

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

December 22, 2020

Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 12:00 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the December 22, 2020 Work Session was read into the record by Michael Henwood, Board Secretary.

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

The December 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 December 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the December 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 including final designs and routing for the Edgewater Force Main Project.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux provided an update on Plant Operations specific to the current Covid-19 conditions. Director Laux reported two new Covid-19 positive cases at the BCUA during the previous month. Director Laux advised that Board that random Covid-19 testing for all BCUA employees will be conducted over the next three weeks. Director Laux referred the Board to the letter sent to the County Executive regarding the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations as distributed by the Water Sector Coordination Council. Director Laux also referred the Board to an article posted on Northjersey.com regarding the COVID-19 wastewater study currently underway jointly with Columbia University and AECOM. Director Laux advised Board that Resolution 20-2-096 for Professional Engineering Services for BCUA Little Ferry Water Pollution Control Facilities FEMA Sandy Plant Wide Restoration and Mitigation is on tonight's agenda.

Deputy Director 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 relied upon his written report as submitted.

Acting Treasurer Mathew McCarter advised the Board that the 2021 Public Rate Hearing and 2021 Public Budgets Hearing were conducted today. In addition, the 2021 BCUA Amended Budget has been approved the NJ Department of Local Government Services. Acting Treasurer further relied upon his written report as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio provided update on several security matters.

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



Michael Henwood
Board Secretary