

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
WORK SESSION**

**August 23, 2018**

**Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 6:06 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the August 23, 2018 Work Session was read into the record by Michael Henwood, Board Secretary.

BEFORE: The Honorable Commissioners of the Authority  
Ronald Phillips, Chairman  
Louis J. DeLisio, Vice Chairman  
Catherine T. Bentz, Commissioner  
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner  
Daniel Gumble, Commissioner  
Paul A. Juliano, Commissioner  
Thomas S. Kelley, Commissioner  
Peter C. Massa, Commissioner  
Jon Warms, 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 August 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the August 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Safety Committee:

Commissioner Bentz reported that the Safety Labor/Management Committee Meeting held today covered ongoing progress with the Site Safety Capital Improvement Project. Commissioner Bentz reported an increase in 2018 year to date injuries. Director Askew briefly addressed the increase in 2018 year to date injuries and indicated that he will direct more attention to safety compliance required by all BCUA departments. Executive Director Laux reviewed the 2017 Year End Injury Report and Analysis submitted by James Carroll, Manager of Safety Training and Compliance. The report indicates an increase in 2017 over 2016 in total injuries, lost time cases and lost time hours. Director Laux requested Director Askew to work with the Manager of Safety Training and Compliance to clarify some findings in the Year End Injury Report and submit a revised report. Director Laux discussed the Annual Safety Incentive Program in light of the 2017 year end results. Director Laux suggested the Board consider a reduction in the Incentive payment amount from last year due to the increase in injuries and lost time cases and hours compared to 2016. Commissioner Kelley made a motion to table the discussion until the September meeting to

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provide time for review of the revised report. Commissioner Bentz seconded the motion and was unanimously carried.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Phillips attended two meetings on the Edgewater Force Main Project and reported good progress. Chairman Phillips also reported good progress with the new vendor (AB Energy, USA L.L.C.) servicing the Co-Gen Engines.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux confirmed that after all Board Members agreed; the September 2018 Public Meeting and Work Session will be changed from Thursday, September 27, 2018 to Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6 PM. Director Laux announced that a presentation on the status of FEMA Hurricane Sandy Claims will be held during tonight's Work Session. Director Laux reported that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority has approved BCUA's application to amend the ERB Grant to cover projects not covered by FEMA Grant. At Director Laux's request the Board's approved BCUA Employee Appreciation Picnic will be held on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. County Executive James Tedesco will be invited to attend.

Director of Solid Waste and Information Technology Richard Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Engineering Dominic DiSalvo relied upon his written report as submitted.

Security Administrator Louis D'Arminio relied upon his written report as submitted.

Mark Delzio from Arcadis U.S., Inc. provided a presentation on the Status of FEMA Hurricane Sandy Claims. Upon concluding the presentation, several Board members and Director Laux directed questions and provided comments regarding the project's timelines and funding requirements.

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



Michael Henwood  
Board Secretary