

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED
BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021. The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act and guidance issued by the Department of Community Affairs, entitled Local Operational Guidance- Covid-19: Guidance for Remote Public Meetings in New Jersey, issued on April 24, 2020, that the regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene telephonically and/or Zoom Video on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 7 P.M. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the offices of the RVRSA will be closed to the public for this meeting due to concerns for public health and safety however; the public is invited to participate in the meeting telephonically or through Zoom Video Meeting. The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA at <https://rvrsa.org/agenda/>

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- **This meeting was posted on the RVRSA website and on the public notice board in the main RVRSA building.**
- **This meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Star Ledger newspapers.**

Assistant Board Secretary, Janice Fox, read a statement that timely notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act to member municipalities, members of the Authority and designated newspapers.

The salute to the United States flag followed.

Roll Call Attendance was taken:

The following Board Members were present: Messrs. Andes of Town of Denville, Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Howarth of the Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Recchia of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following members were absent: Messrs. Corbett of the Borough of Wharton

There was a quorum.

Also present was Diane Alexander and Brad Carney, Esqs. Maraziti Falcon Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondisini, Robert Bocchino, and Janice Fox.

Correspondence

- 2021 1st Quarter Capacity Assurance Report
- COVID-19 Plan-Updated - Commissioner Guadagno advised that as of today the Governor updated COVID-19 Plans. We will review The CDC guidelines and update our Plan accordingly.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** of April 8, 2021 Board Meeting
- **Resolution 21-059** Authorizing Execution of Morris County Co Op 5-year Contract Renewal
- **Resolution 21-060** Authorizing Execution of Contract for Asset Management
- **Resolution 21-061** Authorizing Execution for Permit Renewal for Cibao Meat Permit
- **Resolution 21-062** Authorizing Deletion of Certain Major Equipment Items from 2020 Fixed Asset Inventory

Commissioner Guadagno offered the Consent Agenda and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (1) Corbett

Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – Meeting held. May 10, 2021.

- Report-Discussed updated COVID Plan for RVRSA- Tabled for review.

Planning Committee - No meeting held.

- No Report

Operations Committee –No meeting held.

- Report: IBT Negotiation session on April 15, 2021. Next negotiation session scheduled for May 17th.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

Infrastructure Committee – Meeting held May 6, 2021.

- Report: Discussed (1) Mediation status of Contract 35 Rebid II (Rockaway River

Regional Interceptor Boonton Section Replacement Project), (2) Negotiations of final payment for Contract 40 (Final Clarifier Project) and (3) Design status of Contract 43-Boonton Siphon Inlet/Outlet Rehabilitation and Washington Street Pipe Replacement.

Commissioner Andes made a motion to table **Resolution 21-063** – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreement with Kulpeksa Land Improvements regarding Contract 35 Re-Bid 2 Rockaway River Regional Interceptor Boonton Section Replacement Project (Under Attorney Review) second by Commissioner Guadagno.

Jersey City Committee – No meeting held.

- Report - JC trial held on April 16th. Next trial date scheduled for May 28th. Full day scheduled, anticipate that trial should be concluded on May 28th.

Sewer User Committee – Meetings held May 4, 2021

- Report- **(1)** Discussed wetlands contained within RVRSA Sewer Area regarding KRE Application for Wetlands Waiver; **(2)** Discussed Sewer User Charge update; **(3)** Discussed status of TerrAscend IPP Application.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-064** Resolution Authorizing Submission of Grant Condition Waiver Application for KRE Acquisition Corporation and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Corbett

Resolution 21-064 passed on 9 yeas.

Finance Committee – No meeting held.

- No Report

Commissioner Guadagno offered **Resolution 21-065** Authorizing Appropriation Transfer and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Corbett

Resolution 21-065 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Guadagno offered **Resolution 21-066** Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for \$1,055,264.71 and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (1) Corbett

Resolution 21-066 passed on 8 yeas.

Executive Director's Report

- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

Engineers Report

- Robert Bocchino gave report: Contract 41 the Phosphorus removal and filtration is underway. The trailer is on the property now and activity should start in June.
- Engineering Report is in the packet.
- Industrial Pre-Treatment Report is in the packet.
- Electrical Engineer's Report is in the packet.
- IPP Report is in the packet.

Lawyers Report

- No Report

Old Business

- No Report

New Business

- JoAnn gave report: New lunchroom Policy went through legal review and the Board will have in it November for the Policy Manual.

Public Portion

The public portion was open at 7:17 PM. There was public present. No comments.
The public portion ended at 7:17 PM.

Closed Session

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-067** Closed Session regarding mediation negotiations relevant to Contract 35 Rebid II – Rockaway River Regional Interceptor Boonton Section Replacement Project and contract negotiations that constitute attorney-client privilege, relevant to Contract 40 – Final Clarifier Repair Project and second by Commissioner Isselin and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Corbett

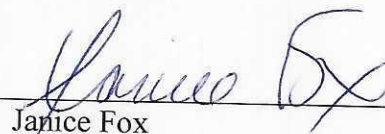
Resolution 21-067 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno made a motion to return to public session and approved by all present.

Commissioner Schorno made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved by all present.

Meeting ended at 8:17 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is June 10, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Fox", is written over a horizontal line.

Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary