

**GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

DATE: December 15, 2021

MEETING CONVENEED: 7:35PM

Chairman Murray opened the meeting and took role call along with leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He recited compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Raymond Murray . GBFCC Chairman - GB	Paul Woska . Middlesex
Valerie Bogart . Somerset County	Harry Allen . North Plainfield
Bernice Dieter . Union County	Theodore Bassman . Scotch Plains
Rebecca Williams . Union County	Alice Tempel . South Plainfield
Jessica Dunne . Dunellen	John Ferguson . South Plainfield
Rich Pinder . Dunellen	

MINUTES

There were no minutes presented for consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Murray noted that no new correspondence has been received.

BILLS

Bills were paid at the prior December meeting.

BUDGET

The 2022 budget was discussed, with an explanation of the 2% increase in member contributions. The overall budget remains flat, but will use less prior year surplus.

Adoption of the 2022 Budget was moved by Union County Commissioner Rebecca Williams and Seconded by Commissioner Bassman, with all present voting affirmatively.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022

Chairman Murray noted that only the two existing providers had responded to the Request for Proposals, which had been advertised on the Commission website and in the Courier News. Winning Strategies Washington, the government relations consultant, had proposed no increase over the 2021 costs. Grotto Engineering, the engineering consultant, had proposed a modest \$5 per hour increase.

Award of the professional services contracts to Winning Strategies Washington and Grotto Engineering were moved by Commissioner Williams, Seconded by Commissioner Ferguson, with all present voting affirmatively.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Murray noted that he had a conversation with Senator Booker's staff today regarding one-time stimulus funding, to try to get a handle on when these funds would become available and through what agencies or programs. The Senator's staff has connected the Chairman with

other members of the Booker office, and Winning Strategies will be reaching out to further this conversation.

Commissioner Bassman requested that we attempt to get the USACE Planner who will be handling the Upper Basin General Revaluation Report study on the February call, so that we might get an update on the status and timeline moving forward. Chairman Murray noted that numerous conversations have been had over the past year with various public officials regarding the importance of the Upper Basin, and the importance of continuing to move that portion of the project forward, so that the entire Green Brook project gets built ahead of the current 2047 timeline.

ADJOURNMENT

Holiday wishes and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.