

Board Meeting of February 15th, 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. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams. Absent: Ms. Collum.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Phillips, Akinokun, Volpe, Barry, Kelly, Kairu and Berkeley Esq., of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster, Esq., and 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; Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, LLC, and David Leun of CDM Smith.

Director Johnson introduced new board member, Robert Rios (Hillside).

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

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

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Leneus, Resolution (R-022/24) 2024 Designation of 2024 Committee Appointments was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Florio stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization to Award Co-Generation Upgrade Project-Phase II Construction -Anselmi & Decicco, Inc. (R-127/23), Resolution Authorization to Award Main Site Wall- Phase III Construction- Michels Construction Inc. (R-023/24), Removed Resolution (R-024/24), Resolution Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials -- Supply and Install Set of (3) Replacement of N482

Main 26.4KV Disconnect Switches (R-025/24), Resolution Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials – Supply and Install Replacement of (6) 35 KV Current Transformers (3) on N482 Line and (3) on Q225 Line (R-026/24), Resolution Authorization to Award Furnishing and Delivering Non Bacterial Biological Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production (R-027/24).

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Leneus, Resolution (R-127/23) Awarding a Contract to Anselmi and Decicco, Inc. for the Co-Generation Upgrade Project – Phase II of the Flood Mitigation Project was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-023/24) Awarding a Contract to Michels Construction, Inc. for the Main Plant Site Wall Project – Phase III of the Flood Mitigation Project was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

Resolution (R-024/24) removed.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Rios, Resolution (R-025/24) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials - Supply and Install Set of (3) Replacement of N482 Main 26.4KV Disconnect Switches was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-026/24) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials - Supply and Install Replacement of (6) 35 KV Current Transformers (3) on N482 Line and (3) on Q225 Line was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-027/24) Awarding Contract to JSH International, LLC for Furnishing and Delivering Non Bacterial Biological Enhancer for Anaerobic Digester Gas Production was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Romano, the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report, the 2023 Clean Water Enforcement 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. Frederic, 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), 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 in the form of a Board Member Appointment Letter from Hillside (email).

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 Mr. Rutherford, 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 Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-021/24) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-028/24) Audit Report Resolution – 2022 was adopted. On Roll call: ayes, Messrs. Ramos, Leneus, Rutherford, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Adams; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Rios, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-029/24) Appreciation to Lisa Bonanno was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-30/24) Appreciation to Edward Kobovitch was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on March 21, 2024

There being no further business, on motion by, Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the meeting then adjourned at 4:32 pm to meet again on March 21, 2024, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.