

MAY 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 MAY 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, and Member Charles Landi. Member David Gordon arrived at 5:09. Dominic Tagliafierro was absent.

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

ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER

Due to the appointment of a new Board Member by the Ulster County Legislature, a vacancy exists for the Board Treasurer.

Leon Smith nominated Charles Landi as Treasurer, Catherine Nilsen seconded. Three in favor, none opposed, two absent (Tagliafierro, Gordon).

Tim Rose notified Charles Landi that the Agency needed to get his signature for signing Agency checks.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vacancies exist on the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee (Chair) due to the Legislative appointment of a new Board Member.

Leon Smith would like to nominate David Gordon for the Audit Committee.

Dominic Tagliafierro was nominated for Chair of the Finance Committee. Catherine Nilsen was nominated to fill the vacancy.

Leon Smith moved the nominations, Charles Landi seconded. Three in favor, none opposed.

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

Leon Smith wanted to thank Al Teetsel for his three years of service to the Board. Leon stated that he thought that Al brought good things to the Board and that he is sorry to see him go. Charles Landi wanted it to be noted that he agreed with Leon.

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Leon also noted that he doesn't agree with the way the appointments (not who or whom were appointed) were made. He said that he thinks that the Legislature didn't follow the guidelines that were set up when the Agency was formulated. He is going to ask the State Controller to investigate the way the appointments were done. Catherine noted that she agrees with Leon 100%. He reiterated that it is nothing against any person; it is how the appointments were handled.

Leon Smith welcomed Charles Landi to another term on the Agency Board

David Gordon arrived at 5:09

Leon Smith welcomed David Gordon to the Board of Directors.

Charles Landi continued the conversation regarding the way the Board appointments were made and if there was a breach in procedure. It ultimately came down to three lawyers talking about the way the appointments needed to be made, however an investigation would clear things up because the same issue will be encountered next year.

Everyone at the meeting identified themselves to David Gordon and welcomed him to the Board.

Leon Smith said that the best thing he did when he was first appointed to the Board was to read the contract between the County and the Agency. David was told that he would be forwarded an electronic version of the contract by email.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Five in favor. None opposed. The minutes of the April 28, 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 10,640 which is 89 tons more than the projected tonnage of solid waste for April 2014. The Sludge tonnage in was 225 which is 46 tons more than the projected tonnage of sludge.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report, looking back at last April for commingle we did 119 and this year we did 67. Glass was 59 and this year it is 31, mixed news was 167 and is now 150. Single stream was 229 and now it is 450. The OCC was at 238 and is now 242.

COMMODITY REPORT

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.

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LEACHATE COLLECTION

The leachate collection report, in April of last year for Ulster we did 188,000 and this year we did 303,000. In New Paltz we did 146,000 last year and 189,000 for this year.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Michelle reminded the Board of the truckload sale that was on April 26th at the Hudson Valley Mall parking lot. Combined with the Dutchess County Resource Recovery, we had 287 total participants and sold 152 Compost Bins, 209 Rain Barrels, 121 Stands and 135 Kitchen Caddies. To date, the Agency has sold an additional 49 Rain Barrels and 2 Compost Bins. Out of the 287 participants, 71 of them were from the City of Kingston.

This is a busy time of year for us as far as outreach and community events. To date, just over 2,500 Ulster County Residents have either toured the Agency Facility or have outreached to the Agency to do presentations or various other events.

With electronics collections, small businesses, non-profits and residents have been able to recycle their electronics for free. Disposal of the electronics by the Agency has become increasingly difficult. Michelle has informed the Chamber of Commerce, who have hosted electronics collection events for businesses at the Agency, that this event upcoming is going to be the last event that the Agency will be able to host for them.

SIMS Recycling sent a letter to the Agency saying they were giving us 30 days notice of their intent to no longer take electronics from the Agency. They are closing their New Jersey facility and are no longer going to be providing services to our area.

The town of Woodstock is going to provide new food scrap collection at the weekly Woodstock Farm Festival. This is a Pilot program for town of Woodstock residents.

The Agency is continuing with the Agency outreach program with two campaigns, composting and recycling Go Brown! Composting campaign and the Recycling Minute campaign. A FAQ on recycling will be featured each week (3 month campaign).

The next Household Hazardous Waste event is scheduled for Saturday, July 19 from 8am to 2:00pm at the NYSDEC Region 3 Facility in New Paltz.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Timothy DeGraff addressed David Gordon and asked him if he had received the spreadsheet that he emailed to him prior to the meeting. He told him that if he ever had any questions, to feel free to contact him.

Timothy DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April. We had 10,623 tons. All of our numbers are up as a result of the increased tonnages.

For our expenses, MRF Operations were \$23,334 is higher due to the purchase of a wire tie for our bailing system and that was about \$12,000. There is \$36,586 for the HHW event we hosted in April.

Our fuel is actually down, it \$108,642 and that was because MBI was ahead on fuel going into the month and the fuel prices had dropped the second part of April.

Net operating revenues for the month were \$247,154. Our Fund Balance YTD is a deficit of \$2,000,000

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Leon Smith made a motion to approve the March, 2014 Treasurer's Report, Charles Landi moved and Catherine Nilsen seconded. Four in favor. None opposed. One Absent (Tagliafierro)

Tim DeGraff wanted to point out that on the back of the Treasurers Report is a Schedule of Payback to Operating Reserve for the Trommel Screen, this is provided to show a running balance to the board members.

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

We did have a good month in the MRF but the wire tie ended up offsetting the extra revenue. Our plastics were \$19,514. The total revenues were \$55,913. Due to the wire tie purchase our Net Income before depreciation was \$5,666; after depreciation it was to the loss of \$5,369. For the year, before depreciation we are at a Net Income of \$21,767; after depreciation a net loss of \$22,373.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose reminded the Board that the disposal contracts and trucking contracts are up at the end of the year. In the next few weeks, Tim Rose will get together with Ken and Charlie to put together a bid to be ready for the middle of June, to be opened at the end of July. After the Bid for Final Disposal, the Agency will be putting together a bid for the Trucking of the waste to the Landfill and it is expected to have that bid opening in August in order to provide the information so the Agency can put together the budget for 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 6:10pm to discuss the Status of Negotiations under the Taylor Law was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Four in Favor. None opposed. (Tagliafierro)

MOTION to **ADJOURN** the May 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting at 6:45pm was made by David Gordon and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Four in Favor. None opposed. One Absent. (Tagliafierro)

The above transcribed Minutes of the May 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were moved by **Charles Landi** and seconded by **Dominic Tagliafierro**.

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

Date: **July 28, 2014**