

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY —MARCH 23, 2021 — 4:00 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority was held via Teleconference on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Notices of the meeting were mailed to the Clerks and the News Media - The Courier News and The Home News Tribune in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law and New Jersey Statutes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman John Wiley; Vice Chairman Ted Light; Commissioners: Jerome Convery, Antonio Cruz, Robert Diehl, Allan Jacobs, Raymond Murray, Williams and James Zullo.

Absent was: Commissioners Joseph Juliano

Also present were: Executive Director, Joseph Cryan, Leslie London, Esq., William Northgrave, Esq., . and Karen Sissick, Comptroller.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion for approval of the Minutes of the Organization and Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 2021 was made by Commissioner Williams seconded by Vice Chairman Light and carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Engineering Committee

Commissioner Murray reported that the Committee spoke extensively about the Contracts on today's agenda. Also discussed was the progress of the Sayreville Pump Station FEMA Project, which is 97.8% paid to the contractor and is scheduled for substantial completion by May 1, 2021. Only items remaining is landscaping and paving.

**PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS.**

Chairman Wiley asked if anyone from the Public wished to address the board and acknowledged Charles Kratovil. Mr. Kratovil questioned Resolution Nos. WW-3-21-1-R and WW-3-21-2-R (Denali)

Mr. Cryan responded stating that these contracts are for dewatered sludge. Resolution No. WW-3-21-1-R deals with sludge that is a 20% solid and is brought to Burlington county and on occasion shipped to Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kratovil than questioned if this company is going to be paid to take the sludge to Burlington County.

Mr. Cryan responded stating that yes Denali will be paid further explaining this is a company that the Authority has used in the past and has been happy with the services they provide.

Mr. Cryan explained Resolution No. WW-3-21-2-R is for the transportation of Meadow life which is 55% solid, Class B and is used as landfill cover.

Mr. Kratovil question Resolution No. SW-3-21-8-R (Food Waste).

Mr. Cryan explained that the process has begun for food waste recycling. The Authority received Request for Qualifications to see if there was an interest for a food waste facility. Taking waste and creating energy is what MCUA hopes to achieve with this project.

The Executive Director gave a brief summary on each of the Resolutions listed below:

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Resolution No. WW-3-21-1-R – Authorizing Contract Award for Contract No. 21-2-1(AC) – Beneficial Use or Disposal of Wastewater Residuals 2021-2022 (Dewatered Sludge) – Denali Water Solutions - Not to Exceed \$2,066,560.00 (2 Year Contract)
- b. Resolution No. WW-3-21-2-R – Authorizing Contract Award for Contract No. 21-2-2(AC) – Beneficial Use or Disposal of Wastewater Residuals 2021-2022 (Class A&B Biosolids) Denali Water Solutions – Not to Exceed \$12,916,000.00 (2 Year Contract)
- c. Resolution No. WW-3-21-3-R – Authorizing Retention of Najarian Associates to Provide Engineering Services Related to Water Quality and NJPDES Permitting Issues 2021-2022 – Not to Exceed \$209,929.99
- d. Resolution No. WW-3-21-4-R – Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority no Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- e. Resolution No. SW-3-21-5-R – Resolution Awarding Contract No. 21-3SW – Furnish and Install Leachate Pump Station Electrical Panels at the Middlesex County Landfill – Pumping Services, Inc. – Not to Exceed \$342,173.00
- f. Resolution No. SW-3-21-6-R – Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to Reclaimed Soil Supply Agreement between AFORCE, Inc. and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority - \$23.50 per ton to be Paid to the Authority
- g. Resolution No. SW-3-21-7-R – Resolution Approving Reclaimed Soil Supply Agreements Between Soil Supply Companies and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority – C.J. Nesti Materials, LLC, United Energy Systems, Inc. and AFORCE, Inc. - \$23.50 per ton to be Paid to the Authority
- h. Resolution No. SW-3-21-8-R – Resolution of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority Approving Recommendations Regarding a Shortlist of Qualified Respondents in Accordance with the Public-Private Partnership (P3) Process for the Development of a Food Waste Recycling Facility

The above resolutions were presented and moved for adoption by Commissioner Diehl, seconded by Commissioner Williams and the following members voted Aye:

Chairman Wiley; Vice Chairman Light; Commissioners: Convery, Cruz, Diehl, Jacobs, Murray, Williams and Zullo.

Nays: None

(See Appendix Nos. 1-8)

Motion to approve the Solid Waste Division and Wastewater Division Payment of Bills was moved by Commissioner Murray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried.

### **PUBLIC**

Chairman Wiley asked if anyone from the Public wished to address the board and recognized Mr. Charles Kratovil. Mr. Kratovil spoke about the plans to build a 630 megawatt facility in Woodbridge which is concerning. Mr. Kratovil would like to understand MCUA's Position to double the size of that power plant.

Chairman Wiley stated the water is supplied by the MCUA to help the coolant system is the extent of MCUA's involvement.

Mr. Kratovil would like to see this board take a stand against the construction of this in the interest of air quality and getting away from fossil fuels.


### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray to enter Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner William and carried.

Upon completion of the Executive Session, Ms. London reported that during Executive Session, contract negotiations with the MCJHIF was discussed, and no action will be taken at today's meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Wiley called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Cruz at 4:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried.

**I hereby certify that these minutes are a true and accurate summary of that which transpired at the MCUA board meeting of March 23, 2021 at which I was present.**

  
Judith A. McCabe