

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

May 27, 2021

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 12:08 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the May 27, 2021 Work Session was read into the record by Michael Henwood, Board Secretary.

BEFORE: The Honorable Commissioners of the Authority
Ronald Phillips, Chairman
Louis DeLisio, Vice Chairman (Telephonically)
Catherine T. Bentz, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Peter C. Massa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Jon Warms, Commissioner (Telephonically)

The May 27, 2021 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. The Executive Director, Deputy Director, Director of Engineering, Director of Water Pollution Control, Director of Strategic Planning, Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer 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 a Toll Free 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 one from the public wished to speak.

Review of May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the May 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Phillips reported progress on a number of key projects and initiatives.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux provided an update on Plant Operations specific to the current Covid-19 conditions. Director Laux reported that plant shifts are back to pre-pandemic scheduling with social distancing and mask requirement still in effect. Director Laux advised

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the Board that the BCUA will be applying for recently announced Federal Grant funding for infrastructure improvements. Director Laux requested approval to conduct the annual employee appreciation lunch to be scheduled in late June. A Motion to approve the 2021 Annual Employee Appreciation Lunch was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Deputy Director Wierer advised the Board that the annual Sanitary Sewerage Connection Fee Public Hearing was conducted this morning (Resolution 21-1-026). Director Wierer further relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Engineering Dominic DiSalvo provided an update on the Columbia University Covid-19 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.

Director of Strategic Planning Bashar Assadi provided an update on the Northern Valley Force main. Director Assadi further relied upon his written report as submitted.

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Lori Zoklu relied upon her written report as submitted.

Security Administrator Louis D'Arminio provided a security update.

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



Michael Henwood
Board Secretary