

JUNE 23, 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 June 23, 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, Treasurer Charles Landi and Member David Gordon. 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 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vacancies exist on the Finance Committee due to the Legislative appointment of a new Board Member.

Leon Smith would like to nominate David Gordon for the Finance Committee. Charles Landi seconded.

Leon Smith moved the nomination, Charles Landi seconded. Four in favor, none opposed, one absent (Tagliafierro).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Smith opened up the meeting for Public Comments.

Supervisor Carl Chipman, Town of Rochester

He thanked Tim and Charlie for coming to the Supervisors meeting last week.

With regards to the letter that all Town Supervisors received. Supervisor Carl Chipman requested the Board to hold off the implementation of the increases in fees.

The proposal the Agency provided is going to increase fees and will create more problems with illegal dumping, Supervisor Chipman doesn't feel that the municipalities belong in the same category as the private haulers. With flow control, the town can't even contact a private hauler and have them take the waste out of county where they know the fees would be less. He feels they need more time to research alternate means of transporting the waste in an effort to keep the fees down.

Jim Craven, Transfer Station Manager, Town of Hurley

Jim stated that he had not seen the letter to the Supervisors so he may be speaking without full knowledge. In the interest of fairness, he feels that the Transfer Stations should pay more so that they are equal with the haulers. However there is the transportation cost of getting the waste to the Agency, he feels that it should be balanced out so that all were paying the same rate per ton.

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Jim referenced the \$85.00 per month rental for rolloff containers. This amounts to about \$1,000 per year and that a rolloff probably costs about \$5,000. In five years you've paid for that rolloff but that rolloff will go for 15 to 20 years.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Leon Smith stated that he understands both of their feelings plus the other supervisors. The Agency Board will take it into consideration when they discuss it later and should be able to give them all an answer when the Supervisors hold their next meeting here, at the Agency facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Four in favor. None opposed. One absent (Tagliaferro). The minutes of the May 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting was unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2014 at 5:00pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

MSW

Tim Rose gave the MSW, Recycling and Leachate Collection report. The MSW tonnage in was 11,303 which is 536 tons more than the projected tonnage of solid waste for May 2014. The Sludge tonnage in was 251 which is 11 tons less than the projected tonnage of sludge.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report, looking back at last May for commingle we did 126 and this year we did 64. Glass was 46 and this year it is 51, mixed news was 161 and is now 124. Single stream was 237 and now it is 455. The OCC was at 233 and is now 192.

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.

Charles Landi moved. Catherine Nilsen seconded. Four in favor. None opposed. One absent (Tagliaferro).

LEACHATE COLLECTION

The leachate collection report, in May of last year for Ulster we did 91,000 and this year we did 217,000. In New Paltz we did 185,000 last year and 83,000 for this year.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Michelle wanted to comment on the value of single stream recyclable material. **Dual-stream recyclable material is valuable to the Agency because this material is sorted in the Agency's MRF and separated by commodity. The Agency receives revenue on these commodities. The single-stream recyclables delivered to**

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the Agency are loaded for transport to several private single-stream MRF processing facilities. . If the Agency had a MRF that could separate single stream recyclable material, it too would be a valuable commodity.

Leon asked why Waste Management, who has single stream facilities, has stated that single stream material is costing them money. Is it due to contamination? Michelle stated that their Liverpool MRF was built years ago and that technology changes over time. Newly constructed MRFs are able to utilize technology that can help to minimize contamination in the sorting process, such as removing glass on the front end before processing. Also, market conditions for recyclables can be volatile at times and this plays a big role in the value of recyclable materials.

The Hazardous Waste and Pharmaceutical Waste Collection Event Is on Saturday, July 19. It will be held in New Paltz at the NYSDEC Region 3 Headquarters. To date, we have just over 100 participants registered but the Agency usually receives more registrations as the event draws closer . In the past we have had inquires about hosting events in other locations within the county, Michelle stated that we are trying to focus on areas with denser population.

