

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

October 22, 2020

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 12:03 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the October 22, 2020 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)
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Daniel Gumble, Commissioner
Thomas S. Kelley, Commissioner
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Jon Warms, Commissioner (Telephonically)

The October 22, 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. The Executive Director, Deputy Director, Director of Engineering, Director of Water Pollution Control, Director of Strategic Planning, Acting Treasurer, 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 October 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the October 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda and solicited comments or questions from the Commissioners.

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Chairman's Report:

Chairman Phillips reported progress on a number of key projects and initiatives. Chairman Phillips requested the Board consider revising Resolution 20-2-083 on today's agenda. The Chairman recommended the total contract award be reduced by approximately fifty (50%) percent. Additional funding will be considered moving forward.

Finance and Legal Committee:

Vice Chairman DeLisio advised the Board that today's Regular Meeting includes Resolutions introducing the 2021 Water Pollution Control and Solid Waste Management Budgets. Vice Chairman DeLisio reported that the Finance and Legal Committee met last week and reviewed the proposed budgets in detail. Vice Chairman DeLisio provided the Board an overview of the respective 2021 budgets. The Vice Chairman thanked Acting Treasurer Mathew McCarter and his staff as well as the accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP for the significant effort in preparation of the Budgets. Vice Chairman DeLisio advised that the Finance and Legal Committee recommends adoption of the 2021 Water Pollution Control and Solid Waste Management Budgets as presented today.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux provided an update on Plant Operations specific to the current COVID 19 conditions. Director Laux also commended several BCUA Directors and Acting Treasurer Mathew McCarter and his entire team as well as the accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP for their effort in preparation of the 2021 Budget. Director Laux reported progress on projects underway at the Little Ferry facility.

Deputy Director Wierer relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Engineering Dominic DiSalvo provided an update on the Columbia University 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 Mathew McCarter thanked everyone involved with the preparation of the BCUA 2021 Budget. Acting Treasurer McCarter further relied upon his written report as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio provided updates on the rear gate repair at the Little Ferry facility and security camera upgrades.

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



Michael Henwood
Board Secretary