

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 2014

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on December 22, 2014, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 3:03 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith; Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen; Treasurer Charles Landi; Member Dominic Tagliafierro (arrived at 3:13 PM) and Member David Gordon (Absent).

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Smith opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

There was no Public Comment.

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the November 24, 2014, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (Tagliafierro & Gordon).

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Organizational Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 2, 2015 at 12:00 pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

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

MSW

Tim Rose stated that MSW target tons were 9,476 and we received 9,095 a difference of 381 to the good. Tim stated that accounts to one day's worth of MSW and there was one work day shorter this year than last year.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report was compared to the prior year. Last November for commingle we did 117 tons and this year we did 45; glass was 48 tons and this year it is 52; mixed news was 129 tons and this year 99; Single stream last year was 385 tons and now it is 566; OCC was 210 tons last year and it is down to 148 this year.

COMMODITY REPORT

Tim Rose noted the commodity report is in the Board packet. This shows who we sold what to and the prices.

There was a brief discussion about adding some items to the report and if there is enough information on the report.

Charles Landi moved. Catherine Nilsen seconded. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (Tagliafierro & Gordon).

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose noted that this year in November we did 0 gallons out of Ulster and 16,000 gallons out of New Paltz.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Michelle gave the Board a packet of all her updates.

Michelle stated that in July the County and the Agency applied for a CFA application (#39840) for composting program improvements and infrastructure but was unfortunately not funded in the latest round of PON 2951. She stated that she and Amanda LaValle, UC Dept. of Environment will schedule a debriefing session with NYSERDA to find out why funding was not received.

As of January 1, 2015, there is a disposal ban on all electronics covered under the NYS Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act. No electronics will be accepted for disposal at a solid or hazardous waste management facility from any person. She stated that the Agency has been gearing up towards the ban with new signage made, information in print for the public, information on the website and the public can come to the Agency's office for free electronics recycling, Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm; these are the requirements of the law.

Michelle stated that for 2015, the Agency has prepared new educational/informational brochures for the public regarding recycling and composting.

She also stated that the Agency will be increasing its focus on recycling compliance with the Ulster County Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Law for licensed haulers, municipalities and/or their contractors, as well as other large waste generators in the County, and significantly increasing the level of monitoring and enforcement to ensure full compliance with the local law. These efforts will also remind all generators of solid waste that it is a requirement in Ulster County to recycle.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of November. We had 9,095 tons and total revenue of \$1,057,697. The only item of note on expenditures was CLF Monitoring and Maintenance line of \$20,918 which is higher than all the other months because of the Sterling post closure monitoring bills came in. Total operating expenses for the month of November was \$822,022 resulting in Net Operating Revenues \$235,675. Our year-to-date fund balance for the month is at a deficit of \$156,516.

Leon Smith made a motion to approve the November, 2014 Treasurer's Report, Charles Landi moved and Dominic Tagliaferro seconded. 4 in favor. None opposed. 1 absent (Gordon).

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff stated total revenue for the month of November was \$31,655 which was down a little this month and he stated this number fluctuates due to if a load of plastics are sold or not. No items to note on the expense side. Our net income for the month before depreciation was \$2,563 and net loss after depreciation it was \$8,472. For the year-to-date, before depreciation we were at \$140,155 and after depreciation were \$18,770.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2343 Re: Procurement of Audit Services;

Dominic Tagliaferro stated that the Audit Committee received several proposals for an external audit for the next two years and the Audit Committee has selected Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte for the next two years for \$14,000 and \$14,400.

Leon Smith moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2343**; Motion to approve was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 4 in favor. None opposed. 1 absent (Gordon).

Resolution No. 2344 Re: A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for a State Assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance Program and Signing of the Associated State Contract, Under the Appropriate Laws of New York State;

Michelle Bergkamp stated that this is a routine Resolution and it needs to be submitted with her application to conduct the Household Hazardous Waste event to continue the program with the NYS DEC.

Leon Smith moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2344**; Motion to approve was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 4 in favor. None opposed. 1 absent (Gordon).

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose stated that floor repairs are going to be done on the Ulster Transfer floor and it should start in approximately two weeks; just waiting on approval from the State that they received the notice.

The work will be done in house and it saves the Agency a tremendous amount of money. Sterling Environmental is the engineering firm that oversees the project and they have a company who does all the testing.

Dominic Tagliafierro asked if the compost was moved and if it is going to go to waste if it wasn't sold. Michelle Bergkamp responded that some of it has been sold and we only wanted to move it for space so we had more space to screen more material. Leon Smith stated that he asked Tim Rose to contact the County to see if they would be interested in buying it, at a discounted price.

There was some discussion about what is going to be done with old roll-off boxes and old trailers.

NEW BUSINESS

Leon Smith discussed getting GPS software for the haulers. The cost is about \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00. It was stated that this is part of the Flow Control Law and the haulers are responsible for paying for it in their vehicles. The Board members present agreed and Tim Rose said he will move forward in securing the necessary software.

Leon Smith discussed an email that all the Board received regarding the "Town down South" (town of Marletown) that the Agency paid to fix a broken wall and sent our safety guy out to inspect it. The Agency's safety guy (Ron Coons of Inphinite Potential, West Kill, NY), sent a report back stating that it's not safe and would fall again if it was bumped. Leon stated an email was received back, and the Town said we were not allowed to do that and threatened to sue the Agency. Leon stated that in his opinion, if we don't hear back shortly that we ask for an engineering report that says it is safe and if we don't receive that than we send a letter to the Town with a 60 day notice, saying that we will not service them with unsafe conditions. The Board members present agreed with stopping service. Leon asked the Agency's Counsel, Ken Gilligan to send the letter to the Town.

Leon Smith stated that he, Tim Rose and Charlie Whittaker had a meeting with American Alternative Fuel, West Coxsackie, NY about alternative fuel being put on the Maintenance truck and Charlie's truck where they could switch it to propane. It would be a dual fuel and the cost would be about \$5,000.00 a vehicle and the payback would be a \$1 a gallon. If a lot of miles are not put on the vehicles it would be a longer payback but it's very environmental. It is only good for gas vehicles but it can be transferred to one vehicle from another. He stated we are waiting for a quote from the guy on the cost. The Board members present agreed with moving forward with the retrofits and to use American Alternative Fuels to perform the service. Tim Rose said he will move forward with the retrofit to the two vehicles using the company aforementioned.

Charles Landi discussed the exchange of emails from Barry Russell regarding the change of the health plan switch from CDPHP to MVP. He believed when union negotiations were completed, that if there was going to be increases from year to year, that it shouldn't exceed 10%. Kenneth Gilligan stated it is 8% and the increase is still under the cap.

MOTION to ADJOURN the December 22, 2014, Regular Board Meeting at 3:44 pm was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Dominic Tagliafierro. 4 in favor. None opposed. 1 absent (Gordon).

The above transcribed Minutes of the December 22, 2014, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Dominic Tagliaferro and seconded by David Gordon. Three in favor. None opposed. Two absent (Smith & Nilsen). The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: January 28, 2015