

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on November 24, 2015, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:05 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith; Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen; Treasurer Charles Landi; Member Dominic Tagliafierro and Member David Gordon (arrived at 5:11 PM).

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

From the public: Kathy O'Connor from the League of Women Voters, Mid-Hudson Materials Management Committee; John Nowak from Vantage Equipment; Manna Jo Greene from Ulster County Legislator and William Kemble from the Daily Freeman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Smith opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Leon Smith commented about all the talk about a landfill. He stated it has been good and bad; mostly bad if you live in those areas. He said he has a different take on looking at creating a landfill to save cost. As of right now MSW is sent to Seneca Meadows and costs approximately \$6 million depending on the cost of fuel. He stated in his opinion the Agency is looking to save money for people who don't do what they are supposed to do. He said if people recycle and compost there would be less MSW. He said maybe we should look at it the other way and those people who are not doing the right thing pay more.

Charles Landi commented that he agrees with everything Leon Smith commented on but he said if they are doing the right thing what about the depository stuff that is not recyclable or compostable. He said this is why there is a need to start a 10 acre landfill for the stuff that can't be recycled or composted. The second point he wanted to make is that the clock is ticking because NYC was told to send 6 million tons a year to Seneca Meadows shortening the life span of the landfill at Seneca Meadows. He said what will the Agency do, when Seneca Meadows closes.

Leon Smith stated that if NYC is talking about shipping to Seneca Meadows which is further than the Agency must be for some good reason. He said if the Agency cuts it down by 70% which would leave 30%. For the 30% the Agency would need to get rid of, a number would have to be put on the 30% to how much would it cost. Which he stated he didn't know.

Charles Landi responded that we all are guessing right now. If concerned now about tipping fees the Agency should start to think and define those numbers. He stated we better be prepared or it will cost the Agency a lot of money.

Leon Smith said it will cost the people who are not doing recycling and composting.

Charles Landi said you will never get 100% but we will need a depository for what is not recycled.

Leon Smith stated it would be a lot less volume and cost than what we are at today.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 28, 2015, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leon Smith proposed to change the meeting to December 22, 2015 at 12:00 PM. Motion to vote to move the time was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent.

GENERAL REPORTS

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

MSW

Tim Rose stated that MSW target tons for October was 10,591 tons and the Agency brought in 10,952 tons so we're ahead by 361 tons. Sludge target tons were 190 we brought in 424 tons more due to the City of Kingston's pelletizer being down. He stated that he received a letter stating City of Kingston's pelletizer will be down until February and the Agency applied for a permit modification to extend the allowable sludge tonnage.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report was compared to the prior year. Last October, for commingle we did 46 tons and this year we did 48; glass was 41 tons and this year it is 38; mixed news was 138 tons and this year 116; Single Stream last year was 607 tons and now it is 974; OCC was 149 tons last year and it is down to 93 this year; food waste was 31 tons last year and this year 44 tons.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Tim Rose noted the commodities report is in the Board packet. This shows who we sold what to and the prices. Tim stated that NR means no response.

Leon Smith moved to approve the Commodities Report. Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent.

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose noted that last year in October we did 26,000 gallons and this year we did 185,000 out of Ulster and last year in October we did 35,000 gallons and this year we did 63,000 out of New Paltz.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Tim Rose handed out a packet with Merlyn Akhtar's updates due to Merlyn being sick and excused from meeting.

There was a brief discussion about a permanent HHW site; cost.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the October, 2015 Treasurer's Report. He stated that October was similar to September in volume and revenue. On the expense side he pointed out four line items that were higher. Transfer Stations costs of \$20,727 which relate to Ulster Transfer Station floor repairs; HHW Day in October of \$31,282; Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance of \$37,552 which relates to three major repairs; R3 fire which damaged computer equipment inside; R10 knuckle steering; and R8 brake system replacement. CLF Monitoring and Maintenance of \$22,894 for annual post-closure monitoring reports. Net operating revenue for the month was \$344,784. Year-to-date fund balance is to the good of \$739,528.

