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NJCPA Regular Meeting
March 19, 2021 at 11:00 am
VIA Zoom

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** President Ranae Fehr welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Secretary Tom Stanuikynas followed with a Roll Call of counties. Quorum was achieved.
2. **Agency / Partner Updates (NJTPA, OPA, NJDEP, NJAC, RPA etc.):**
OPA (Donna Rendeiro) – The State Planning Commission is formally opening up its rules within the next 30 days. Also, the first endorsement of an expiring center was passed by the PIC at its last meeting and the State Planning Commission will vote on it at its April 7, 2021 meeting. Several more to come.
3. **Presentation: Jersey WaterCheck Dashboard, Jyoti Venketraman, Program Manager, Jersey WaterCheck, New Jersey Future** – Jyoti demonstrated a web-based dashboard, which was launched on March 1, 2021 (<https://www.njwatercheck.com/>). Members of the public can easily use the dashboard to find basic information such as who provides their drinking water and wastewater service. Users can also use the dashboard to see how their service compares with other providers in the State. Metrics are arranged by the four shared goals of Jersey Water Works. Data can be searched by municipality, type, size or system. Popup boxes display various attributes for each system and includes a consumer confidence report. Communication topics show different metrics in order to allow users to see how their system is performing. The application contains information for over 500 systems. Background documents and reports are available on the web to view more detailed information. Jyoti would like to show more stories and metrics on green infrastructure as they become available. Please share the link and provide Jyoti with suggestions to improve the dashboard. Michael Lysicatos (Passaic) asked if the data on the site can be exported through GIS. Jyoti indicated that function is not available at this time. Donna Rendeiro (OPA) offered to share the website information in their newsletter. Anthony McCracken (Somerset) asked about annual water quality reports and Jyoti indicated that the dashboard provides links to these reports. Andrew Lloyd (Mercer) asked where the data was compiled from. Jyoti indicated that data was acquired from three sources – publicly available data, utility surveys and research of individual service provider websites.
4. **Business**
 - a. **Executive Committee Report** – Ranae Fehr confirmed the joint meeting with the County Engineers Association on May 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Next week the two Executive Committees will meet to put a plan together for that meeting. A session proposal was submitted for the NJ Planning and Redevelopment Conference highlighting the Association's policy paper. Ranae is waiting to learn if the proposal was accepted. The Association is updating its mailing list. Please continue to send Ranae any needed revisions. The Association now has its own Zoom account.

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Ranae thanked Francesca for hosting the previous Zoom meetings. The Association continues to plan a special meeting for George Ververides but still needs to work out the final details. Kate Katzer (Somerset) offered to assist with the scholarship program in honor of George.

- b. **Meeting Minutes** – Tom Stanuikynas submitted the February 2021 meeting minutes with one minor correction (Joe Barilla is from Morris County not Monmouth County). Motion to approve the February meeting minutes with that one change was made by Kamal Saleh (Union) and seconded by Joe Barilla (Morris), all in favor no opposed.
 - c. **Treasurer’s Report** – Francesca Giarratana shared the Treasurer’s Report with the group, which showed no changes since the last meeting. The report shows the anticipated income for 2021 with the recent decrease in dues. Kamal asked for clarification on the accounts receivable for 2020, which was provide by Francesca. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Kamal Saleh (Union) and seconded by Walter Lane (Somerset), all in favor no opposed.
 - d. **Updates: Working Groups** – Ranae and Walter gave an update on the wastewater working group. The group met last week and finalized the Association’s recommended changes to the rules. The final draft was circulated to the group and no feedback was received. Walter thanked everyone, especially Laurette for her hard work. Kamal also thanked Walter and Laurette. Motion to send the recommendations to the State was made by Kamal Saleh (Union) and seconded by Andrew Lloyd (Mercer), all in favor no opposed. A package will be compiled and sent to the State. Based on interest shown, Ranae stated that the Association is working to start an electric vehicle working group. Ranae is also planning to convene a farmland preservation working committee. Emails will be sent to the SADC, CADB directors and the members of the Association.
5. **Committee Updates** – No updates from Committees. Last meeting Rane asked for new volunteers for the committees and has received interest from several members interested in participating. Anyone else that is interested in participating on a committee is encouraged to reach out to Ranae.
 6. **Resolutions** – None
 7. **Updates/Necessary Business** – Michael Lysicatos (Passaic) shared proposed legislation regarding Senate Bill #3397 addressing local transportation aid, which would now include boardwalk mileages in the total roadway mileage for municipalities. Michael indicated that the formula has changed several times and could have a significant future impact. https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/S3500/3397_11.PDF
 8. **Legislative Update: Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger** – Gerry mentioned that Assembly Bill A5378 passed through the Labor Committee, which would expand Project Labor Agreements.

Meeting Adjourned 11:57, next meeting will be April 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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