

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 27, 2016

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on July 27, 2016, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:10 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following Board members were present: Chairman Fred Wadnola; Vice Chairman David Gordon; Treasurer Charles Landi; Member Jack Hayes and Member Brian Devine.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose; Counsel / Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Operations Manager Charlie Whittaker; Recycling Coordinator Merlyn Akhtar; Compliance Officer Tom Briggs (arrived at 5:13 PM); and Administrative Assistant Melinda France.

From the public: William Kemble of the Daily Freeman and Angie Peone, Intern at UCRRA.

Tim Rose requested a moment of silence, in honor of Don DeBrosky, who served on the Board from 2007-2010. He passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Wadnola opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Fred Wadnola commented that the Solid Waste Commission has an extension until October 31st to present their report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Jack Hayes. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No communications.

Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2016 at 5:00 PM

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose presented the MSW, Recycling and Leachate Collection reports for June, 2016.

MSW

Tim Rose stated that MSW target tons were 11,204 compared to tonnage brought in were 11,366 tons a variance of 132 tons. Sludge target tons were 177 and we brought in 342 tons with a variance of 165 to the good.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report was compared to the prior year. Last June for commingle we did 50 1/2 tons and this June 51 tons; glass was 62 tons and this June it was 41 tons; mixed news was 123 tons and this year it is 106 tons; Single Stream was 831 tons and this June 880 tons; OCC was 130 tons last June and this June 109; and food waste was 53 tons and this year in June it was 56 tons.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Tim Rose noted the Commodities Report for June, 2016 which is in the Board packet and explained the report. This shows who we sold what to and the prices. NR means no response. Tim Rose also noted that sometimes the Agency has to sell to the lower bidder due to trucking not being available. As to scrap metal, it is going to Don Mackenzie in Eddyville. Charles Efron in Poughkeepsie is honoring all of Millen's contracts. West Kingston Recycling only deals with cash and that is why the Agency does not deal with them.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the Commodities Report. Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose noted June, 2016 out of Ulster we did 28,000 gallons and last June we did 106,000 and out of New Paltz in June, 2016 we did 35,000 gallons and last June we did 241,000.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Merlyn Akhtar handed out a packet with her updates. Her updates that she discussed included:

- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** The event was held Saturday, July 16th in New Paltz with a total of 254 households. 250 lbs. of pharmaceuticals were collected. Within the next few weeks should receive total amounts collected by Clean Harbors. The event was good and there were no complaints.
- **Public Outreach/Meetings:**
 - She met and conducted a tour for Zero to Go which is located in Beacon to show how the waste is being processed.
 - Angie and Meryln attended the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Committee Materials Management Working Group.
 - On Friday, July 29th, Merlyn will be speaking at the Olive Conservation Advisory Council to answer questions about recycling and composting in Ulster County.
- **Composting Program:**
 - Test results are in from the most recent compost sampling and there were no outstanding issues; results were within acceptable parameters.

- Merlyn stated that we are reapplying with the Ulster County Dept. of Environment for a grant to expand the composting project. Tim Rose, Tim DeGraff, Merlyn and Charlie Whittaker all met with Amanda LaValle, Coordinator of Dept. of Environment to settle the budget. Merlyn stated it is a 50% match grant. Whatever is asked for from the state, the Agency has to be able to match it. Staff time and equipment can be included in the match. Merlyn stated that the funding would help expand the footprint, would be able to do more marketing, a bagging system, etc. Tim Rose added this grant is due on Friday, July 29th and that Amanda LaValle is preparing the grant on behalf of the Agency. No formal resolution is required but Amanda LaValle did ask for a letter of support to be signed by the Chairman, Fred Wadnola. He agreed to sign the letter and he stated that the County should move forward on the Agency's behalf and he welcomed any assistance we can give the County so they can move ahead. Tim Rose wanted to publicly thank the County for all the hard work they have been doing to put this grant together. Tim Rose stated that this is the third time working on this grant. No one knew why the grant was previously rejected. Merlyn stated the funding is different this year and it is through Climate Smart Communities. Merlyn also stated that we would know by December if we are receiving the funding.
- Municipal Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant (DEC):
 - The final application for the Recycling Coordinator Salary/Public Education 2012-2015 period was submitted in the beginning of July. The application was approved and the Agency will receive \$119,824.32 in reimbursement.
 - The final application for the Food Waste Compost Pilot Project was submitted at the beginning of July and is still under review. If approved, the Agency would receive approximately \$129,176.05 in reimbursement.

Merlyn announced that she is pregnant and is expecting in February.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the June, 2016 Treasurer's Report. We did 11,336 tons for the month. Sales of recyclables number is much higher than we've seen all year; \$72,225; this is due to the fact that we were able to move more material that was being held from last year and the beginning of this year. Miscellaneous Revenue of \$59,795; \$58,000 was for the surplus equipment recently sold. On the expense side, the CLF Monitoring & Maintenance line is negative due to a reclassification of two fences (around leachate tanks and at the entry way) to the Capital Outlay line. Net Operating Revenues for the month were \$503,286. Fund Balance for the month was \$485,583. Year-to-date fund balance is at a deficit of \$942,760.

Fred Wadnola made a motion to approve the June, 2016 Treasurer's Report. Brian Devine moved and seconded by Jack Hayes. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff presented the June, 2016 MRF Cost Center Analysis report. Total sale of recyclables were up for the month. We sold loads of residential mixed news for \$10,285; plastic for \$39,816; and tin cans for \$4,625. Total MRF sale of recyclables were \$71,554. Net income before depreciation was \$44,143;

net income after deprecation was \$35,000. Year-to-date, net loss before depreciation is \$25,930 and after depreciation is a net loss of \$80,788.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS-NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose stated that we received a final quote for office furniture today. The new furniture will cost approximately \$20,000. He stated everything will be matching in the offices. The furniture will be ordered from WB Mason and they are on the State and County bid. They will take the old furniture for \$850. The furniture was put on the Capital Plan from last year and was approved by the Board at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles Landi asked Tim Rose what he thinks about the Solid Waste Commission extensions. Tim Rose thinks they are trying to prepare the most accurate report as possible.

MOTION to ADJOURN the July 27, 2016, Regular Board Meeting at 5:43 pm was made by Jack Hayes and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

The above transcribed Minutes of the July 27, 2016, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Jack Hayes and seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent. The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: August 24, 2016