We will be collecting food and textiles for donation at this event as well.

The Agency has contracted with a new vendor for the collection of electronics. SunnKing is the vendor and our program is staying the same. SunnKing is R2/RIOS Certified.

At the Chamber of Commerce event, 3.93 tons of electronics were collected.

We've been working with Ulster County on a grant proposal and have submitted CFA Funding to expand our compost operation.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Timothy DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of May. We had 11,303 tons and our total revenues were \$1.3 million. The Agency didn't have anything out of the ordinary for expenses this month, which led to good net operating revenues of \$385,635. The fund balance for the year is at a deficit of \$1.6 million, which actually has us right on track for our Debt Service payment in March 2015.

Leon Smith made a motion to approve the March, 2014 Treasurer's Report, Charles Landi moved and David Gordon seconded. Four in favor. None opposed. One absent (Tagliaferro).

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

For May, our sale of recyclables was \$54,477. Tim pointed out that our Utilities and Fuel cost has stabilized and the cost is down compared to prior months.

Net Income before depreciation was \$25,060 and we had a net income after depreciation of \$14,025. For the year we are at a net income before depreciation of \$46,827 and after depreciation we are at a loss of \$8,348

Resolution No. 2322 – Re: Authorizing the Agency to Enter Into a Contract for Gas and Electric Service with the **DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS MARKETING, LLC** ("DIRECT ENERGY") through the **MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AND GAS ALLIANCE** ("MEGA");

This resolution authorizes and approves the Contract with Direct Energy, through MEGA. Direct Energy has been awarded the Competitive Bid for Electric and Gas Contracts through MEGA. It is a renewal contract for the

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Agency, last year the name of the company was HESS and now it's Direct Energy Business Marketing and they have their bid thru September 2016 so there are no changes.

Leon Smith moved to the floor Resolution No. 2322; Motion to approve was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Four in favor. None opposed. One absent (Tagliafierro).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2323 – Re: Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and Local 445, International Brotherhood of Teamsters;

This resolution approves the Agreement, being a four year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Agency and the Teamsters for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

Leon Smith moved to the floor Resolution No. 2323; Motion to approve was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Four in favor. None opposed. One absent (Tagliafierro).

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Agency will be switching banks. Due to his experiences in the banking industry, Al Teetsel had been working with Tim DeGraff regarding the switching of banks. Mr. Teetsel was able to provide the Agency with two contacts from local banking institutions that were qualified to service our account.

We set up interviews with M&T Bank and Catskill Hudson Bank. Both of the banks will save us on fees and credit card processing. Tim DeGraff recommends going with Catskill Hudson Bank because he thinks their services fit the Agency's needs a bit more than M&T, and are a true "local bank".

Leon stated that they don't need a formal resolution to change banks as it is Administrative Matters, but he stated that the full board is behind him.

Leon also mentioned that our contract with the external auditors is up this year and he feels that the Agency should go out to Bid for new Auditors. Tim DeGraff said that the last time we went out to bid for the Auditing was in 2007.

Tim DeGraff stated that the Board should keep in mind that we should get an Auditor that is familiar with public authorities as the rules are a little bit different than they are with municipalities.

Leon stated that he has been and will be discussing Single Stream and Commodities with Tracey Bartels.

Tim Rose let the Board know that the Bid for Final Disposal has gone out, the Bid opening is set for July 25, 2014 at 2:00pm.

Leon Smith asked Supervisor Carl Chipman if he had anything to say prior to the Board going into Executive Session and Carl replied by stating that they needed more time (1 year) before the signing of a contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 5:55 pm to discuss the Status of Municipal Contracts was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Four in Favor. None opposed. One Absent (Tagliafierro)

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MOTION to ADJOURN the June 23, 2014 Regular Board Meeting at 7:23pm was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Four in Favor. None opposed. One Absent. (Tagliafierro)

The above transcribed Minutes of the June 23, 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**