

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 25, 2018**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on July 25, 2018, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 12:02 PM.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Fred Wadnola (absent); Vice Chairman David Gordon; Treasurer Charles Landi; Member Jack Hayes; and Member Brian Devine.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose; Counsel / Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Operations Manager Charlie Whittaker; Recycling Coordinator Merlyn Akhtar; Compliance Officer Tom Briggs; and Administrative Assistant Melinda France.

From the public: William Kemble from the Daily Freeman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS (Vice Chairman, David Gordon filled-in for Fred Wadnola, Chairman)

David Gordon stated that he ran into US Congressman John Faso. He spoke to him with regards to the issues with SSR. David stated that Faso was aware of the issues and knew a lot about the issues. David said Faso wrote a letter to the Trade Representative to address the issue in recycling material import policy by the Chinese government.

David stated he is pleased that the legislators are looking at these issues. SSR is a problem itself and the Chinese figured it out. He stated there needs to be a broader effort to figure out how to solve the issues with SSR. David also stated that everyone needs to figure out how to handle trash and recycling and not to turn the issues into a trade dispute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 27, 2018 were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent (WADNOLA).

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No communications.

A Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 12:00 PM at the Agency's office.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose presented the MSW, Recycling, Commodities and Leachate Collection reports.

MSW

Tim Rose stated that the MSW target tons for June were 10,987 tons compared to the actual tonnage brought in which was 12,652 tons. Tons are 1,665 tons to the good. Sludge target tons were 373 tons and the actual tonnage brought in was 370 tons. Difference of a 3 tons. YTD for MSW is 5,230 tons to the good.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report:

	LAST JUNE	THIS JUNE
COMMINGLE	56.26 TONS	39.32 TONS
GLASS	60.71 TONS	26.54 TONS
MIXED NEWS	123.37 TONS	81.05 TONS
SINGLE STREAM	713.63 TONS	595.98 TONS
OCC	132.1 TONS	111.51 TONS
FOODWASTE	228.16 TONS	474.24 TONS

There is no flow control on recycling. Recycling is not required to be brought to the Agency. Tim Rose stated, Merlyn’s report to the DEC, which is prepared at the end of the year, will show where the recycling is going.

RECYCLING MARKET REPORT

Tim Rose explained the Recycling Market Report for June 2018. The report shows who we sold what to and the prices. NR means no response.

David Gordon moved to approve the Recycling Market Report, Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent (WADNOLA).

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose stated that last June the total amount out of Ulster was 87,500 gallons and June, 2018 it was 7,000 gallons. Out of New Paltz in June, 2017 the total amount was 119,000 gallons and this June was 24,000 gallons.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Merlyn Akhtar’s updates included:

- HHW and Pharmaceutical Waste Collection Event-The second event was held on Saturday, July 21st. A total of 313 households participated. This year an auto-caller reminder went out a few days before the event. There was approximately an 8% increase in actual attendance from previous years’ average.
 - 200 lbs. of pharmaceutical waste was collected.
 - 13 compost bins were sold at the 20% off sale.
 - Textiles were collected.

- The report should be received in a few weeks.
- Outreach/Meetings-Charlie and Merlyn did a facility tour yesterday (July 24th) for a group from Westchester interested in the Agency's composting operations. The group were volunteers promoting food waste recycling in the Town of Mamaroneck and Village of Larchmont. They started their voluntary, drop-off, food waste recycling program in September 2017. Suburban Carting brings this collected food waste to the Agency.
- Compost-Test results are in from the most recent composting sampling (June 25th) and there were no outstanding issues; results were within acceptable parameters. Results are available on the Agency's website. Next sampling is due in September.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the June 2018 Treasurer's Report.

For the month of June, we did 12,652 tons. Revenue line items to note: Composting Tipping Fee/Sales in the amount of \$15,112, is related to a new source of food waste being delivered. Sales of Recyclables in the amount of \$40,302; several loads of plastic were sold. Total revenues were \$1,533,730.

Expense line item to note: Personnel in the amount of \$283,629 due to three payrolls. Total expenses were \$1,160,264.

The net operating revenues were \$373,466. Capital Outlay of \$150,096 is for the new excavator.

Fund balance for the month was a positive \$223,370. Year-to-Date fund balance is a deficit of \$638,780.

David Gordon moved to approve the June 2018 Treasurer's Report, Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent (WADNOLA).

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff presented the June 2018, MRF Cost Center Analysis report. For the month of June, we did \$10,655 in tipping fees. The total sale of recyclables (which included the sale of plastics of \$23,663) was \$35,439. Total revenues were \$46,094. SSR disposal fees were \$39,481. Total expenses were \$47,931. Net loss for the month was \$42,026. Year-to-date net loss of \$234,140.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose updated the Board:

- No payments received for the GUS financial feasibility study from any of the counties;
- Rick McCarthy is still working on the financial study and should be finished by the middle of September;
- Tour to the Dutchess County burn plant will be August 22nd at 8:45 AM;
 - There was a discussion regarding the burn plant, including how much MSW Dutchess County burn plant can take and if anyone from the Legislature was coming or were invited on the tour.

The Board asked and discussed:

- If there were updates from the Legislature on oversight or proposals for solid waste handling? Tim Rose stated not that he is aware of. Charlie Landi added that there is a resolution; Resolution #265, requesting recycling be included in the Flow Control Law (no action was taken on this resolution at this time).
 - The Board discussed Flow Control Law with regards to recycling.
- The Agency's options for the future including GUS, burn plant/incinerator, waste-energy plants, etc.
- The Board agreed that they need to be proactive.
- David Gordon asked for an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan;
 - Tim Rose stated he just received the DEC's comments and they discussed writing a whole new plan. Tim stated he will forward it to the Board in the next few days and can discuss at the August meeting.

MOTION to ADJOURN the July 25, 2018, Regular Board Meeting at 1:10 PM was made by Brian Devine and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent (WADNOLA).

The above transcribed Minutes of the July 25, 2018, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent. The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: August 22, 2018