

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
WORK SESSION**

**March 26, 2015**

**Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaccaro at 6:03 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the March 26, 2015 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 26, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Vaccaro reviewed the March 26, 2015 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Phillips advised that representatives from ARCADIS U.S. Inc. will provide a brief presentation regarding the FEMA/Sandy funding update at the end of the work session.

Construction and Engineering Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips noted the CoGen Expansion project continues to move forward and a Resolution regarding the air quality permitting issues is on this evenings agenda. The Executive Director will provide further details regarding the air permitting issue and Resolution. The Edgewater Pump Station/Force Main project continues to move forward. Vice Chairman Phillips noted that the PSE&G easement road work interfered with plant operations the week of March 22, 2015. Once PSE&G was advised of the issue, PSE&G rectified the problem.

Personnel and Administration Committee:

Commissioner DeLisio advised the Commissioners that Resolution 15-3-003 is for the appointment of Michael Henwood as Secretary of the Authority. The Personnel and Administration Committee fully recommends Mr. Henwood for this position.

By-Laws Committee:

Commissioner Schooler will attempt to schedule a By-Laws Committee meeting before the April 2015 Regular Meeting to discuss possible modifications to the By-Laws.

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Security and Safety Committee:

Vice Chairman Phillips reported that he and Commissioner Bentz attended the March 2015 safety meeting. Vice Chairman Phillips advised the Commissioners that the Draft of the POSHA audit of the Authority was reviewed and should be issued soon. He advised the Commissioners that the annual safety incentive program will need to be discussed at the April 2015 Commissioner meeting.

Administration Reports:

Executive Director Laux welcomed Freeholder Tracy Zur to the meeting. Director Laux noted that Resolution 15-1-021 authorizes the execution of the an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with NJDEP regarding proposed modification to the Authority Title V Air Permit as it relates to the third CoGen engine. The ACO will allow the Authority to operate the third CoGen engine while the final permit is being issued and will set forth a pilot project to determine the appropriate air pollution technology to be implemented for the CoGen engine. Director Laux thanked the Commissioners for supporting the resolution appointing a Secretary of the Authority.

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. Administrator D'Arminio advised the Commissioners that the Homeland Security Assessment of the Authority qualifies the Authority for a \$160,000 Homeland Security Grant.

Robert Schneider and Carly Foster of ARCADIS U.S. Inc. provided the Commissioners an update regarding Super Storm Sandy FEMA funding. FEMA has agreed to reimburse the Authority \$3.5 million in restoration costs and has committed to an additional \$6.5 million in restoration costs associated with substations and cables. FEMA has also agreed to include soft costs such as engineering in restoration and mitigation reimbursements. FEMA has agreed to \$13.5 million in mitigation costs. Commissioner Zilocchi asked if the total mitigation costs of \$13.5 million will increase and Ms. Foster noted that the ARCADIS U.S. Inc. continues to work with FEMA on the Authority's behalf to increase funding of mitigation costs. Vice Chairman Phillips noted that based on Ms. Fosters report and the increase in FEMA funding and cooperation, it is the best interest of the Authority to move forward in procuring FEMA funds. Ms. Foster noted that since Super Storm Sandy, FEMA staff has changed four times which has affected the timely review of the Authority FEMA funding requests. Commissioner Schooler asked if any of the BCUA FEMA funding applications have been denied and Ms. Foster advised that no applications have been denied. Commission Zilocchi asked if a document outlining the FEMA reimbursements will be distributed. Vice Chairman Phillips noted a document was distributed to the Construction and Engineering Committee. Executive Director Laux advised the Commissioners that if FEMA

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reimbursement request are denied by FEMA the Authority can appeal those denials to the FEMA headquarters in Washington DC and that ARCADIS U.S. Inc. has successfully appealed such denials on behalf of certain other clients.

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



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Richard Wierer  
Acting Authority Secretary