Meeting Minutes of August 17th, 2023

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 2023 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 23rd, 2022.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Leneus and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum and Ms. Fox. Absent: Mr. Dafis.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Phillips, Akinokun, Volpe, Barry, and Berkeley Esq., of the Joint Meeting; J. Noble, Esq. of Connell Foley, LLP; J. Burke Esq. of Antonelli Kantor Rivera; H. Johnsen, N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC and Julia Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, LLC.

On motion by Ms. Bonanno, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstention: Ms. Fox and Ms. Frederic.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Romano, the Treasurer's report was adopted. 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 Authorization for Co-Generation Upgrade-Construction Admin Services-CME Associates (R-082/23), Resolution Authorization for Furnishing and Delivering 26kV Substation Feeder N482 Electrical Testing & Feeder Re-Energization (R-083/23).

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Bonanno, Resolution (R-082/23) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for Construction and Administration Services for the Co-Generation Upgrade Project was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Rutherford, Florio, Leneus and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Fox, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Bonanno, Resolution (R-083/23) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Eii, Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering 26kV Substation Feeder

N482 Electrical Testing & Feeder Re-Energization was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Rutherford, Florio, Leneus and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Fox, and Ms. Collum; nay, none.

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

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, the General Counsel Report, (Connell Foley, LLP), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Engineering Report (CME Associates), the CSO Report (CDM Smith) and Grant Writing Services Reports (Aubrey Group, LLC) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

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 Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Bonanno. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Romano. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-081/23) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Florio, Rutherford, and Ramos; Ms. Romano, Ms. Bonanno, Ms. Frederic, Ms. Fox, and Ms. Collum; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on September 21st, 2023, and WEFTEC Conference will be held September 30th – October 4th in Chicago, Illinois.

There being no further business, on motion by, Ms. Romano seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the meeting then adjourned at 4:20 pm to meet again on September 21, 2023, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary