Board Meeting of September 19th, 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. Petrosky, Rios, Ramos, Leneus, and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Romano, and Ms. Collum (joined @ 4:09 pm). Absent: Ms. Frederic and Mr. Rutherford.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Akinokun, Kairu, Barry and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster, Esq., 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, and David Leun of CDM Smith.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Adams, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, 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 ACOE Stormwater Pumping Station – Construction – Coppola Services Inc. (R-089/24), Resolution Authorization to Award Repairing and Delivering Philadelphia Mixer Gearbox or Approved Equivalent (R-084/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order for Cogen SAG Vessel Changeout (R-085/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order for Main Sewage Pump No. 5 Variable Frequency Drive Installation Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System (R-086/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order for Gravity Belt Spare Parts (R-087/24), Resolution Authorizing Change Order No.4 – Thickener Facilities Upgrades – Allied Construction Group Inc. (R-88/24)

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Chairman Florio requested to vote the following Resolutions as a group: Resolution (R-089/24) Awarding Contract to Coppola Services Inc. for Construction Services related to the ACOE Stormwater Pumping Station, Resolution (-084/24) Awarding a Contract to East Coast Machine Services LLC for Repairing and Delivering Philadelphia Mixer Gearbox or Approved Equivalent, Resolution (R-085/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Nichem Co for Providing Cogen SAG Vessel Changeout, Resolution (R-086/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Pumping Services, Inc. for Main Sewage Pump No. 5 Variable Frequency Drive Installation Under North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, Resolution (R-087/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Komline-Sanderson Corporation for Furnishing and Delivering Gravity Belt Spare Parts, Resolution (R-088/24) Authorizing C.O. No. 4 and Final Close out of contract with Allied Construction Group Inc. for Thickener Facilities Upgrades. On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolutions (R-089/24), (R-084/24), (R-085/24), (R-086/24), (R-087/24), (R-088/24) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Rios, Ramos, and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-082/24) Payment of Bill was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Rios, Ramos, and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Collum, Resolution (R-083/24) Fourth Quarter of 2024 Assessment was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Rios, Ramos, and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

Under Budget & Finance, Director Johnson will provide more details to all committee members soon, regarding date of Meeting.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report and the Financial Report for August and September 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. Rios, 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) for August and September 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 Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Florio, 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 Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Collum. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

Under unfinished business, Director Johnson will be meeting with the Joint Meeting Insurance Broker and updating the Board with Health Insurance Benefit options.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on October 17, 2024, and WEFTEC Conference will be held on October 5th -9th, 2024, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

There being no further business, on motion by, Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Adams, the meeting then adjourned at 4:21 pm to meet again on October 17, 2024, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.