

Union County Utilities Authority
March 16, 2006

Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. 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 Joseph Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Badri, Jackus, Kahn and Vollero

Others Present: Dr. Spatola, Mr. Hummel, Mr. Neafsey, and Mr. Crane of the Authority's staff; Neil Cohen, General Counsel; Ed Trainia of CME; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein Booth and Associates; Alan Roth, Esq.; Gina Bilangi of Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Wisler; John Purves of D-Wood; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph Bodek.

Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Chairman Kennedy appointed alternate Commissioner Huff to act for Commissioner Badri and alternate Commissioner Jorn to act for Commissioner Kahn.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Lapolla moved the resolution approving the minutes of the executive session of January 18, 2006, the public meeting of February 28, 2006 and the executive session of February 28, 2006.. Commissioner People seconded the motion, and it was approved, by a voice vote with all voting yes, except for Commissioner Kulish who abstained on the minutes of the February 28, 2006 public and executive session.

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Communications

Mr. Bodek noted a flyer from the Chambers of Commerce announcing their "Business After Hours" event, scheduled for April 20, 2006 at the Grand Summit Hotel.

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 listed resolutions. 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 Lapolla and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Commissioner Lapolla recommended approval of the personnel policy and procedures manual. He then moved the resolution approving the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Operations

Dr. Spatola reported that the Covanta Coordination meeting was held yesterday. Items discussed included: 1) the amount of waste delivered last year compared to the same time period this year; 2) Route 1&9 realignment and the relocation of the entrance to this facility; 3) The yearly outage test for maintenance of the facility, will begin in about a week and a half; 4) Security - inspections of cars in the parking lot for approved parking stickers will begin in a week; and 5) preliminary stack testing results are now available.

Mr. Crane provided the Commissioners with an update on the enforcement efforts. Detail reports were in the Commissioner's packets.

Solid Waste & Recycling

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Dr. Spatola reported that last month it was thought that including D-Wood Inc into the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan could be handled as an administrative action.

However, after discussing the matter with the DEP, it had been decided that a full plan amendment would have to be done. D-Wood's attorney was present. Dr. Spatola noted that nothing had changed in D-Wood's planned operation, from prior presentations. Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution recommending an amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management plan to include D-Wood, Inc., Block 8, Lot 428-Y-10 in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey into the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan as a Class B Recycling Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huff, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

New Business

There were no items of new business.

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session to discuss those items pertaining to contracts, litigation, and/or personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huff and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:43 p.m.

Upon motion of Commissioner Huff, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote the Authority reconvened into public session at 7:03 p.m.

Report of Committees Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

Commissioner Huff moved the following resolutions as set forth on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Kennedy handed out the committee assignments for 2006. Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution confirming the committee appointments made by the Chairperson of the Authority for 2006-2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There were no public comments.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lapolla and approved unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

James Kennedy
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary