

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2018**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2018, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 12:13 PM.

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; and Administrative Assistant Melinda France.

From the public: William Kemble from the Daily Freeman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Fred Wadnola asked Tim Rose to discuss the Organic Summit. Tim stated that the Organic Summit was held at the Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie (on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>). At the summit, Tim stated there were discussions on composting, collecting food waste by haulers and collection of food to give to homeless shelters. Also, he stated that people exchange ideas.

Fred Wadnola also asked Tim Rose to comment on the complaints of the odor from the compost. He also asked him to discuss the use of inoculants which were presented at the Summit to mitigate odors of the compost. Tim Rose stated that one of presenters talked about inoculant to use in the compost but Tim didn't know a lot about it and would need to do more research regarding it.

Brian Devine asked how many complaints were received. Fred Wadnola stated there was a complaint from Ulster Landing Road, the airport, someone in Wittier and the neighbor.

Charlie Whittaker stated he was unaware of these complaints. He confirmed that nothing has changed and are not doing anything different.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2018 were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No communications.

A Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 12:00 PM.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

Tim Rose presented the MSW, Recycling, Commodities and Leachate Collection reports.

**MSW**

Tim Rose stated that the MSW target tons for February were 7,475 tons compared to the actual tonnage brought in which was 8,447 tons. Tons are 972 tons to the good. Sludge target tons were 294 tons and the actual tonnage brought in was 259 tons. Difference of 35 tons.

**RECYCLING TONNAGE**

The Recycling tonnage report:

	<b>LAST FEBRUARY</b>	<b>THIS FEBRUARY</b>
COMMINGLE	41.01 TONS	34.95 TONS
GLASS	24.29 TONS	31.81 TONS
MIXED NEWS	74.49 TONS	66.07 TONS
SINGLE STREAM	528.76 TONS	486.39 TONS
OCC	111.26 TONS	97.37 TONS
FOODWASTE	211.03 TONS	150.54 TONS

There are a couple haulers not bringing their foodwaste to the Agency anymore.

Tim Rose added he has a meeting with the City of Kingston to discuss the City collecting foodwaste.

**COMMODITIES REPORT**

Tim Rose explained the Commodities Report for February 2018. The report shows who we sold what to and the prices. NR means no response.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the Commodities Report, Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

**LEACHATE COLLECTION**

Tim Rose stated that last February the total amount out of Ulster was 192,000 gallons and February, 2018 it was 154,000 gallons. Out of New Paltz in February, 2018 the total amount was 194,000 gallons and this February was 178,500 gallons.

**RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE**

Meryln Akhtar's updates included:

- HHW and Pharmaceutical Waste Collection Event
  - First collection of the year is Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - As of 3/26, 250 households scheduled for the event.

➤ Public Outreach

- A tour of students and a professor from the Culinary Institute of America was conducted. They wanted to learn more about composting.
- A presentation on recycling and composting was given to the Saugerties Monday Club.
- Recorded a new radio spots with WDST for the compost seminar, compost sale and HHW.
- Presenting a Backyard Composting Seminar on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- April 21<sup>st</sup>, Amy and Merlyn will be tabling at the Earth Fair in Forsyth Park and a roll-off container will be at the event to collect e-waste.

➤ Compost Program

- Quarterly compost sampling was done on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Once lab results are received they will be uploaded to the website.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Tim DeGraff presented the February 2018 Treasurer's Report.

For the month of February, we did 8,447 tons. Total revenues were \$987,331. Total expenses were \$846,054. Tim stated that garbage related costs and revenue are up and recycling is in the tank.

The net operating revenues were \$141,277. Capital Outlay was \$61,349; approximately \$52,000 is for the dump truck we purchased and approximately \$9,000 is for engineering services regarding the Fuel Depot project. Debt service payment (only one in 2018 due to paying off 2016 bonds with this payment) of \$1,896,550. Fund balance for the month was a negative \$1,816,622. Year-to-Date fund balance is a negative \$1,650,217. Tim stated we are ahead of last year at this time; by just under \$30,000.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the February 2018 Treasurer's Report, Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

## **MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS**

Tim DeGraff presented the February 2018 MRF Cost Center Analysis report. For the month of February, we did \$9,728 in tipping fees. The total sale of recyclables were \$2,730. Total revenues for the month were \$12,458. Total expenses were \$37,214. Net loss for the month was \$36,126. Tim DeGraff stated we did not move a lot of product this month.

Charlie Whittaker added there are some issues with selling fiber.

The Board, Charlie Whittaker, Tim Rose and Tim DeGraff had a discussion regarding single stream recycling, the markets, the issues, and what to do.\*

\*PLEASE NOTE, THE ABOVE DISCUSSION IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **Resolution # 2437 Re: Solid Waste Management Agreement between the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and the Town of Marlbetown**

Tim Rose presented Resolution #2437. The Town Supervisor of Marblatown asked the Agency to

service their Town. Town of Marbletown Board approved the contract (a copy is attached to Resolution). The contract is the same as the other Town contracts with the Agency and will expire December 31, 2020. Marbletown's contract starts April 2, 2018.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2437**; Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Jack Hayes. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

**Resolution # 2438 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Repair of the Peterson Grinder**

Tim Rose presented Resolution #2438. This resolution is for repairs that need to be done to the grinder. Due to the dollar amount of the repairs, this needed to be presented in a resolution. He stated that Barry Equipment is the sole provider and is the regional dealer for the Peterson Grinder. All work must be done through Barry Equipment under the warranty. The grinder is used for grinding wood on site and for share services or a fee with the towns. Total cost is \$36,222.80. (The estimate was attached to the resolution).

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2438**; Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Rose reminded the Board that the Fuel Depot project is to out to bid. Bid opening is Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated dozen requests for the bid packet have been received. Two companies came in to see the project.

Fred Wadnola asked if anyone heard anything regarding GUS proposal. No one has heard.

Charlie Landi said Kathy O'Connor's (who is from the League of Women's Voters) letter was dynamite regarding her analysis on the GUS study/proposal. Charlie thinks her letter should be sent to all legislators.

Fred Wadnola said there is a lot of talk in Sullivan County regarding Flow control.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Brian Devine motioned to enter executive session re: history of an employee at 1:54 PM. Seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

Fred Wadnola made a motion to end Executive Session at 2:30 PM; seconded by Charles Landi. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

**MOTION to ADJOURN** the March 28, 2018, Regular Board Meeting at 2:30 PM was made by Charlie Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

The above transcribed Minutes of the March 28, 2018, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent. The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: April 25, 2018