

MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
Knox Conference Room #525
Administration and Records Building, Morristown, New Jersey

Held and Conducted In-Person and Via Webex (Audio and Video)

At 3:01 p.m., Deena Leary, Chairperson of the Morris County Improvement Authority called the meeting to order. The following persons were in attendance:

Deena Leary, Chairperson
Beti Bauer, Commissioner
Ellen Sandman, Commissioner
Matt Jessup, Esq., McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC
W. Connor Kimmel, Esq., McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC
Jennifer Edwards, Acacia Financial (Left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.)
Heather Litzebauer, NW Financial
Andrew Conte, Gabel Associates, Inc.
John Krickus, County Commissioner/MCIA Liaison
Deborah Smith, County Commissioner/MCIA Alternate Liaison
Brian T. Murray, Assistant County Administrator

1. Commissioner Leary asked for the reading of the public statement in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, which was then read by Christine Kristiansen, Recording Secretary.
2. Commissioner Leary asked for "roll call" for the Authority. Three Commissioners were in attendance, Ms. Beti Bauer, Ms. Ellen Sandman, and Ms. Deena Leary. A quorum was established.
3. Commissioner Leary asked for approval of the January 17, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Sandman made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Bauer seconded the motion. All others were in favor to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting.
4. Official Action

Agenda item 5(i) was discussed - Resolution establishing the annual schedule of regular monthly meetings including the medium in which the meetings will be conducted. Commissioner Bauer made a motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Sandman seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was unanimously approved. "RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE BALANCE OF CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND EARLY 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY'S 2025 ANNUAL MEETING, INCLUDING THE MEDIUM IN WHICH SUCH MEETINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED" (No. 24-04) was adopted.

Agenda item 5(ii) was discussed - Resolution authorizing the extension of the contract with Gabel Associates Inc. not to exceed one year. Commissioner Sandman made a motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Bauer seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was unanimously approved. "RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSULTANT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS" (No. 24-05) was adopted.

Agenda item 5(iii) was discussed – Resolution authorizing the extension of the contract with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC not to exceed one year. Commissioner Bauer made a motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Sandman seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was unanimously approved. RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT FOR GENERAL COUNSEL, BOND COUNSEL AND SPECIAL ENERGY COUNSEL SERVICES" (No. 24-06) was adopted.

Agenda item 5 (iv) was discussed - Resolution appointing officers of the Authority. The Officers are Deena Leary, Chairperson, Christina Ramirez, Vice-Chairperson, Beti Bauer, Treasurer, Ellen Sandman, Secretary, and Scott Gallopo, Assistant Secretary. Commissioner Sandman made a motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Bauer seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was unanimously approved. "RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTING OFFICERS OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD FROM THE AUTHORITY'S 2024 ANNUAL MEETING THROUGH THE AUTHORITY'S 2025 ANNUAL MEETING" (No. 24-07) was adopted.

Agenda Item (v) was discussed - Resolution approving the payment of bills as listed on the Schedule of Warrants in the amount of \$337.50. Commissioner Leary made a motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Sandman seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was unanimously approved. Resolution "Bill List" (No. 24-08) was adopted.

5. Discussion – Other Items from Commissioners: Nothing at this time.
6. Further Official Action: Nothing at this time.
7. Additional Reports from Consultants: Nothing at this time.
8. Executive Session - Commissioner Bauer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Contract Negotiation - Renewable Energy Program, Series 2009. Commissioner Sandman seconded the motion. At 3:10 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session. At 4:37 p.m., Commissioner Sandman made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Bauer seconded the motion. All others were in favor to come out of Executive Session.
9. Possible Actions After Executive Session: Nothing at this time.
10. Public Comments: No members of the public were present. No written or email comments were submitted.

11. Adjournment: Commissioner Bauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sandman seconded the motion.

The February 21, 2024 meeting of the Morris County Improvement Authority was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

The next Improvement Authority meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. both virtually via Webex and in person in the Knox Conference Room, 5th Floor, Morris County Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Kristiansen, Recording Secretary
Morris County Improvement Authority