

Union County Utilities Authority  
January 16, 2008  
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm, in the meeting room of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Mr. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Kennedy, Vice-Chairman Kulish, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People, Commissioners Badri, Erdos, and Kahn. Also present was alternate Commissioner Jorn.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Huff and Jackus.

Others Present: Dr. Garg, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Hummel, and Mr. Neafsey, of the Authority's staff; Neil Cohen, General Counsel; Henry Johnsen of CME; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein Booth and Associates; Gina Bilangi of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Wisler; Freeholder Liaison Holmes; Isabella Schroeder of Malcolm Pirnie; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Chairman Kennedy designated alternate Commissioner Jorn to act for Commissioner Huff.

#### Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Erdos moved the resolution approving the regular session and executive session minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2007, and the regular session minutes of the special meeting of December 19, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Commissioners Kulish and Jorn who abstained. Commissioner Badri was absent from the room when the vote was taken.

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Communications:

There were no communications.

Report of Officers

There were no reports from the officers.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session I

Finance and Budget

Commissioner Kulish reported that the Finance and Budget Committee had met and recommended approval of the bill list. Commissioner Kulish then moved the following resolutions: 1) Approving operating and resource recovery facility vouchers for processing and payment; and 2) Approving consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report.

Operations

Dr. Garg advised the Commissioners that there were 406 solid waste flow inspections/investigations conducted during the month of December, 2007 (335 type 13 and 71 type 10. Settlements for the month of November totaled \$3,750.00. Dr. Garg noted the potential fines that could be collected for waste flow violations, non-waste flow violations. He also noted the number of cases referred to Special County Counsel.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Dr. Garg reported that the Comment Period, by the DEP, for the Reed option, is scheduled to close. He explained why this important to the Authority. He noted that it, for the first time, defined what a "peak rate" is.

Dr. Garg informed the Commissioners that a modified version of the Recycling Enhancement Act was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. He noted that there is a \$3.00 a ton levy on solid waste disposed of, in the state of New Jersey. The cost, here in

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Union County will have to be passed back to the generators of solid waste. He was not sure as to when the fee would kick in. He also noted that the Authority may be able to get some recycling grants from the State.

New Business

There were no items of new business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Executive Session

Dr. Garg reported that there was no need to go into executive session.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There was no comment.

Commissioner Badri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek  
Clerk

James Kennedy  
Chairman

William Wolf  
Secretary

