

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2009**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on August 11, 2009 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

Roll Call for the Regular Board Meeting was at 7:08 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Michelle Rodden, Vice-Chairman Fred Wadnola, and Members Steve Noble and Katherine Beinkafner. Treasurer Don DeBrosky was absent.

Also present were: Michael Bemis, Executive Director; Charles Whittaker, Materials Recovery Facility and Transportation Manager; Timothy DeGraff, CPA, Agency Controller; and Counsel and Secretary Stephen Wing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the July, 21 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved 4 to 0, 1 absent (DeBrosky).

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Monthly Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 4:30pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

The Board received and reviewed the MSW Tonnage Report, the Recycling Tonnage Report and the Leachate Collection Report.

Mike Bemis reported that the Agency received 15,756 tons of solid waste in July, 3,350 tons over budget for the month. We are approximately 9% (approximately 7000) tons less than the budgeted tons for the year. The tonnage amount increased in July because of the Waste Management contract and an increase in town use.

The Agency received 1558 (rounded) tons of all recyclables in July 2009, which is 77 tons less than July of last year and 5.8 % less over the first 7 months of this year compared to last year. Some recycling rates (OCC), for instance, have increased.

The total leachate collected at the Ulster and New Paltz closed landfills in July 2009 was 351,750 gallons, more than double the gallons collected in July of 2008. 2009 leachate collection is 6% higher than last year. Wet weather continued to prevail in July 2009.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Controller Tim DeGraff. Revenues continued to be down in June because of lower solid waste and recycling revenue receipts. June's net operating revenues were a positive \$123,117, due mostly to lower operating expenses, essentially the same result as in May 2009. The fund balance is consistently lower than last year.

Resolution No. 2143-Re: Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Payment of Requisition No. 94 – Ulster Transfer Station Upgrades- 2006 Construction Fund

This resolution was moved by Michelle Rodden and seconded by Steve Noble.

Tim DeGraff explained that the purpose of this resolution was to pay the contractor and the engineer on this project, which had been previously authorized by the Board. The work is complete, but approximately \$10,000 in cost and retainage still remains to be paid. The engineer's charges are for January through June.

A letter was received from Brinnier & Larios. Staff will prepare a letter responding to the inaccuracies in the Brinnier & Larios letter.

Vote: 4 in favor 0 opposed, 1 absent (DeBrosky).

Resolution No. 2144-Sale of Surplus Equipment;

Resolution was moved by Michelle Rodden and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner.

Mike Bemis explained that this resolution authorized the public sale of rolloff containers to the high bidder, Calvetta Auto Sales, at the price of \$633.50 per box, and the sale of 15 front end loader containers to Evergreen Disposal and CEJJ, who bid the same amount - \$4,300.00. This was a rebid, the original bid being \$3,000. Those companies will split the units among them by agreement.

Vote: 4 in favor 0 opposed, 1 absent (DeBrosky).

Resolution No. 2145- Authorization of Proposed 2010 Agency Budget

Resolution was moved by Michelle Rodden and seconded by Fred Wadnola.

It was noted that a workshop on the proposed budget had been held by the Agency immediately prior to the Regular Meeting, and the proposed budget document has been amended in accordance with the actions taken at the Budget Workshop.

Steve Noble said that the budget was a fair budget, remarkable because of the tough economic times.

The proposed budget will now be sent to the County's executive branch for review and comment. Mike Bemis will give an update via email to the Board after the presentation to the UC ECC.

Vote: 4 in favor 0 opposed, 1 absent (DeBrosky).

OLD BUSINESS

The Town of Ulster is operating a temporary transfer station at its present site, while it ponders a permanent fix.

Pat Scanlan, Inc. will be fixing the damaged and leaning trees and the berms, and will remove the dead ones and replant in the fall.

ADJOURN

Motion: Fred Wadnola

Second: Michelle Rodden

MOTION to Adjourn the August 11, 2009 meeting at 7:50 pm was approved 4 in favor 0 opposed, 1 absent (DeBrosky).

The above transcribed Minutes of the August 11, 2009 Board Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY** approved by the Board.

Vote: Aye 4 Nay 1 Absent 1 (DeBrosky)

Date: September 8, 2009