

Meeting Minutes of June 16th, 2022

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Ramos was in the chair.

The Executive Director read the following statement:

Pursuant to Section #5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting and maintaining the annual notice of the regular meetings of the Joint Meeting on the bulletin board of the Maplewood Municipal Building, by mailing the annual notice of the regular meetings for 2022 to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and to the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and to the County Clerks of the Counties of Essex and Union all on December 22nd, 2021.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Dafis, Florio, Petrosky, Haskins, Leneus and Ramos; Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis. Absent: Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Epps and Ms. Burgess.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Dowhan, Gonzalez, Barry, Phillips, Volpe and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC; R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck; H. Johnsen, J. Bonaccorso and N. Towers of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC.; Absent: Ms. Julie Needham.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Prupis, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Ms. Fox, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Mr. Florio, stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorizing GLEC-2022 to 2023 – NJHDG (R-040/22), Resolution Authorizing a Bid for Various Services, Equipment & Materials (R-041/22), Resolution Authorizing a Bid for Furnishing and Delivering Wastewater Flow Meter & Rain Gauge Replacement, Maintenance, Repair and Calibration Services (R-042/22), Resolution Authorizing a Bid for Furnishing and Delivering Providing Certified Laboratory Services (R-043/22), Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Website Design and Related Services (R-044/22), Resolution Authorizing Extending Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite (R-045/22).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Fox, Resolution (R-040/22) Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Great Lakes Environment Center through the New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group for 2022-2023 was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis;

Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-041/22) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials---Landia AeriGator Pump was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-042/22) Awarding a Contract to ADS Environmental Services for Wastewater Flow Meter & Rain Gauge Replacement, Maintenance, Repair and Calibration Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-043/22) Awarding a Contract to Aqua Pro-Tech Laboratories, Inc. for Providing Certified Laboratory Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-044/22) Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Revize, LLC, AKA Revize Software Systems for Website Design and Related Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-045/22) Extending the Contract with PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering Sodium Bisulfite was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

There was no finance and budget report.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Treatment Plant Report, Industrial Pretreatment Report and Financial Reports having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Ms. Fox, the General Counsel Report, (Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Antonelli Kantor, P.C. - No Report) the Engineering Report, the CSO Report and Grant Writing Services Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nay, none.

Mr. Rivera from the Labor and Employment Counsel express to the Board that the beginning stage to restart union contract negotiation has begun.

There was no correspondence.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five minute limit. On motion to open public comments by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Ramos. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Ramos. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-038/22) Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Dafis, seconded by Ms. Prupis, Resolution (R-039/22) Third Quarter Assessment was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Fox and Ms. Prupis; Messrs. Leneus, Dafis, Ramos, Petrosky, Haskins and Florio; nays, none.

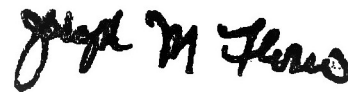
Under unfinished business, Director Johnson shared more in-depth details of the WEFTEC Conference commencing in October, 2022 with the Board.

Anticipated Summer Schedule for July was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Next Meeting is on July 21st, 2022.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Ramos, the meeting then adjourned at 4:24pm to meet again on July 21st, 2022 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Florio". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary