

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop on September 8, 2022. This meeting was held in person.

The proceedings were convened at 6:00 pm.

**Board Members present:** Chair Katherine Beinkafner, Vice Chair Tom Kacandes (arrived 6:10PM), Treasurer Charles Landi, Member Margot Becker, and Member James Gordon.

**Staff Members present:** Counsel/Secretary Kenneth Gilligan, Executive Director/Director of Finance and Administration Tim DeGraff, Director of Operations and Compliance Charlie Whittaker, Director of Sustainability Angelina Brandt, Compliance Officer Larry Ricci and Office Manager Melinda France.

**Public present:** Town of Ulster Supervisor James Quigley, Town of Saugerties Transfer Station Manager Doug Myer and Saugerties Town Board Member Peg Nau.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Recording 00:35-10:53)**

Supervisor James Quigley stated he was there on behalf of the Town of Ulster and the Association of Supervisors and Mayors. He provided the Board with his proposed solutions to the increase tipping fee:

- Two Tier Fee Structure
  - Towns would pay the \$4/ton increase
  - Commercial Haulers would pay market price
- Single Structure (Rebate to the Towns)
  - Allocation back to the Towns as an incentive to run their Transfer Stations and other operations
  - The Towns would get the difference of \$6/ton based on the tonnage they dispose of
  - Supervisor Quigley reminded the Board and Staff that the towns are 15% of their business and the Agency would have the remaining 85%

Town of Saugerties Transfer Station Manager Doug Myer concurred with Supervisor Quigley. He added that his budget had to be completed by August 31<sup>st</sup> and that they have a 2% tax cap. He completely understood the \$4/per ton increase but if it is increased any higher that would but the Town over the 2% cap.

Tim DeGraff read an email received from Mayor Steven Noble dated September 8, 2022 at 4:02PM. This email was provided to the Board and Staff. The email read, **“Tim, I couldn’t find email addresses for the Board on the UCRRA website and so I am requesting this get forwarded to them for tonight’s meeting. I read in the Daily Freeman and through conversations with my staff that the Board is looking to increase tipping fees being charged to our municipalities. I understand that the Board is going to be discussing these items tonight and as the largest municipal hauler in the County, this decision is extremely important to our operations here in the City of Kingston. The City of Kingston has also had its share of cost increases for picking up and hauling material to**

you, as well as operating a transfer station. The cost of fuel has also risen this year, which has brought with it large fuel surcharges from the agency which has caused our budgets to be negatively impacted this past year. As the UCRRA looks at it's tipping fee rates for 2023, I believe that we should limit those increases only to the point they are necessary to keep the core functions of the UCRRA running and to account for any direct increases charged by Seneca Meadows. The UCRRA has done a good job over the years trying to manage the tipping fee so that it does not jump from year to year, especially in light of Flow Control which caused the tipping fees for the City of Kingston to jump almost \$30 dollars in the last decade. I would urge the board to limit it's increase to the smallest amount possible and if tipping fee's are going to rise, that we, as one of the largest municipal haulers, should have a clear understanding of what exactly the tipping fee increase is going to fund and how it will benefit the residents of the City of Kingston. Thanks, - Steve".

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP (Recording 11:11-1:50:06)**

Tim DeGraff provided a visual (projected the budget spreadsheet on a screen) of different scenarios for the budget. He changed several budget lines so the Board could understand how the numbers would change the tipping fee. He also explained how he came up with the numbers. The Board and Staff had an in-depth discussion of possible future projects/ideas for the Agency and what items in the budget needed to be changed. The Board agreed to \$110/ton.

Tom Kacandes made a motion to revise the tipping fee to \$110/ton. Seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Beinkafner: Aye

Kacandes: Aye

Landi: Aye

Gordon: Aye

Becker: Aye

The motion was approved.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Resolution #2571, 2572 and 2573 have all been approved by the Board to be amended to reflect the tipping fee to \$110/ton.

- **Resolution # 2571 RE: Authorization of Draft 2023 Agency Budget**

Tom Kacandes motioned to approve the revised Resolution #2571 RE: Authorization of Draft 2023 Agency Budget. Seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. The motion was approved.

- **Resolution # 2572 RE: Approving the 2023 Draft Agency Capital Plan**

Charles Landi motioned to approve the revised Resolution #2572 RE: Authorization of 2023 Draft Agency Capital Plan. Seconded by James Gordon. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. The motion was approved.

- **Resolution # 2573 RE: Authorizing and Approving the Draft Fee Schedule for 2023 Tipping Fees and Other Charges**

Tom Kacandes motioned to approve the revised Resolution #2573 RE: Authorizing and Approving the Draft Fee Schedule for 2023 Tipping Fees and Other Charges. Seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. The motion was approved.

- **Resolution # 2574 RE: Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Fifteen 40 Cubic Yard Roll-off Containers**

- The cost for the containers will be \$160,760

Charles Landi motioned to approve Resolution #2574 RE: Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Fifteen 40 Cubic Yard Roll-Off Containers. Seconded by Tom Kacandes. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. The motion was approved.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Charles Landi moved that the Board go into executive session at 8:01 PM to discuss employee contract; seconded by Tom Kacandes. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

James Gordon motioned to exit executive session and it was seconded by Tom Kacandes at 8:10 PM. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

- **Resolution # 2575 RE: Authorizing the Appointment of the Executive Director and Approving the Executive Director's Employment Agreement**

Charles Landi motioned to approve the Resolution #2575 RE: Authorizing the Appointment of the Executive Director and Approving the Executive Director's Employment Agreement. Seconded by Margot Becker. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Beinkafner: Aye

Kacandes: Aye

Landi: Aye

Gordon: Aye

Becker: Aye

The motion was approved.

### **ADJOURN**

Tom Kacandes motioned to adjourn the September 8, 2022, Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop at 8:10 PM, seconded by Katherine Beinkafner. 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent

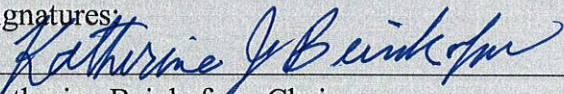
September 22, 2022

Motion to approve the above transcribed Minutes of the September 8, 2022, Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop was made by Charles Landi and seconded by James Gordon. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (KACANDES & BECKER).


The minutes were approved by the Board.

Transcribed by: Melinda France, Office Manager. Meetings are recorded and available at [www.ucrra.org/about-us/board-of-directors-meetings-minutes/](http://www.ucrra.org/about-us/board-of-directors-meetings-minutes/).

Signatures:

  
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Katherine Beinkafner, Chair

  
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Ken Gilligan, Secretary

  
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Melinda France, Office Manager