THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 15, 2021

The Regular Meeting of The Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority was called to order by Chairman Michael G. Brennan at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. On roll call, the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

PRESENT: Commissioners Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz & Sytnik, Chairman Brennan
ABSENT: Commissioner Stokes

STAFF PRESENT:
Scott Schreiber, Executive Director
Stephanie Madden, Gen. Counsel/Chief Comp. Ofc.
Wayne Planamento, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Cornforth, Director of O&M - Interceptors
Len Gipson, Director of O&M - Main Plant
Kim Michelini, Director of Admin. Oper./Auth. Sec.
Alisa Smith, Secretarial Assistant

CONSULTANTS: OTHERS PRESENT:
Michael Watson, Esq., Brown & Connery (Solicitor)
Marge DellaVecchia, PS&S
Robert Fischer, PS&S

Chairman Brennan read the 'Chairperson's Commencement Statement' acknowledging that proper notice of this Regular Meeting setting forth the date, time and place of the meeting has been prominently posted on (1) a public bulletin board located in the lobby of the Administration building (2) mailed to the Courier-Post and Inquirer and (3) filed with the Clerk of Camden County as set forth in its annual schedule of meetings, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Swartz to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 16, 2021. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Commissioner Johnson - ABSTAIN
Chairman Brennan - YES

The motion was carried.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

I) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:
A) Administration:
1) Environmental Management System- March 2021
Mr. Schreiber provided the Board with a brief health update. The CCMUA seems to have moved past the peak of Covid activity with only one employee testing positive in the last 30 days. The staff continues to work on a modified schedule and employees continue to report their vaccinations.

Regarding the safety committee that was mentioned at last month’s meeting, employees have selected their representatives and the first meeting is scheduled for March 22nd.
Mr. Schreiber offered his thanks to the insurance commission as they will be providing a safety professional for help and guidance.

During the last 30 days, the CCMUA's environmental performance has had some setbacks as well as some positive news. As far as the negatives go, the plant's effluent was higher than average for two reasons. First, the loading of the plant influent (total solids and chloride) continues to be high which upsets the plant's biology. Second, the oxygen plant's performance was not optimal in February. Additionally, we had an overflow event at the Coles Mill Metering Station on February 28th and there were some internal controls that were missed during the last 30 days which we have taken steps to rectify. Commissioner MacFarlane noted that while January's levels were at 7ppm, this is well below the CCMUA's permit level of 30ppm. However, traditionally, the CCMUA has averaged 5ppm or less. Mr. Schreiber suggested that the operations staff, PS&S and the Project Committee meet sometime over the next 30 days to go over in more detail the plant's performance and the reasons for the higher output levels. For instance, the plant has been accepting significantly more flow from Camden which it had not previously been doing. There is an environmental trade-off in accepting more flow. In the past, 200 million gallons of flow was going out to the Delaware River untreated. Now, the CCMUA is receiving this additional flow and treating it, and while, not necessarily to the 5ppm it had previously been accustomed to but to 7ppm as done last month, is an environmental win. Also, Mr. Gipson pointed out that it has been reported by American Water that flooding in certain areas in Camden, due to recent projects (cleaning/dredging of CSO outfalls), is much improved.

On the positive side, the digester is performing well and is accepting 100% of the plant's sludge which has significant positive environmental and financial benefits. The third dryer is back in operation and accepting sludge. So, despite the difficult conditions just mentioned, the CCMUA does not have any sludge in storage and is running all the product through the digesters and dryers. Additionally, because of the interceptor separation project at the head of the plant, the CCMUA has captured approximately 200 million gallons of combined sewage over the last 50 storms events that would have otherwise gone out to the Delaware River. Finally, the CCMUA and PSS have made significant strides in getting much needed capital work out for design RFPs.

Mr. Gipson explained that the worst of the winter weather is likely behind us and the process is returning to normal. The staff continues to analyze the data received regarding the influent to develop better strategies to manage the operations. He further explained that 100% of the sludge is being processed through the dryers and the digester resulting in savings in sludge hauling. Mr. Cornforth advised the Board that work on developing RFPs for the upcoming capital improvement projects is well underway. One such project, the replacement of the return sludge piping project, is out to bid, now with several more to follow over the next several months.

