

**TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
ONE HIGHLAND AVENUE
MONMOUTH BEACH, NEW JERSEY 07750**

The Regular Meeting of the Two Rivers Water Reclamation Authority was held in person on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm**, and using Microsoft Teams considering the circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman - Presided:

Present: Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman (remote)
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary (remote)
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer (remote)
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Ms. Jeanette Hoffman
Mr. Eric Jaeger (remote)
Mr. Brian McPeak

Absent: Mr. James Mazza

Others present: Mr. Michael A. Gianforte, Executive Director
Mr. Dennis Galvin, Capital Projects Manager(remote)
Mr. Brian Rischman, Authority Engineer
Mr. Johnny Rodriguez, Financial Manager
Mr. Joe Ottaviano, Operations Manager (remote)
Ms. Anne Wallington, Executive Assistant
Mr. Gregory JnoBaptiste, Network and Instrument Coordinator
Mr. David Laughlin, Esq., Birdsall & Laughlin
Mr. Richard Crane, PS&S (remote)

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Statement is hereby made that adequate Notice of Meeting has been provided by publishing the same in the **Asbury Park Press on December 24, 2022**, and emailing the same on **Tuesday, December 27th, 2022**, to the Clerks of the participant municipalities of the Boroughs of Fair Haven, Little Silver, Monmouth Beach, Oceanport, Shrewsbury and West Long Branch, and all customer communities whose geographic boundaries are co-extensive with those of this Authority, and by prominently posting said Notice in the entry way of the Authority's office building on **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**.

CHAIRMAN RULES OF QUORUM

Mr. Berdahl declared that a quorum was present. All present saluted the American Flag.

OPENING STATEMENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mr. Gianforte addressed the Chairman of the Board: In addition to published notice, access to the meeting via computer and telephone, was prominently displayed to the public by posting it on the front door of the office, as well as the front entrance gate, and on the first page of the TRWRA website.

TWO RIVERS WATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2023

Mr. Tocci moved that the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on March 21, 2023, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barham and carried by the following vote on call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Ms. Jeanette Hoffman
Mr. Eric Jaeger
Mr. Brian McPeak

Absent: Mr. James Mazza

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1st item:** Mr. Gianforte reported that Monmouth Beach has retained the USDA to remove the nests and eggs of invasive geese. It is scheduled for March, April, and May.
- 2nd item:** Mr. Gianforte reminded the Commissioners about the 2022-2023 Elected Officials Risk Management Seminar. Every Commissioner who completes the course online by May 2023 will save the Authority \$250.00 in premiums.
- 3rd item:** Conference and Training requests. Mr. Gianforte reported that two additional requests were received; for the NJWEA training consisting of 10 man-days for staff and for the Senior Mechanic to get training for the Motor Control Circuits: Wiring to Troubleshooting at Rutgers.
- 4th item:** An email was received by Mr. Gianforte and Mr. Bonforte from the representative of Local 1075 about the switch from the State Health Benefits plan to the Health Insurance Fund asking that the Authority not make the change based on a unanimous vote of the Union employees.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE

**RESOLUTION NO: 2023-03-46
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. MacStudy moved **Resolution No. 2023-03-46** for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bonforte and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Ms. Jeanette Hoffman
Mr. Eric Jaeger
Mr. Brian McPeak

Absent: Mr. James Mazza

Mr. Gianforte explained that the Chairman of the Finance Committee conducted a meeting with the Authority's Bond Council, auditor, attorney, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Gianforte to discuss the impact on the Customer Town bills associated with a resolution that is on the agenda. Some innovative ideas were presented and after the meeting, Mr. Gianforte talked to the Governor's office and received a report of all the money that every state, county and municipality received in Grants from the Federal Government.

The Authority is going through every possible idea to minimize the impact on the Customer Towns. Discussion ensued.

