

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

September 23, 2021

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

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

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the September 23, 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
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Daniel Gumble, Commissioner
Thomas S. Kelley, Commissioner
Peter C. Massa, Commissioner
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Jon Warmes, Commissioner

The meeting was opened to the public. No one from the public wished to speak.

Review of September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the September 23, 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. Chairman Phillips advised the Board of a request by the Little Ferry Fire Department for a potential donation of a BCUA vehicle no longer in service.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux provided an update on Plant Operations specific to the current Covid-19 conditions. Director Laux advised the Board that the BCUA is currently amending its Covid-19 policies and procedures in anticipation of a potential winter surge due to Covid-19 variants and other factors. Director Laux provided an update on the impact of Hurricane Ida and current efforts to tabulate costs associated with the storm for potential reimbursement by FEMA. Director Laux advised the Board that he will be meeting with the Bergen County Executive to identify ARP grant money and other available funding sources for infrastructure improvements. Director Laux updated the Board of the ongoing efforts to secure funding sources for the BCUA's Solid Waste Division. Director Laux advised the Board that the Hackensack River Keeper's annual Fundraiser (supported by the BCUA) will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at the Florentine Gardens in River Vale.

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

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

Director of Water Pollution Control Stephen Askew provided a report and update on the preplanning, event operations and recovery efforts due to Hurricane Ida. Director Askew relied upon his written report as submitted.

Director of Strategic Planning Bashar Assadi 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