

NEWARK WATERSHED CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
40 CLINTON STREET, 4TH FLOOR
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2013

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

OPENING OF MEETING

Called to order: 10:50 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

Name	Present/Y	Absent/N
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor, City of Newark		X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne		X
Oscar James, II	X	
William T. Merritt	X	
Rodney Johnson	X	
Linda Watkins-Brashear – Executive Director	X	
Elnardo J. Webster, II, Esq. – General Counsel	X	
Jodi M. Luciani, Esq.	X	

Were any members of the public present?		X
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Review of the call for the meeting: This is a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation. At the public meeting action will be taken on a variety of motions.

Board Vice Chair Johnson calls the meeting to order at approximately 10:50 am. Board Vice Chair Johnson asked if all Board Members present received their packages and had an opportunity to review same, and the minutes from the February 19, 2013, regular meeting contained therein. Board Vice Chair Johnson states that the minutes accurately reflect the meetings and contain no material deficiencies or omissions. Board Vice Chair Johnson requests said minutes be moved for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Motion to approve meeting minutes of February 19, 2013, as amended

Board Vice Chair Johnson requests a motion to approve the minutes, as amended.

Motion to approve minutes:

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor

X

The Hon. Donald M. Payne

X

Oscar James, II
Rodney Johnson
William T. Merritt

X

X

X

Action taken Motion Passed

Executive Summary

Chemical Bids and Sludge Lagoon Bid

General Counsel Jodi M. Luciani discusses the bids received and reviewed for the chemical contracts and the sludge lagoon contract.

Resolutions

Resolution 01-006 rejecting bids for the chemical poly-aluminum hydroxychloro-sulfate & 5% polyquaternary amine

Moved by O. James Second by W. Merritt

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor

X

The Hon. Donald M. Payne

X

Oscar James, II
Rodney Johnson
William T. Merritt

X

X

X

Action taken Resolution Passed

Resolution 01-007 rejecting bids for Superfloc A1883 or approved equal

Moved by O. James Second by W. Merritt

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne	X
Oscar James, II	X
Rodney Johnson	X
William T. Merritt	X

Action taken Resolution Passed

Resolution 01-008 awarding bulk water purification chemical bids to be delivered to the Pequannock Water Treatment Plant

Moved by O. James Second by W. Merritt

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne	X
Oscar James, II	X
Rodney Johnson	X
William T. Merritt	X

Action taken Resolution Passed

Resolution 01-009 awarding contract to Accurate Wate Systems for pumping out, hauling and disposing of sludge from the Newark Sludge Lagoon

Moved by O. James Second by W. Merritt

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne	X
Oscar James, II	X
Rodney Johnson	X
William T. Merritt	X

Action taken Resolution Passed

Forestry Bid

Executive Director Linda Watkins-Brashear gives an update to the Board regarding the progress with the forestry bids to remove downed trees from the watershed properties. She states that the bids were publically advertised and will be received on March 22, 2013. She anticipates a positive response and will keep the Board assessed of the outcome.

Camp Watershed

With respect to Camp Watershed, Ms. Brashear reminds the Board that the current director has suffered medical issues. She explains that all parties are moving forward, hopeful that she will return to run the camp prior to beginning the summer session. Ms. Brashear states that she met with the director to discuss the budget and that the Newark Watershed is well within budget to run the summer session. In response to the requests made by the Board during the previous meeting, Ms. Brashear indicates that Check-M-Out security will run background checks on all individuals working at the camp. The Board discusses the need for oversight and supervision of the camp. General Counsel Elnardo J. Webster further recommends that, given the situation with the director, as well as other potential liabilities, the Newark Watershed provide a letter to the City of Newark explaining all responsibilities and indicating any concerns they have with taking on each responsibility. The Board agrees.

New Business

General Counsel Status Memo

General Counsel presents the status of the State Comptroller investigation of the Newark Watershed.

Board Vice Chair Johnson requests a motion for Executive Session.

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Moved by w. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X
Oscar James, II	X
Rodney Johnson	X
William T. Merritt	X

Action taken Motion Passed

Motion to come out of Executive Session:

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
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The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X
Oscar James, II	X
Rodney Johnson	X
William T. Merritt	X

