

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
April 16, 2012**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on April 16, 2012 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 3: 30 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith, Treasurer Al Teetsel, Member Catherine Nilsen and Member Charles Landi. Vice Chairman Dennis Helm was absent.

Also present were: Tim Rose, Executive Director; Counsel/ Secretary Steve Wing, Controller Tim DeGraff and Acting Director of Operations and Safety Charlie Whittaker.

Charles Landi was welcomed as a new Board Member

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Leon Smith spoke about the passing of former Board Member and Chairman Robert A. Hansut.

Leon Smith spoke about updating the meeting packets as soon as information is provided.

Al Teetsel said that new Board Member packets with non-meeting items have been prepared and are placed in the Agency's mail boxes.

Leon Smith also spoke about his trip with Tim Rose to the Washington County Waste to Energy plant.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2012 were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2012 at 3:30 pm.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

Michelle Bergkamp gave the recycling report. The next household hazardous waste collection day is April 28, 2012. Over 380 households have already signed up. MRDCs were visited by

staff, and recycling signage needs to be replaced. Staff was told that the MRDC operators were very happy with Agency operations. The Agency could obtain mulch for use in connection with the Agency's organics pilot project from several of the MRDCs . Finally, an updated list of the MRDCs has been done by the Agency and distributed. The annual recycling report was submitted to DEC. The total waste stream (including recycling) was 232,962.5 tons. 73,000 tons of recycling was collected in the County.

Terri Laibach of NYSDEC spoke about the State's perspective of the food waste project that will be undertaken by the Agency. They are encouraging that the Agency proceed with the project. Martin Brand of also of NYSDEC spoke about DEC's interest in our project and their willingness to support us. The Agency would be entitled to 50% state reimbursement. Michelle Bergkamp stated that the complete business plan for the project is on our website.

Charles Landi asked about our billboard in the City of Kingston. He also enquired about the cardboard balers at the prisons and the composting of food waste.

The Agency has the money to proceed with this project, according to Michelle Bergkamp. Catherine Nilsen enquired about how long it would take to be reimbursed. Terri Laibach said it would take 4 years to receive the reimbursement. Leon Smith said that the project will be on the agenda for next month.

Tim Rose gave the MSW, recycling, and leachate reports. We received less than our projected tonnage of solid waste for March, 2012, as we received 10,524 tons of MSW. Tim Rose said that the tonnage report will be amended as requested by the Board. We received 257 of tons of sludge, a slight increase. 891.16 tons of recyclable material (approximately 1000 tons less than March 2011) was received at the MRF. We will be receiving recyclable material from a Dutchess County company while it resolves issues with DEC. A discussion about single stream vis a vis source separated recycling followed. 48,000 gallons of leachate were collected at the Ulster CLF in March, 2012, and 161,000 gallons were collected at the New Paltz CLF, less than last year.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for March, 2012. It was generally unremarkable, except that March was a three payroll month, and the Agency's waste revenues were up, but recycling revenues are lower. The Agency's annual report and audit have been completed.

The MRF Profit & Loss statement shows a loss over previous months, but also a net revenue of \$9.51 in March, 2012. The Agency's MRF operators have pulled a lot of recyclable material from the waste stream, showing that there is still a need to press the requirements for recycling. Enforcement rests with the Executive Director, and Tim Rose will present an enforcement plan next month.

## **Resolution No. 2253 re: Authorizing Issuance of Series 2012 Refunding Bonds;**

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Catherine Nilsen .

Steve Wing explained that this resolution would authorize the issuance of the 2012 refunding bonds discussed last month. The matter is being expedited because of the favorable market and a contemporaneous bond issue by the County. The Resolution delegates authority to the Chairman and or Vice Chairman to close the financing. A Roll Call vote was taken with the following results:

Aye	Nay	Absent
Leon Smith	None	Dennis Helm
Al Teetsel		
Catherine Nilsen		
Charles Landi		

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Helm).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Tim Rose brought up a clean-up of the Shandaken area, where the participants wanted to tip for free. The Board policy is contrary to that request.

The Grinder is being offered to the municipalities. Tim Rose wants to keep the rates the same. Board does not disagree.

Tim Rose discussed the definition of “business hauler”. This has an impact on the fee charged. The Board decided that the definition was within the Executive Director’s discretion and they would not disturb his decision.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

DEC is cooperating on the leachate issue at the New Paltz closed landfill, and work is proceeding.

The Agency will receive 87.5% reimbursement on the Ulster closed Landfill slide. The engineering contract has been signed.

Tim Rose described various shared services with some of the municipalities, including Lloyd and Ulster.

All seven Town Supervisors Tim Rose has met with have agreed to sign the Municipal Solid Waste Management Agreement one year extension amendment.

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion** to Adjourn the Regular meeting in the memory of Robert A. Hansut was:

**Moved** by: Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Al Teetsel.

**VOTE:** Ayes 4 Nays 0

**ADJOURNED 4:59 PM**

The above transcribed Minutes of the April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board.

Date: May 14, 2012

Executive Session Minutes are kept by the Secretary in a separate, confidential file.