

Board Meeting of April 18th, 2024

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Florio 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 2024 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 January 4th, 2024.

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

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

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Vartan, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the Treasurer's report was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chairman Florio stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization to Award Biosolids Facility Site Wall – Construction Admin Services - CME Associates (R-044/24), Resolution Authorization to Award Biosolids Facility Stormwater Pumping Station - Construction Admin Services – CME Associates (R-045/24), Resolution Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials (R-046/24), Resolution Authorization to Amend Contract for Hauling and Beneficial Use of Dewatered Biosolids (R-047/24), Resolution Authorization to Terminating Contract with MP Predictive Tech. for Furnishing & Installing of Six (6) Replacement 35 KV Current Transformers (R-048/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering Six (6) 35 KV Current Transformers (R-049/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order Installing Six (6) Replacement 35 KV Current Transformers (R-050/24).

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Adams, Resolution (R-044/24) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for Biosolids Facility Site Wall – Construction Admin Services was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-045/24) Awarding Contract to CME Associates for Biosolids Facility Stormwater Pumping Station – Construction Admin Services was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Rios & Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-046/24) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials --- Furnish & Install (2) 18-Inch Line Stops (For the main drain pipes discharging into the main drain well pit to stop flow and facilitate installation of the new pumps) was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-047/24) Amending Contract with Environmental Protection & Improvement Company, LLC for the Hauling and Beneficial Use of Dewatered Biosolids was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-048/24) Terminating Contract with MP Predictive Tech. for Furnishing & Installing of Six (6) Replacement 35 KV Current Transformers was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-049/50) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Precision Electric Motors Works for Furnishing & Delivering Six (6) 35 KV Current Transformers was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-050/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to ML Power for Installing Six (6) Replacement 35 KV Current Transformers was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the 2023 Annual Operational Report, the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report, and the 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. Adams, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, 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), and the CSO Report (CDM Smith) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was correspondence for Elizabeth First Quarter Adjustment.

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. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the public comment portion of the meeting was opened. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Frederic. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Rios, Resolution (R-043/24) Payment of Bills was adopted On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on May 16, 2024

There being no further business, on motion by, Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, the meeting then adjourned at 4:24 pm to meet again on May 16, 2024, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.