

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 28, 2017

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2017, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 12:14 PM.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Fred Wadnola; Vice Chairman David Gordon; Treasurer Charles Landi (absent); 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 and Kathy O'Connor from the League of Women Voters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Fred Wadnola stated he looks forward to Charlie Whittaker's update regarding the New Paltz Transfer Station floor repairs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Brian Devine and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent (Landi).

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2017 at 12:00 PM.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose presented the MSW, Recycling and Leachate Collection reports for May, 2017.

MSW

Tim Rose stated that the MSW target tons for May were 10,779 tons compared to the actual tonnage brought in which was 12,033 tons. Year-to-date tons are 1,254 tons to the good.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report was compared to the prior year:

	THIS MAY	LAST MAY
COMMINGLE	46.3 TONS	38.21 TONS
GLASS	20.76 TONS	47.54 TONS
MIXED NEWS	92.27 TONS	70.03 TONS
SINGLE STREAM	684.11 TONS	753.54 TONS
OCC	129.61 TONS	108.7 TONS
FOODWASTE	229.44 TONS	56.38 TONS

Ken Gilligan asked why woodchips tons were up compared to last year. Tim Rose and Charlie Whittaker responded that they are up due to more grinding of woodchips this year. City of Kingston had a large brush pile that needed to be grinded and the Agency needed the woodchips for the compost. The Agency ground the woodchips for free and the City of Kingston delivered the chips to the Agency.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Tim Rose explained the Commodities Report for May 2017. The report is included in the Board packet, showing who we sold what to and the prices. NR means no response.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the Commodities Report, Motion to vote was made by Brian Devine seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor, 0 opposed; 1 absent (Landi).

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose stated that in May 2017 out of Ulster we did 146,000 gallons and last May we did 155,000 gallons. Out of New Paltz in May 2017 we did 141,000 gallons and last May we did 147,000 gallons.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Meryl Akhtar handed out a packet with her updates. Updates included:

- HHW
 - Reminded the Board the event of July 15th in New Paltz. Ads on WBPM, Radio Woodstock and WAMC are running through to the event date.
 - Approx. 179 appointments are scheduled and pre-orders of 25 rain barrels and 19 compost bins.
- Outreach
 - Melinda and Merlyn visited Bennett Elementary on June 2nd to participate in their Earth Day festivities.
- Grants
 - Merlyn submitted the payment documents for the 2016 HHW events to receive the 50% reimbursement from DEC.
- Compost
 - Compost sampling and testing was done on June 19th. Samples have been set to the labs and should have all results back in a few weeks. Salmonella test came back fine.

- DEC Region 3 staff in the Air Division visited the site. They were reviewing the DEC Excellence Award application that was submitted. Merlyn stated they were excited about what they saw and gave positive feedback to Materials Management staff. Award winners will be announced later this year.

The Board requested a copy of the test results which Merlyn will supply. Tim Rose stated that the reports will be available on the website soon.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the May 2017 Treasurer's Report. For the month of May, we did 12,033 tons. Misc. Revenues of \$23,438; \$15,773 related to Workers' Compensation dividend that was received for the 2015-2016 policy year.

Transfer Station expenses were \$46,240. A majority of this was for material, supplies, and rental of equipment for the New Paltz Transfer Station floor repairs. Total operating expenses were \$998,305; net operating revenue for the month was \$445,483. Capital outlay was \$2,579 for the final payment of the flare/vent project at the closed Ulster Landfill. Fund balance for the month of May was \$442,904, which brings our year-to-date to a deficit of \$950,532.

Jack Hayes moved to approve the May 2017 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor, 0 opposed; 1 absent (Landi).

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff presented the May 2017 MRF Cost Center Analysis report. For the month of May, we did \$13,642 in tipping fees and \$41,816 in sale of recyclables. OCC was up for the month due to the baler being down in April and product from that month carried over to May. Total revenues for the month were \$55,458. Total expenses for the month were \$42,400. Net income was \$13,058. Year-to-date Net Income is \$106,237.

OLD BUSINESS

Charlie Whittaker stated 40% of the New Paltz Transfer Station tipping floor is done. He is meeting with the engineer today to go over the break test and the work that has been done. He stated he plans on being on the floor on Monday, July 3rd but needs to wait for the engineer's and DEC approval first. The floor is going well; the engineer said it is "beautiful". The floor is 12 inches thick and Charlie believes this shouldn't need to be done again for another 20 years. All the concrete is being sent to BTM in Poughkeepsie and they are charging \$20 a ton.

Fred Wadnola stated he would like to see, when the project is done, the cost savings of doing the project in house by the Agency. Tim DeGraff stated he is already working on it.

David Gordon briefly discussed his trip to BioHiTech in England and BioHiTech's process. He will prepare a presentation for the July's meeting.

Fred Wadnola stated there are some other options to look at besides building a landfill, including the plant in Canada who turns MSW into ethanol. He would like to prepare a trip to Montreal, Canada to visit the site and see their process.

Tim Rose, Jack Hayes and Charlie Landi took a trip to Oneida-Herkimer on Thursday, June 22nd. Also, some representatives from Greene and Sullivan County joined the trip. Tim Rose discussed the trip. He stated the purpose of the trip was to talk to the Executive Director of Oneida-Herkimer and discuss how the two counties got together, the pitfalls they experienced, successes, and how the whole system works. This gave all representatives from all three counties a chance to ask questions.

Fred Wadnola stated GUS's next step is to have a feasibility study done by Cornerstone for the three counties.

Tim Rose stated Cornerstone's proposal should be done by next week.

NEW BUSINESS -NONE

MOTION to ADJOURN the June 28, 2017, Regular Board Meeting at 1:15 PM was made by Brian Devine and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent (Landi).

The above transcribed Minutes of the June 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor. None opposed. 1 absent (HAYES). The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: July 26, 2017