

**BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION**

January 28, 2021

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 January 28, 2021 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 (Telephonically)
Peter C. Massa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Diane T. Testa, Commissioner (Telephonically)
Jon Warms, Commissioner (Telephonically)

The January 28, 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, 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. Mr. Mark Savastano of the Bergen County HUB & Green Team organizations provided comments regarding Styrofoam recycling.

Review of January 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda

Chairman Phillips reviewed the January 28, 2021 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 several maintenance employees were quarantined for suspected Covid-19 positive cases during the previous week. Director Laux advised that Board that 48 random Covid-19 tests were conducted last week with no positive results reported. Director Laux referred the Board to several Resolutions on tonight's agenda regarding the COVID-19 wastewater study currently underway jointly with Columbia University and AECOM. Director Laux informed the Board that a settlement has been reached by all responsible parties regarding the Overpeck Relief Sewer damage. Director Laux thanked Acting Treasurer Mathew McCarter for his thirteen years of service at the BCUA.

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 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