

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
WORK SESSION**

**September 24, 2020**

**Monthly Work Session Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phillips at 12:06 PM.

The Proof of Work Session Notice calling the September 24, 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)  
Catherine Bentz, Commissioner (Telephonically)  
Bruce Bonaventuro, Commissioner (Telephonically)  
Peter C. Massa, Jr. Commissioner (Telephonically)  
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner (Telephonically)  
Jon Warms, Commissioner (Telephonically)

*The September 24, 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 September 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the September 24, 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.

Administrative Reports:

Executive Director Laux provided an update on Plant Operations specific to the current COVID 19 conditions. Director Laux reported progress on the Edgewater Force Main project via Resolution 20-1-041 providing settlement of litigation and acquisition of critical routing easements. Director Laux advised the Board that Resolution 20-2-072 authorizes the execution and completion of the Administration Building Restoration Project. Director Laux advised the Board that Resolution 20-2-070 provides for the Competitive Contracting method to procure professional engineering services to undertake and complete the FEMA Sandy Plant Wide Restoration and Mitigation Project at the Little Ferry WPCF. Executive Director Laux advised the Board of a request by the Hackensack Riverkeeper for the BCUA's annual sponsorship of the Clean Water Celebration in October. A Motion to approve the *Clean Water Defender* level was made, seconded and unanimously carried. Director Laux advised the Board that the "COVID" appropriate Employee Appreciation Lunch will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

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 McCarter relied upon his written report as submitted.

Security Administrator D'Arminio reported no security issues during the previous month.

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



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Michael Henwood  
Board Secretary