

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2015

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on February 25, 2015, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith (absent); Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen; Treasurer Charles Landi; Member Dominic Tagliaferro (absent) and Member David Gordon.

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

From the Public: Manna Jo Greene

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Nilsen opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

Manna Jo Greene wanted to honor Marie Post and Jim Marion and she briefly discussed some of their achievements and wanted to give thanks for their contributions.

Manna Jo stated that due to the tension over roll-off boxes she did some research regarding roll-off boxes and found that the Agency is the only one who provides boxes to the Towns and provides the transportation. In some counties, she found that they contract out. She believes we have the best system and believes if we can have that same kind of solution oriented conversation, maybe we can get the Towns and County back on track and cooperating.

Also, she stated that a date has been set for the Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission to meet; just wasn't sure of the date. She is hoping that it will be the same process to get everyone on the same page. She stated the Commission will need some basic information to proceed. The two main questions the Commission won't decide but might wrestle with understanding are; single stream recycling with the MRF and about a County wide landfill.

Manna Jo also commended Michelle Bergkamp on her excellent comments regarding polystyrene.

Manna Jo stated that she wants to understand the Agencies' concerns and would like to come to every meeting to help understand and to get everyone to work together.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS (Leon Smith absent, Catherine Nilsen sitting Chairman)

No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 28, 2015, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by David Gordon. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (Smith/Tagliafierro).

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 5:00 pm

GENERAL REPORTS

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

MSW

Tim Rose stated that MSW target tons for January were 7,884 and we received 7,916 a difference of 32 tons off, which is about 4 trucks. He stated that Tim DeGraff has done a great job on his prediction.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report was compared to the prior year. Last January for commingle we did 55 tons and this year we did 44.5 tons; glass was 56 tons and this year it is 39; mixed news was 116 tons and this year 93 tons; Single stream last year was 454 tons and now it is 644; OCC was 218 tons last year and it is down to 95 this year.

There was a brief discussion about single stream recycling pricing, getting rid of it for free to move it, charging for recycling, possibly putting Agency's trailers back on the road to get rid of it instead of paying someone to take it and about the markets being bad.

COMMODITY REPORT

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

Charles Landi moved. David Gordon seconded. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (Smith/Tagliafierro).

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose noted that last year in January we did 290,000 gallons and this year we did 58,000 gallons out of Ulster and in New Paltz last year in January we did 141,000 gallons and this year we did 168,000 gallons.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Tim Rose gave the Board a packet that Michelle Bergkamp prepared with all her updates.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January. We had 7,916 tons which resulted in total revenues of \$933,382. Sale of recyclables was \$22,245 and he stated we will see the impact on the MRF P&L. On the expense side, he pointed out that because of the transportation and disposal contracts we bid out this past year, there are three item variance you will see continually every month when compared to the prior year; Fuel Replenishment Program, MSW Hauling Private Contracts, and Solid Waste Disposal Costs. He stated "...when you look across at the variance, you will see a positive for the fuel and disposal costs for obvious reasons...contracted lower allotment of fuel per trip, Seneca Meadows coming in at a lower disposal bid than previous years, and the hauling will be higher every month because MBI increased their bid prices." For the month of January, there were Net Operating Revenues of \$214,966. We made our first debt service payment so the fund balance for the first month was a positive \$213,293, which is \$86,242 better than last year.

Catherine Nilsen made a motion to approve the January, 2015 Treasurer's Report, Charles Landi moved and David Gordon seconded. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (Smith/Tagliafierro).

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff stated the Treasurer's Report illustrated the impact sale of recyclables had on January's MRF analysis. He pointed out comparisons between the current and prior year. OCC took a big drop in prices and we sold 50% less because we were holding some loads. Our revenues were \$22,245. Net loss before depreciation in January \$13,241 and after depreciation was a net loss of \$24,276.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose stated the floor repairs are underway. The concrete plant has been closed due to the cold weather so they haven't been able to pour.

The Loader that was ordered back in December will be in about two weeks.

Tim Rose also stated that Tom Briggs has been working on getting quotes for security cameras and has looked into the GPS systems for the haulers. Charles Landi has asked Tim Rose and Tom Briggs to look into piggybacking off the County regarding the security cameras.

There was some discussion of roll-off boxes; ordering new boxes, what we are doing with the old ones and when we are planning on getting rid of the old boxes.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Rose discussed that the Ulster scales cells needed to be retrofitted because they are old. Two years ago, the Agency received three quotes and the lowest-priced vender came in at \$17,000 to retrofit the scales. That vender is still willing to do the job for the same price. Tim stated that this was in the Capital Plan.

MOTION to go into Executive Session was made at 5:57 PM to discuss collective bargaining grievances was made by Charles Landi and seconded by David Gordon. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (Smith/Tagliafierro).

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:22 PM WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

MOTION to ADJOURN the February 25, 2015, Regular Board Meeting at 6:22 pm was made by Charles Landi and seconded by David Gordon. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (Smith/Tagliafierro).

The above transcribed Minutes of the February 25, 2015, Regular Board Meeting were moved by David Gordon and seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent. The Minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Board.

Date: March 25, 2015