that the Finance Committee is committed to keeping the service agreement increases as stable and low as possible. Paul Lerch, Lerch, Vinci and Higgins noted that the debt service will remain relatively level over the next three years. Mr. Lerch advised the Commissioners that the new budget documents that must be submitted to the State of New Jersey on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> have been changed dramatically and reviewed certain changes with the Commissioners. Acting Treasurer McCarter and Mr. Lerch noted that the capital expense line item has increased and will be partially funded by connection fee revenue. Commissioner Phillips asked if there has been any progress on the collection of connection fees for the American Dream project. Director Laux noted there has been no progress since the September meeting.

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

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

Acting Treasurer McCarter's monthly report was accepted as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio's monthly report was accepted as submitted. Mr. D'Arminio noted that he attended a meeting with the Little Ferry and Moonachie police to discuss the issue of trespassers onto BCUA property.

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



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Richard Wierer  
Acting Authority Secretary