

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 27, 2010**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on April 27, 2010 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

The meeting was commenced at 4:55 pm, following directly the Annual meeting.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Steve Noble, Vice Chairman Katherine Beinkafner, Treasurer Don DeBrosky and Members Dennis Helm and Leon Smith.

Also present were: Michael Bemis, Executive Director; Timothy DeGraff, CPA, Agency Controller; Counsel/ Secretary Stephen Wing, and Recycling Coordinator Michelle Leggett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was received.

The Board acknowledged the presence of the Auditor's representative, and agreed to change the order of the meeting so that the presentation of the Report to Board by John Rizzo, Auditor, for Toski, Schaeffer & Co., P.C. Mr. Rizzo could be given prior to its place on the Agenda. Mr. Rizzo said that the 2009 audit opinion is a clean opinion. The amount of deficit decreased over the year. The Net Service Fee from the County increased. Operating expenses decreased slightly and showed good financial control. Landfill monitoring expenses increased. Lower interest rates and investment rates were the result of the difficult economic times. No material weaknesses existed in the financial management of the Agency.

In the Management Report, Mr. Rizzo said that Management has installed a back-up system to respond to the disaster plan comments. Bank reconciliations will be approved by the Treasurer. The Agency will convert to a full accrual accounting and will convert to one integrated system in conjunction with the conversion to full accrual accounting. Tim DeGraff is committed to implementing these programs this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 15, 2009 and the March 23, 2010 regular meetings, and the April 6, 2010 and the April 15, 2010 special meetings were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is June 1, 2010 at 4:30pm.

It was noted with regret that Barney Hansen, a former member of the Board passed away on April 15, 2010.

GENERAL REPORTS

The MSW Tonnage , Recycling Tonnage and Leachate Collection Reports were previously provided to the Board. Mike Bemis said that the solid waste receipts were lower, but recycling has increased. Leachate was much higher than normal because of the wet weather. The Agency is setting up a meeting with the NYSDEC, hoping that the obligation of the Agency to collect and dispose of leachate will eventually be lessened or eliminated.

Michelle Leggett gave the Recycling Update Report. HHW, electronics and pharmaceuticals (280 pounds of waste) were received from 400 people on the most recent collection day. The next collection day is in Wawarsing on June 26, 2010. This event cost \$17,159.47 for the hazardous waste material. We have not yet received the bill from the electronics company. We get reimbursed by NYSDEC for 50% of the cost on these items. We paid \$850 to DCRRA for destruction of pharmaceuticals. The Agency did an update on the recycling brochure stressing that plastic bags are not acceptable to be delivered to the Agency, but must be taken back to the stores, and that the Agency has backyard composting containers for sale.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff gave the Treasurer's Report for January and February, 2010. Net operating revenues are up in the first two months, and the sale of recyclables has increased.

Board Notification - John Rizzo, Toski Schaeffer & Co., P.C. – 2009 Audit Review;

See above. Steve Noble asked if we were going to take the steps advised in the letter in 2010. Tim DeGraff said that he has addressed the disaster plan and bank reconciliation matters. He will finish the matters of full accrual accounting and combination of the accounting system in 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2164 -Re: Authorizing and Approving Purchase of Stationary Compactor Unit;

Resolution moved by Steve Noble and seconded by Don DeBrosky .

Mike Bemis discussed the need to acquire this type of equipment for use at the municipal drop off centers. Mike Bemis wants to buy the compactor from Marathon. We have other Marathon equipment including compactors. Don DeBrosky asked who would be responsible paying for damage to the equipment. The Board Members discussed this issue at length. Mike explained that we could meet the concerns by having a contract which contained contractual standards for operating the equipment, ownership of the compactor and the town's payment of the 3 phase electric. The contract will be drafted by Steve Wing. Steve Noble asked if this was a new machine and what's the basis of the discounted price. Mike Bemis confirmed it was a new machine and that the Agency got a discount by dealing directly with Marathon.

Vote: 5 in favor, none opposed.

Board Notification - Status of Solid Waste Transportation Agreements;

Steve Wing advised that the agreement with Spada Trucking, Inc. and D&N Trucking, Inc. were signed and the agreement with Santaro Development, LLC should be signed by May 1, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Bemis said that Agency staff will meet this week with DEC representatives regarding the update of the solid waste management plan.

ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn the Regular meeting was:

MOVED by: Don DeBrosky **SECONDED** by: Dennis Helm

VOTE: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

ADJOURNED: 6:20 PM

The above transcribed Minutes of the April 27, 2010 Regular Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board

Date: June 1, 2010