

APRIL 28, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on April 28, 2014 at 999 Flatbush Ave, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith, Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen, Treasurer Al Teetsel, Member Charles Landi and Member Dominic Tagliaferro.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose; Counsel / Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Operations Manager Charles Whittaker, Compliance Officer Tom Briggs; Recycling Coordinator Michelle Bergkamp and Confidential Executive Secretary, Kelly Utter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Smith opened up the meeting for Public Comments.

No Public Comments

Leon Smith closed the Public Comments but held the right to open it back up again should anyone arrive and wish to speak.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Al Teetsel and seconded by Charles Landi. Five in favor. None opposed. The minutes of the March 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting was unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 5:00pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

MSW

Tim Rose gave the MSW, Recycling and Leachate Collection report. The MSW tonnage in was 7,947 which is 473 tons less than the projected tonnage of solid waste for March 2014. The Sludge tonnage in was 185 which is 43 tons more than the projected tonnage of sludge.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report, looking back at last March for commingle we did 132 and this year we did 60. Glass was 36 and this year it is 62, mixed news was 151 and is now 118. Single stream was 232 and now it is 361. The OCC was at 249 and is now 200.

COMMODITY REPORT

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Tim Rose noted the commodity report in the Board packet. He reminded the Board that NR means the Agency did not receive a return phone call.

Al Teetsel moved. Charles Landi seconded. Five in favor. None opposed.

LEACHATE COLLECTION

The leachate collection report, in March of last year for Ulster we did 222,000 and this year we did 134,000. In New Paltz we did 168,000 last year and 84,000 for this year.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

On Earth Day, which was April 22nd, the Woodstock Town Board passed a Resolution in support of the development of organic separation and collection services. It requires town agencies to compost organic waste, such as food scraps. While the town officials said they don't expect to generate a lot of compost, they feel it will send a message to town residents and businesses.

Michelle discussed how difficult it has been with trying to work with the haulers that bring in waste to the Agency, to try to get one or more of them to pick up and haul organics generated from restaurants to the Agency at a lesser cost per ton than MSW.

On April 19th we had our HHW Collection event and a little over 300 people participated. We had a lot of people participate in October (over 500) and also the April 19th fell on a holiday weekend, which could have affected the amount of people who participated. We still collected a lot of material, including 425 lbs of fluorescent bulbs, 600 lbs of pesticides in solid form, 202 gallons of pesticide in liquid form and a lot of other materials.

Charlie Landi asked Michelle if she thought it would be a good idea to have the restaurants in uptown Kingston separate the organics. Michelle stated that she has attempted to get the restaurants in the City of Kingston to participate but it hasn't been worked out yet.

Al Teetsel mentioned possibly going to the Uptown Business Association; a contact with them may help with the initiative. Michelle said that she hadn't, but she has recently sent out a letter to all the restaurants in the City of Kingston letting them know that the program is available, and for them to contact their hauler about the possibility of transporting the material to the Agency.

Michelle mentioned that in the Board packets is a newsletter that was handed out at the HHW Collection Event. This newsletter informs everyone about alternate means for disposal of electronics and pharmaceutical products.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Timothy DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March. We had 7,947 tons. There usually is a spike in MSW during the month of March, but this year that spike has occurred in April. The most likely reason for this was the cold weather.

Administrative expense was \$38,541 which is a little higher than usual due to our first audit billing of \$17,000. \$11,000 of Transfer station expenses were for the floor repairs at the Ulster Transfer Station.

Net operating revenues for the month were \$106,340. There was \$101,000 of capital outlay for the Trommel Screen. Our year to date fund balance is at a deficit of \$2.25 million because of Debt Service.

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Leon Smith made a motion to approve the March, 2014 Treasurer's Report, Al Teetsel moved and Charles Landi seconded. Five in favor. None opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Legislator Chris Allen introduced himself to the Board of Directors. He was involved in the interview process of new appointments to the Board. He wanted to attend a meeting to get a better understanding on what the Agency does.

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

For March, there really wasn't much of a change from the prior month. Sale of recyclables was \$42,217. Net income before depreciation was \$3,900 and after depreciation was a net loss of \$7,000. For the year, before depreciation is \$16,101 and after depreciation we are at a net loss of \$17,004.

Resolution No. 2321 – Re: Authorizing Transfer from Operating Reserve to Revenue Account for Purchase of Trommel Screen;

This resolution authorizes and approves the transfer of funds for the purchase of the Trommel Screen from the Operating Reserve to the Revenue Account.

Tim DeGraff told the Board that Vantage Equipment had offered a leasing agreement for the Trommel Screen purchase; however the Agency will save interest paid if it takes the funds from the Operating Reserve and repays this on a monthly basis.

Al Teetsel stated that it would be nice to have a report on the amounts paid on a monthly basis.

Leon Smith moved to the floor Resolution No. 2321; Motion to approve was made by Al Teetsel and seconded by Charles Landi. Five in favor. None opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose stated that the floor of the transfer station is done and all the doors are open now. Now there is little or no wait time whereas before, we did get some lines as people needed to wait to dump.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Teetsel stated that he is unsure of the appointment of a new Board member and he doesn't know if he will be at the Board meeting next month. He stated that if that happened, he wanted everyone to know that he has enjoyed his time on the board and wanted to thank everyone.

The Board has never been either Democratic or Republican; it has been what is good for the Agency and he hopes that sometime in the near future he will be back on the board.

Leon Smith agreed that this Board has not been a political Board, but one that was good for the Agency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 5:30pm to discuss the Status of Negotiations under the Taylor Law was made by Al Teetsel and seconded by Charles Landi. Five in Favor. None opposed.

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MOTION to enter into **REGULAR SESSION** at 6:41pm was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Al Teetsel. Five in favor. None opposed.

MOTION to **ADJOURN** the April 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting at 6:42pm was made by Al Teetsel and seconded by Charles Landi. Five in Favor. None opposed.

The above transcribed Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were moved by **Charles Landi** and seconded by **Catherine Nilsen**.

Four in favor, **None** opposed. **One** Absent (Tagliafierro) The Minutes were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board.

Date: May 28, 2014