Leon Smith made a motion to approve the October, 2015 Treasurer's Report, Charles Landi moved and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent.

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff stated the Agency had a better month in October due to the sale of plastic in the amount of \$20,667. Total sale of recyclables for the month was \$43,493. The net income for October before depreciation was \$7,698 and after depreciation was a net loss of \$3,337; year-to-date net loss before depreciation was \$91,149 and after depreciation \$201,499.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2367 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a Volvo L90H Loader

Charlie Whittaker stated the L90H loader is equivalent to the size of the 930H series in New Paltz and it is time to replace the 930H. He stated the Agency is not going to get rid of the 930H series because it is better than the G series which is down in New Paltz now. The trade-in for the G series is only \$22,000 and they (Charlie Whittaker & Tim Rose) believed the Agency could do better by going out to bid than trading it in. The 930H series which is in New

Paltz now will come up to Ulster Transfer Station once the L90H is received. He stated the 930H will be a back-up.

Charlie Whittaker also stated that this was on the Capital Plan for 2016.

Tim Rose added that it was off of the National Bid.

John Nowak from Volvo went over the Preventative Maintenance Plan details (which was attached to the Resolution).

Leon Smith moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2367**; Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent.

Resolution No. 2368 Re: Approving Agreement with Marshall & Sterling Health Plan for Employee Health Care Insurance

Tim Rose stated that Tim DeGraff, Amy Lopiano and he had met with the Insurance Broker. Marshall and Sterling presented 22 plans and they narrowed it down to a plan that is similar to the one the Agency had last year. He stated the plan is equivalent to the requirements in the union contract. He stated he did send it to the Union Rep and never heard back.

Catherine Nilsen wanted to know if it had out-of-network benefits. Amy Lopiano responded that no it was an EPO plan and it is what we have now.

Charles Landi asked about 60% utilization. Tim DeGraff explained HRA has a maximum exposure; utilization is the actual amount of HRA expended as a percentage of the maximum.

The buyout is still the same at \$2,600.

Leon Smith moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2368**; Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles Landi had a question regarding the invoices for Luzon Environmental Company regarding testing. Tim DeGraff explained that they are allocated by site. Charles Whittaker explained that these tests are done every year, required by DEC and he explained what the tests are for.

Charles Landi also questioned the Direct Energy invoices. Tim DeGraff explained that this is for the supplier of the Agency's energy.

Leon Smith discussed the correspondence that were received from Scenic Hudson regarding not wanting a landfill and from Marlborough regarding not finding a hauler less expensive than the Agency.

David Gordon responded that he spoke with Scenic Hudson and explained the difference between the Agency and the Environmental Commission. He also stated that Town of Marlborough is serious about using the Agency's service.

The Board discussed the Towns and their Contracts; including Towns that signed-on and Towns that did not. Some of the points discussed were as follows:

- Should accommodations be made to a Town signing on late/deadlines;
- Bins-order now from the bid opening, wait and go out to bid again if the Agency allows more towns on, piggybacking off National Bid, discount by ordering in volume;
- How many more would need to be ordered if the Agency allowed Marlborough to sign on;
- Lapse of service for the Towns that did sign-on; and
- What to do with Town of Marlborough, let them sign-on or not since they showed interest now; and
- Bid for Town of Saugerties three compactors is out until December 18th.

Dominic Tagliaferro believed that all Towns who didn't sign on should be called again if we are opening it up to Marlborough.

Ken Gilligan asked for direction of the Board and what they wanted him to do. Charles Landi made a motion to allow Ken Gilligan to contact Marlborough to see if they were going to enter into a contract by the end of December and to also reach out to Saugerties.

VOTE: Leon Smith-NO; Catherine Nilsen-YES; Charles Landi-YES; Dominic Tagliaferro-NO and David Gordon-YES. 3 in favor; 2 opposed.

MOTION to ADJOURN the November 24, 2015, Regular Board Meeting at 6:13 pm was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent.

The above transcribed Minutes of the November 24, 2015, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 3 in favor. None opposed. 2 absent (TAGLIAFIERRO/GORDON). The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: December 22, 2015