LEGAL AFFAIRS

Mr. McPeak had nothing new to report.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Tocci asked Mr. Rischman to report on the latest updates for the Oceanport Section of Fort Monmouth project. Discussion ensued.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Berdahl asked Mr. Gianforte and Mr. Bonforte if there was any further discussion on the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund other than what was mentioned in correspondence by Mr. Gianforte. Mr. Gianforte said the Authority is not being asked to take any action and that will enable the rank and file to continue to consider the switch. If there is a time where it seems appropriate for the employees, the Authority will bring it back to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Peter's asked questions about pricing and discussion ensued.

Mr. Peter's said that when you go into negotiations on this, this would be a negotiating point.

Mr. Bonforte explained that the Authority did what is in the best interest of what the employees wanted. Some employees have a child with a special need, and they are covered now under the State Health Insurance Plan, and if the Authority decided to go with the HIF, there is concern that there is no guarantee of them getting the same coverage, regardless of what anyone says. So, this is a very delicate and personal situation, and the Authority went with what was best for the hearts and souls of the parents concerned.

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-03-47
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SALARIES FOR
CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Mr. Bonforte moved **Resolution No. 2023-03-47** for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berdahl and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Ms. Jeanette Hoffman
Mr. Eric Jaeger
Mr. Brian McPeak

Absent: Mr. James Mazza

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO: 2023-03-48
AWARDING CONTRACT NO. 200 REBID
PLEASURE BAY CROSSING AND MAIN PUMP
STATION REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hartman moved **Resolution No. 2023-03-48** for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berdahl and carried by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman
Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary
Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer
Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer
Mr. John Bonforte
Mr. Greg Christopher
Ms. Jeanette Hoffman
Mr. Eric Jaeger
Mr. Brian McPeak

Absent: Mr. James Mazza

Mr. Hartman stated that if you recall this started back during Hurricane Sandy when there was a cracked wall in the pump station, so it has been many years in the making. Mr. Gianforte said that it has been endorsed by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) who gave the Authority \$9 million towards this project. It has been endorsed by the NJOEM, the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), and all other regulatory agencies as well as two engineering firms and an independent tunnelling expert. Discussion ensued.

CYBER SECURITY AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Mr. Peter's had nothing to report other than what was reported in Mr. JnoBaptiste's report.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mr. Barham discussed the spreadsheet for the Customer Towns and the Member Towns regarding future rates.

Mr. Gianforte said that he reached out to every Member and Customer Town. Discussion ensued.

CONSENT AGENDA: (For Resolutions 2023-03-49 through 2023-03-52) The following Resolutions are routine and will be considered together, by Roll Call Vote, without discussion. If any Commissioner wishes to have any "discussion" on any of these routine matters, please identify any such Resolution and it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed immediately thereafter.

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| RES NO. 2023-03-49 | APPROVING TRAINING AND CONFERENCE REQUESTS |
| RES NO. 2023-03-50 | APPROVING CONTINUATION OF A WORK ORDER PROVIDING PROCESS SUPPORT |
| RES NO. 2023-03-51 | AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL |
| RES NO. 2023-03-52 | AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR CONNECTION FEE HEARING |

Mr. Christopher moved **Resolution No. 2023-03-49 through 2023-03-52** for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. MacStudy and carried by the following vote on roll call:

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| Ayes: | Mr. Barry J. Berdahl, Ph.D., Chairman |
| | Mr. Thomas "Burt" Barham, Vice Chairman |
| | Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary |
| | Mr. Jonathan Peters, Asst. Secretary |
| | Mr. Michael MacStudy, Treasurer |
| | Mr. Richard Tocci, Asst. Treasurer |
| | Mr. John Bonforte |
| | Mr. Greg Christopher |
| | Ms. Jeanette Hoffman |
| | Mr. Eric Jaeger |
| | Mr. Brian McPeak |

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| Absent: | Mr. James Mazza |
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OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Public was present.

Mr. MacStudy moved that the meeting adjourn at 6:38 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters and carried by voice vote.

Mr. Berdahl stated that final copies of approved resolutions will be available in the main office during the Authority's regular business hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Scott Hartman, Secretary