

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
October 24, 2024, at 5:30 PM
TO BE HELD AT UCRRRA'S MAIN OFFICE, 999 FLATBUSH ROAD, KINGSTON, NY**

James Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:30 stating that he would be holding the meeting as Vice Chair, in the absence of Regis Obijiski, Chair.

James Gordon led the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was conducted. The following Board Members were in attendance: James Gordon, Andrew Ghiorse and David Gilmour. Regis Obijiski and Donna Egan were absent. Agency Staff in attendance included: Marc Rider, Karen Sheard, and Timothy Weidemann. Timothy DeGraff and Angelina Brandt were excused. It was noted that Angelina was attending Waste Con on behalf of the Agency on a scholarship.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance. Inquiry was made as to whether any additional comments were received by the Agency concerning the budget. It was confirmed that no additional comments have been received.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Inquiry was made with respect to set meeting dates for working on the five-year capital plan or for the Governance Committee.

A motion was made by David Gilmour to amend the Agenda to include: (i) setting potential dates for a Special Meeting concerning the five-year capital plan and a meeting of the Governance Committee and (ii) to remove the Approval of Minutes. The motion was seconded by Andrew Ghiorse and passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

James Gordon noted that any additionally scheduled meetings would be advertised on the Agency's website.

GENERAL REPORTS

- Committee and official meetings by Board Members – there were no updates to be provided
- Recycling Program Update – Contained in the Board Packet. No presentation in Angelina Brandt's absence. It was noted that tours referenced in the report were tours of our facility.
- MSW Tonnage Report – MSW and C&D is notably short for the month of September. MSW and C&D and Sludge overall tonnage is slightly short of the budgeted total. No cashflow implications.
- Recycling Tonnage Report – Commingle and mixed news and glass are less than prior years. It is

costly to recycle glass so there is no negative impact on the Agency budget. Concerns over deleterious effects of plastics and discussed incentivizing glass use. Food waste has been decreased for permitting purposes.

Discussion was held regarding the DEC's modification of the Agency's permit.

- MRF Cost Center Analysis- total sales were \$79,803, the largest amount in any one month this year.
- Compliance Recycling Report – is very impressive and informative and we appreciate Robert Friedlander's hard work. Discussed his attendance at Board Meetings. It was agreed that his presence at Board meetings would only be required on an occasional basis (as needed or quarterly).
- Treasurer's Report – No revenue line items of note (except Recycling Sales). Household hazardous waste event expenditure. YTD deficit is more than last year – related to capital outlay and decrease in volume of MSW. Will not cause any cost flow concern.
- Executive Director Update - Marc Rider provided a monthly update to the Board in writing. The update summarizes meetings and work completed for the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reopened to hear any comments from Legislator Mannajo Greene. Legislator Greene inquired about the Agency positions on two bills, one concerning plastic and the other providing for unmanned convenience centers for people who are unable to go to a transfer station during set hours. The unmanned centers would not be under UCRRA management. Some discussion was held relating to the expansion of the Agency Board.

RESOLUTIONS AND BOARD NOTIFICATIONS

- Resolution #2622 Re: Authorizing and Approving Defining Health Insurance Benefits for Eligible Retirees of the Agency – retiree health insurance for the employee but would not include coverage for employee's spouse. It was noted that the resolution was passed by the Finance Committee with two in favor.

Motion to approve Resolution #2622 made by David Gilmour and seconded by Andrew Ghiorse. Resolution #2622 was approved by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

- Resolution #2627 Re: Approving 2025 Final Agency Budget
Motion made to approve the resolution was made by Andrew Ghiorse and seconded by David Gilmour.

David Gilmour suggested an amendment to the resolution to include on the 7th Whereas language that provides "and inclusive of planned needs".

A motion to approve the amendment to Resolution #2627 was approved by the Board with 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2627, as amended, was approved by the Board with 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

- Resolution #2630 Approving the Fee Schedule For 2025 Tipping Fees and Other Charges
David Gilmour made a motion to adopt Resolution #2630 and the motion was seconded by Andrew Ghiorse. Noted that mattress fee will increase to \$10 and the sale of compost will increase

from \$30 to \$40 a ton. The Resolution was adopted approved by the Board with 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

- Resolution #2631 Approving the 2025 Final Agency Capital Plan
David Gilmour made a motion to adopt Resolution #2631 and the motion was seconded by Andrew Ghiorse.
David Gilmour made a motion to amend Resolution #2631 to include a 4th Whereas that provides “this Capital Plan is consistent with our ten-year solid waste plan and policy’s of the Agency”.
The motion to Amend the Resolution was seconded by Andrew Ghiorse, and passed with a vote of 3 in favor, 0 oppose, and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

Approval of the Amended Resolution #2631 was moved by David Gilmour and seconded by Andrew Ghiorse. Amended Resolution #2631 was adopted by the Board with 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

- Resolution #2628 Re: Town of Hurley Leachate Hauling Agreement Amendment
A motion was made by David Gilmour and seconded by Andrew Ghiorse. It was noted that the second to last Resolved includes a typo – change from “Resolver” to Resolved”.
Resolution #2628, including correction of the typo, was adopted by the Board with 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).
- Resolution #2629 Re: SCS Engineers Professional Services Agreement
A motion was made by David Gilmour and seconded by Andrew Ghiorse. Disposal costs of leachate have increased. Exploring tapping into Town of Ulster’s sewage instead of transporting. Improvements to the New Paltz facility is also being considered. These and other options require an engineering firm’s opinion as to feasibility, costs and other relevant factors.
Resolution #2629 was adopted by the Board with 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 absent (Obijiski and Egan).

OLD (UNFINISHED) BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Meeting Times

Workshop on the Propose Five-Year Capital Plan

Regular Board Meeting is November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Goal to have the Five-Year Capital Plan in place by the end of the year. Special Meeting options dates/times include November 13th or prior to the Regular Board Meeting on the 21st. Will check the availability of the other Board members.

Governance Committee Meeting options – Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the October 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting was made by David Gilmour and seconded by Andrew Ghiorse.

Vote: Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Obijiski and Egan)

Time: 6:57 p.m.