Mr. Schreiber thanked the finance and personnel departments for their efforts as they work through the upgrade of the payroll system which they have worked with for over 20 years. This is no small task and both departments have added the training and testing to their already full plates.

B) Engineering:

C) Legal:

D) Operations & Maintenance:

E) Finance:
   1) Voucher Payment Resolutions - Report on Emergency Payments

II) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
A) Administration:
   1) Organizational Chart
B) **Engineering:**
1) Project Updates Report

C) **Finance:**
1) Cash Flow & Actual to Budget Analysis/NW Cash Flow Report- January 2021 & YTD Supporting Reports:
   a. Collections Report
   b. Budget Review Report
   Commissioner MacFarlane noted while the sludge and waste was slightly over budget in January by $125,000, it sounds as if this number should be well under budget in the coming months if the digester and dryers continue to process all the sludge. In addition, with the sludge being digested first, there will be less to send to the dryers, thereby putting less stress on the dryers.
   c. Cash Management Report

D) **Operations & Maintenance:**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**
A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Cutler to adopt Resolution #R-21:2-20, authorizing a shared services agreement between the CCMUA and Camden County College for the provision of security guard services. Ms. Madden confirmed that the minor technical issues in the agreement have been worked out between the College and the CCMUA. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

- Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik
- YES
- Chairman Brennan
- YES

Resolution #R-21:2-20 was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-30, authorizing a public hearing concerning the 2021 revision of connection fees. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

- Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik
 - YES
- Chairman Brennan
 - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-30 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-31, authorizing the execution of an agreement between the CCMUA and Iron Horse Environmental, LLC, of Fairview Village, PA for supply and delivery of parts for Worthington Pumps “as needed” in accordance with Specification #20-13. Mr. Cornforth explained that when putting together a bid such as this, every possible part is listed in the spec, so prices are set. This often results in a contract award amount that is much higher than the amount the CCMUA anticipates spending. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

- Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik
 - YES
- Chairman Brennan
 - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-31 was adopted.
A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Cuffee to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-32, authorizing the execution and an agreement between the CCMUA and Ed Kurth & Sons, Inc., for maintenance and repair of boilers and boiler systems in accordance with Specification #20-27A. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-32 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Swartz to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-33, authorizing the execution of an agreement between the CCMUA and Municipal Maintenance, Co., Cinnaminson, NJ for the supply and delivery of parts for Grundfos-Morris Pumps (Goulds Pumps) in accordance with Specification #20-29. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-33 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacFarlane and seconded by Commissioner Cuffee to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-34, authorizing the execution of an agreement between the CCMUA and Municipal Maintenance, Co., of Baltimore MD for the supply and delivery of Yeoman Chicago Pumps in accordance with Specification #20-30. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-34 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Cutler to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-35, authorizing the execution of an agreement between the CCMUA and Sherwood Logan & Assoc., of Annapolis, MD, for supply and delivery of parts for Biosec Enviro Grit Washers in accordance with Specification #20-32. Chairman Brennan noted that some of the requests for bids issued result in just one bidder which is partly due to the nature or specialty of the parts. He reminded the staff to continue to seek multiple bidders. Mr. Cornforth added that often there is just one bid received from the parts manufacturer's regional representative. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-35 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacFarlane and seconded by Commissioner Cuffee to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-36, authorizing the execution of an agreement between the CCMUA and J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, of Hackensack, NJ for emergency/urgent repair services in accordance with Specification #21-01. Mr. Cornforth noted that this contractor has several offices throughout New Jersey and this contract would be serviced from their Folsom, NJ office. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, Johnson, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-36 was adopted.
A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-37, authorizing rejection of bids received for Specification #21-02, supply and delivery of parts for Infilco Degremont “Climber Screen” Mechanical Bar Screens, Model IIS and authorize re-advertisement of bids. Mr. Gipson explained that there was just one bidder and that the list of parts in the bid spec was voluminous. Some of the parts listed can be purchased elsewhere and, so, the bidder entered “N/A” for those line items. After review, it was determined that the bid spec should be revised so it is clear what parts can be purchased under this bid spec. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

