

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

May 28, 2020

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman DeLisio at 12:01 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the May 28, 2020 Work Session was read into the record by Michael Henwood, Board Secretary.

BEFORE: The Honorable Commissioners of the Authority
Louis J. DeLisio, Vice Chairman
Catherine T. Bentz, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Daniel Gumble, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Thomas S. Kelley, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Peter C. Massa, Jr. Commissioner (Telephonically)
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Jon Warmes, Commissioner Telephonically)

The May 28, 2020 BCUA Work Session and Regular Board Meeting are being conducted telephonically due to Emergency Measures required during the current COVID 19 Health Crisis. In addition, the published start time of 6:00 PM has been changed to 12:00 PM. Public Notice of time change was posted on the BCUA Website according to current NJ Public Notice guidelines. Vice-Chairman DeLisio, the Executive Director, Deputy Director, Director of Strategic Planning, Acting Treasurer, Security Administrator, and Board Secretary attended and conducted the meeting on-site at the Little Ferry Facility. It is necessary and appropriate for the Authority to take action against this public health hazard consistent with Executive Order 103 and Executive Order 107 in order to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the Authority's employees and Bergen County residents and visitors. Public access to both the Work Session and the Regular Board Meeting has been made available via an 800 call-in number that was posted at both entrances to the BCUA Little Ferry facility and communicated on the BCUA Website.

The meeting was opened to the public. No public attended in person or spoke via phone. The meeting was closed to the public.

Review of May 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

Vice Chairman DeLisio reviewed the May 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

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Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux reported to the Board the status of BCUA Plant Operations. All required critical functions continue to successfully operate with revised scheduling and guidelines established as a result of COVID 19. Director Laux further reported that planning continues for the return of the full BCUA workforce as permitted under the State and County guidelines. Director Laux advised the Board that COVID 19 two-stage testing was underway and available for all on-site BCUA staff this week. A second phase of testing will be made available prior to all BCUA staff returning to on-site work. Director Laux announced that the Bergen County Division of Public Safety will provide a self-screening Thermal-Imaging System for temperature checks at the Little Ferry Facility. Each staff member reporting to work each day will be required to screen themselves to check for above average body temperatures. Director Laux and several Commissioners had a brief discussion regarding Resolution 20-2-035 contract award for Final Settling Tanks Improvements. Director Laux advised the Board that at the request of the County Executive, BCUA is participating in a Columbia University study at the Little Ferry facility on the diversity and quantity of viruses and bacteria, including COVID 19 entering wastewater treatment plants.

Deputy Director Richard Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Engineering Dominic DiSalvo provided additional information on the Columbia University/AECOM Wastewater Study. Director DiSalvo further relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Water Pollution Control Stephen Askew relied upon his written report as submitted.

Acting Treasurer McCarter relied upon his written report as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio reported no security issues during the previous month.

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



Michael Henwood
Board Secretary