**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY**
**WORK SESSION**

**March 28, 2013**

**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 March 28, 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
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 March 28, 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda
Chairman Vaccaro reviewed the March 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Report:
Vice Chairman Phillips congratulated the BCUA management and employees for receiving the Association of Environmental Authorities' Wave Award. The award was presented at the AEA Utility Management Conference on March 13, 2013 in recognition of BCUA's outstanding response to potential devastation and destruction of its wastewater treatment facility during Super-Storm Sandy in 2012.

Finance and Legal Committee:
Commissioner Cassella welcomed BCUA's General Counsel Paul Kaufman, Esq., whose firm was appointed on February 26, 2013.
Commissioner Cassella asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss potential litigation regarding the BCUA contract with Birdsall Service Group. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeLisio with all Commissioners in favor. The Commissioners then went into Closed Session.

The Commissioners resumed the Work Session.

Construction and Engineering Committee:
Commissioner Phillips advised the Commissioners that a Construction and Engineering Committee meeting was held on March 28, 2013 to discuss various issues including a project to inspect the BCUA forcemains. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to add Resolution 13-2-034 to the March 28, 2013 Regular Meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zilocchi with all Commissioners in favor.

Commissioner Phillips requested clarification on the pending April 4, 2013 public hearing regarding the establishment of an effluent reuse rate. Executive Director Laux discussed the public rate hearing procedure and advised the Commissioners that as hearing officer, he will present his recommendations to the Board at the April Regular Commissioner Meeting.

Security and Safety Committee:
Commissioner Phillips reported that he attended two internal safety committee meetings. Commissioner Phillips discussed the need to consider additional security improvements to the BCUA facilities.

Administration Reports:
Executive Director Laux thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing support and for joining him to accept the AEA Wave Award on behalf of the Authority. . Director Laux reported that he presented the award to the BCUA plant managers and supervisors to commend them for all their efforts during and after Super Storm Sandy.
Director Laux advised the Board of an upcoming dinner to honor Hackensack Riverkeeper Bill Sheehan on April 12, 2013. In addition, Director Laux will be speaking at the April 9, 2013 Bergen County League of Municipalities meeting.

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.

CFO/Treasurer Nowosielecki report was accepted as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio report was accepted as submitted.

Commissioner Zilocchi stated that he attended the March 9, 2013 household hazardous waste collection program conducted by the BCUA solid waste division. He was very impressed with the event and suggested the need to enhance BCUA public relations efforts.

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

Richard Wierer
Acting Authority Secretary