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Resolution #R-21:3-37 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sytnik and seconded by Commissioner Cutler to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-38, authorizing rejection of all bids received for Specification #21-03, parts and service for miscellaneous conveyors and authorize re-advertisement of bids. Mr. Schreiber explained that there was just one bid received and that the vendor did not return a few completed documents with their bid and that the failure to do so was not correctable. Therefore, the bids must be rejected. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

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Resolution #R-21:3-38 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Swartz to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-39, authorizing the execution of an agreement between the CCMUA and Edwin Elliott & Co., of LaFayette Hill, PA for supply and delivery of Rotork Electric Actuators and Paccsan Controllers in accordance with Specification #21-04. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

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Resolution #R-21:3-39 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-40, authorizing the execution of an agreement between the CCMUA and Kersher Environmental Technologies, of Philadelphia, PA for repair of Philadelphia Mixers located at the Delaware #1 WPCF in accordance with Specification #21-05. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

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Resolution #R-21:3-40 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-41, authorizing the execution of an agreement between JCI Jones Chemicals, of Sarasota, FL for supply and delivery of sodium hypochlorite solution in accordance with Specification #21-06. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

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Resolution #R-21:3-41 was adopted.
A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-42, amending and/or adopting various personnel policies. Commissioner Swartz thanked Ms. Madden for her work in updating various CCMUA policies. These policies are industry-standard and will bring the CCMUA's policies up-to-date. Commissioner Cutler asked if the sexual harassment policy is up to date to which Ms. Madden indicated that it should be (written by Brown & Connerly in late 2018). Commissioner Swartz added that every year, CCMUA employees have the opportunity to take several on-line training courses, which includes tests, on such subject matters as safety, diversity, ethics, sexual harassment, violence in the workplace, etc. Mr. Schreiber also noted that employees can report incidents to various members of the Executive Staff. Commissioner Cuffee asked diversity to which Mr. Schreiber indicated that the CCMUA, when hiring new employees, will take additional efforts to seek qualified candidates from the local community. Commissioner Bresch asked if contractors working on-site are required to adhere to the CCMUA's policies or have their own. Mr. Schreiber clarified that the long-term contractors (i.e., Synagro & Camden BioEnergy) must have their own health and safety programs personnel policies which the CCMUA audits from time to time. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytink -YES
Chairman Brennan -YES

Resolution #R-21:3-42 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacFarlane and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-43, authorizing award of a contract with Brown & Connerly, LLP for General Counsel and Solicitor Services. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytink -YES
Chairman Brennan -YES

Resolution #R-21:3-43 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacFarlane and seconded by Commissioner Cuffee to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-44, authorizing rejection of proposals received for RFP #2021-06, annual financial advisor services. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytink -YES
Chairman Brennan -YES

Resolution #R-21:3-44 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bresch and seconded by Commissioner Cutler to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-45, authorizing award of a contract for annual engineering services needed for optimization of the Delaware No. 1 WPCF's Odor Control Performance. Mr. Schreiber noted both firms that submitted proposals are highly qualified. He explained that much of the work performed under the contract at this time involves work for submitting to the NJDEP Title V Air Permit on behalf of the CCMUA. This is the first time (not a renewal) the CCMUA is applying for a Title V Air Permit and is in the middle of the process. Should NJDEP have questions regarding the proposed draft permit, the CCMUA would need to engage with CDM anyway, so it did not make sense to change vendors at this time. Mr. Fischer agreed that switching vendors mid-process was not ideal and, he added, the hourly rate submitted by CDM was lower than that submitted in the other proposal. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytink -YES
Chairman Brennan -YES

