

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
ZERO WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 22, 2024**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Zero Waste Committee Meeting on August 22, 2024.

The proceedings were convened at 6:32 PM. The Zero Waste Committee Meeting was held at the Agency’s Main Office located 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, NY.

Committee Members present: Chair Donna Egan, Committee Members Regis Obijiski, James Gordon, Andrew Ghiorse and David Gilmour.

Staff present: Counsel/Secretary Kenneth Gilligan, Executive Director Marc Rider, Director of Finance and Administration Tim DeGraff, Agency Counsel Karen Sheard, and Director of Sustainability Angelina Brandt were present. Coordinator of Organizational Performance and Development Tim Weidemann was excused.

From the public: Michael Stribl, Reporter, Daily Freeman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said in the Special Boarding Meeting (Budget Workshop) immediately preceding this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Donna Egan called for a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was made by Regis Obijiski and seconded by Andrew Ghiorse. The motion passed, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Donna Egan called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2024, meeting of the Zero Waste Committee. The motion was made by Regis Obijiski and seconded by Andrew Ghiorse. David Gilmour requested that the motion be held until the next meeting of the Zero Waste Committee.

No action was taken with respect to the Minutes of the Zero Waste Committee of July 25, 2024, and approval will be held until the next meeting of the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUCEMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee discussed the presentations and speakers from the previous meeting. It was agreed that a lot of information regarding construction and demolition waste was provided. While it was agreed that a deconstruction program would be supported (by the Legislature and Reform Committee), it was suggested that such support be not just verbal, but also monetary.

It was also noted that currently UCRRA is a transfer station and not a processor, and further, that the solid waste management plan does not make provisions for UCRRA to act as a processor.

Agency management indicated that it is researching and pursuing, as applicable, grants in the area of construction and demolition. Specifically identified were an EPA grant for recycling of infrastructure and an USDA grant.

The USDA grant relates to food diversion, and will include some processing, as well as an agricultural component. The Agency is collaborating with Ellenville, Wawarsing and Kingston City School Districts, the Cornell Cooperative and the YMCA to develop a plan and apply for this grant.

The EPA grant allows for broader opportunities, and an example of the project proposed by last year’s grant winner was provided to the committee for illustrative purposes.

ADJOURN

Regis Obijiski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59. The motion was seconded by Jim Gordon and passed, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

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Motion to approve the above transcribed Minutes of the August 22, 2024, Zero Waste Committee Meeting was made by _____ and seconded by _____. ___ in favor, ___ opposed, ___ absent.

The minutes were approved by the Board.

Transcribed by: Karen Veronica Sheard (DeFio), Agency Counsel.

Signatures:

Donna Egan, Chair