

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2010**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Budget Workshop and Regular Board Meeting on August 3, 2010 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

The Budget Workshop was held at 3:30 pm.

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

Also present were: Michael Bemis, Executive Director; Counsel/ Secretary Stephen Wing, and Agency Controller Tim DeGraff.

Tim DeGraff presented the proposed 2011 Agency Budget. A draft budget with a highlights page had been sent to the Board Members prior to the workshop. Mr. DeGraff said he was being more conservative this year and had calculated the receipt of solid waste at 10,000 tons less. The implementation of single stream recycling and the vagaries of the recycling market (it has gone down recently) have caused him to proceed this way. He reviewed increases in wages, accrued sick leave, vacation time, and retirement and health costs. Insurance is predicted to be the same cost as last year.

Katherine Beinkafner arrived at 3:58pm.

Leon Smith asks if the Agency is going to go out to bid for insurance brokers. Mike Bemis and Tim DeGraff said Rose & Kiernan were doing a great job, and that the firm had been hired within the last two years after a bid. Leon Smith asked if the Agency is going to reduce the net service fee. It would be risky to do that given the current economic situation. Steve Noble asked about legal fees. They should remain constant. Steve Noble also felt the Agency should be more vigorously enforcing the recycling law. Mike Bemis stated that the approach has been to develop recycling plans and educate, rather than do direct enforcement. But enough money exists to accomplish the job. Mike Bemis explained the decline in the sale of commingled recyclables. Single stream recycling was reviewed in detail. He also asked about any employees who might want the early retirement offered by NY State. Steve Wing thought that there were no employees who would qualify. After discussion, the Board concurred that they would approve the proposed 2011 Budget.

The Regular Meeting was commenced at 4:45 pm. Attendance of Board Members and staff was the same as described above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 6, 2010 regular meeting were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is September 7, 2010.

GENERAL REPORTS

The MSW Tonnage , Recycling Tonnage and Leachate Collection Reports were provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Mike Bemis said that the solid waste receipts were on target for June, but down 9% in July. Recycling is up, due in part to single stream recycling. But sale of recyclables has increased. Leachate collection is way down due to dry weather. UCRRA is 10% below last year. The next HHW day is on October 16, 2010.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for June, 2010. Revenues were up, and the Agency has a positive net operating revenue balance.

Resolution No. 2172 -Re: Payment of Requisition No. 97 – Capital Expenditures;

The resolution was moved by Steve Noble and seconded by Don DeBrosky.

Tim DeGraff explained that the resolution authorized the payment for the compactors, the purchase of which was previously authorized by the Board.

Vote: 5 in favor 0 opposed.

Board Discussion - Town of Saugerties Contract Update;

The Saugerties Town Board approved the agreement with the Agency for the installation of the compactor roll-offs. They agreed to language approved by the Agency Board.

Resolution No. 2173 -Re: Approving Proposal from Dvirka & Bartilucci for Engineering Services – MRF Strategic Options;

The resolution was moved by Steve Noble and seconded by Don DeBrosky.

Mike Bemis described the potential agreement with the firm, which would analyze options for the MRF, including single stream recycling. Katherine Beinkafner felt that the work could be done in house. Leon Smith had specific suggestions as to the terms of the agreement, which will be taken into consideration by staff when negotiating the agreement.

Vote: 4 in favor 1 opposed (Beinkafner).

Resolution No. 2174 -Re: Authorization of Proposed 2011 Agency Budget;

The resolution was moved by Steve Noble and seconded by Don DeBrosky.

Vote: 5 in favor 0 opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Shared Services

Mike Bemis described the Agency's sharing of mowing and grinding with the town of Ulster, and the repair of the Lloyd landfill road. Agency will also grind in Saugerties and other towns.

Board Notification – Ulster Comptroller's Office R.F.R.

Mike Bemis says that the Comptroller has sought records, including minutes.

Board Notification – Landfill Leachate Project Update

Mike Bemis discussed status of the project – we need documents from the consultant.

Don DeBrosky left the meeting at 5:50 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Wing handed out a draft of the Personnel Policy for review by the Board, which will present its comments at the next meeting.

Dennis Helm asked about the situation in Marlborough. Mike Bemis said that he spoke to the Supervisor and the Agency is going to help out with the review of their MRDC.

Steve Noble said that Kingston was looking at automating recycling.

Mike Bemis said that we completed the extra employee evacuation exit at the MRF.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn the Regular meeting was:

MOVED by: Dennis Helm and **SECONDED** by: Katharine Beinkafner

VOTE: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (DeBrosky)

ADJOURNED: 6:30 PM

The above transcribed Minutes of the August 3, 2010 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board

Date: _____