

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
on April 25, 2007**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on April 25, 2007 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston, NY.

Roll Call for the Regular Board Meeting was at 3:05pm.

The following Board members were present: Dennis Helm, Arnold Bernardini and Michelle Rodden. Leon Smith was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment was given

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 21, 2007 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm and seconded by Arnold Bernardini. Two in favor. None opposed. One Abstain (Rodden). One Absent (Smith). One Vacancy.

MOTION FAILS will be presented at the next Regular Board Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Monthly Business Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 3:00pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

The Board received and reviewed the MSW Tonnage Report, the Recycling Tonnage Report and the Leachate Collection Report for January through March, 2007.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurers' Report to the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2056 Re: Amending By-Laws;

This resolution authorizes and approves the amended By-Laws of the Agency to state correctly the order of the Agency's meetings, the method of electing officers and to remove masculine

references to the extent allowed by Article 8 Title 13-G of the Public Authorities Law.

Resolution No. 2056 was **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm and seconded by Arnold Bernardini. Three in favor. None opposed. One Absent (Smith). One Vacancy.

Resolution No. 2060 Re: Authorization and Approval of Prevention of Sexual and Other Harassment Policy;

This resolution authorizes and approves the Prevention of Sexual and Other Harassment Policy to formalize its policy against sexual and other forms of harassment, including harassment based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status and military service.

Resolution No. 2060 was **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm. Seconded by Arnold Bernardini. Three in favor. None opposed. One Absent (Smith). One Vacancy.

Board Notification - 2006 DEC Annual County Recycling Report;

Mike Bemis notified the Board that the Agency's efforts were to put together an accurate Annual Recycling Report. A team was formed consisting of Charlie, Lisa, Amy, and Kelly, and data was collected and evaluated prior to reporting. Ulster County's recycling rate was calculated at 34%.

Board Notification - Michelle Rodden – Recycling Oversight Committee, Proposed Modifications to Recycling Law;

Michelle Rodden, the Agency's representative on the Recycling Oversight Committee reviewed discussion with the legislative committee leaders. (1) The Recycling Oversight Committee must approve the removal or addition of Regulated Recyclable Materials; (2) Employment of a Recycling Enforcement Officer/Educator by the Agency (funding by the Agency which is approved by the County Legislature) who reports to both the Agency and the Recycling Oversight Committee. (3) Amendments to the Recycling Oversight Committee to provide for at large, landlord and City of Kingston Mayor appointments; increase to 11 members. Other changes to be discussed at a later date.

Board Notification - Recycling and HHW Grant Status Report;

Recycling Education and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant status was reviewed. The Agency is on a waiting list for reimbursement of HHOW Collections for '04, '05 and '06 for a total of \$73,000 and reimbursement of Education Grant from '03 – '06 for \$79,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Agency organization chart was handed out, and reviewed by Mike Bemis. The Board encouraged changes to the organization to assist the Director in handling multiple responsibilities, address areas of concern and free the Director to spend more time on long term planning and policy.

Status of the leachate system report was discussed – Mike and Steve are reviewing RFQ form for work.

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter into Executive Session at 5:30pm to: Discuss Proposed Litigation was made by Dennis Helm and seconded by Michelle Rodden. Three in favor. None Opposed. One Absent (Smith). One Vacancy.

MOTION to enter into Regular Session at 6:05pm was made by Dennis Helm and seconded by Arnold Bernardini. Three in favor. None opposed. One Absent (Smith). One Vacancy.

ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn the April 25, 2007 meeting at 6:10pm was made by Dennis Helm and seconded by Arnold Bernardini. Three in favor. None opposed. One Absent (Smith). One Vacancy

The above transcribed Minutes of the April 25, 2007 Board Meeting were **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm and seconded by Michelle Rodden
Vote: Aye 3 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Smith) Vacancy 1
Date: May 23, 2007