Resolution #R-21:3-45 was adopted.
A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Cuffee to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-46, authorizing payment to Cooper’s Ferry Partnership for Board Participation. Commissioner Johnson asked if the CCMUA has been a Board participant previously, to which Chairman Brennan indicated that he believed this was the third year for the CCMUA. In addition, it is beneficial to have an understanding of the various projects, grant opportunities, etc. taking place in Camden City as they often impact the CCMUA. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-46 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-47, authorizing change order #1 to the contact with JPC Group, Inc., for North Camden Green Infrastructure Projects, Contract #718. Mr. Schreiber indicated that this is the last rain garden designed or committed to at this time. However, he added that the Long Term Control Plan and the forthcoming CSO requirements may impact this. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-47 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Sytnik to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-48, authorizing change order #2 to the contact with Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson for Wet Weather Upgrades at the Delaware #1 WPCF (Raw Sewage Pump Upgrade project). There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-48 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Cuffee to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-49, supporting application to USDOT’s INFRA grant program. Mr. Schreiber clarified that the CCMUA was asked by the County, Camden City and Cooper’s Ferry Partnership to provide a project that fit the parameters of the INFRA grant. This is not a commitment to spend any funds or expend any resources beyond making application. In addition, the CCMUA would not be in a position to financially support the project unless all parties participate financially. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-49 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-50, authorizing employment of Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, WWP/IPP Contract Compliance Rep. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik - YES
Chairman Brennan - YES

Resolution #R-21:3-50 was adopted.
A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Bresch to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-51, amending Resolution R-16:6-92, Resolution R-18:4-83 and Resolution R-20:1-3 of the Camden County MUA to provide that the rate covenant contained in the Authority’s General Bond Resolution shall apply to the Authority’s County Agreement Subordinate Bonds and approving the forms of amended and restated subordinate bond resolutions. There being no question on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik  -  YES  
Chairman Brennan  -  YES  

Resolution #R-21:3-51 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner MacFarlane to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-52, approving an agreement with Cherry Hill Township for a direct connection and implementation of an infiltration/inflow reduction program. Mr. Schreiber explained that Cherry Hill’s Erifton Pump Station failed, and it is not cost feasible to replace the pump station. The CCMUA is open to a direct connection provided the CCMUA finds the engineering of the connection to its system acceptable. Commissioner Johnson asked if capacity was an issue to which Mr. Schreiber indicated there was not. In fact, the CCMUA, as part of the agreement, will require Cherry Hill to perform infiltration & inflow reduction in the amount of 300,000 gallons. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik  -  YES  
Chairman Brennan  -  YES  

Resolution #R-21:3-52 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Cuffee to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-53, ratifying approval of expense vouchers as approved by the Executive Director under Authorization granted by CCMUA Resolution #R-97:3-60 dated March 18, 1997. Chairman Brennan noted that there were credits issued on the Camden BioEnergy payment and asked for further detail. MR. Schreiber explained that these credits are contractual and reflect: 1) adjustments to the operation costs while the digester was in the start-up phase. This will soon stop as the digester is nearing completion of the start-up phase. 2) amount equal to set amount of money to produce xx electricity per year. If they fail to meet the requirement, then there is a credit back to the CCMUA. There being no further question or comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik  -  YES  
Chairman Brennan  -  YES  

Resolution #R-21:3-53 was adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacFarlane and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Resolution #R-21:3-54, authorizing payment of $6,242,549.12 for expenses disbursed from various trust accounts. Chairman Brennan expressed his discomfort with the pace of the design upgrades (HVAC, sprinklers, rooves, ADA compliant bathrooms, lighting upgrades, etc.) to the Admin and Services buildings. There being no further question and comment on the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Commissioners responded to their names as follows:

Commissioner Bresch, Cuffee, Cutler, MacFarlane, Swartz, Sytnik  -  YES  
Chairman Brennan  -  YES  

Resolution #R-21:3-54 was adopted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:  None
Finally, Mr. Schreiber informed the Board that the staff has identified a candidate for the Process Engineer position. The candidate has intimate knowledge of the CCMUA’s sewage process system and has an engineering background specific to wastewater treatment, making them an excellent candidate to assist Mr. Gipson and Mr. Cornforth with the plant operations as well as Mr. Schreiber with various wastewater treatment engineering projects. The candidate was interviewed by the three CCMUA Board members and the CCMUA is awaiting feedback from the County regarding the vacancy.

There being no further business, Chairman Brennan entertained for a motion of adjournment. A motion was made by Commissioner Cuffee and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All Commissioners responded “Aye” in favor, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Minutes of this meeting were approved on __4/19/21__

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Kim Michelini, Authority Secretary