

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2011**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on January 4, 2011 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:05 pm, immediately following the 2011 Annual Meeting.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith, Vice Chairman Dennis Helm, Treasurer Al Teetsel and Members John Parete and Catherine Nilsen.

Also present were: Tim Rose, Acting Executive Director; Counsel/ Secretary Stephen Wing, Agency Controller Tim DeGraff and Acting Director of Operations and Safety Charlie Whittaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Legislator Kevin Roberts encouraged the new Board Members and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Manna Jo Greene spoke about the revised solid waste management plan; she hoped that the Board would address the issue of the economic benefits of a landfill in Ulster County.

Kathy Beinkafner spoke about the Agency's sexual harassment policy – it would be well for the board members to review the harassment policy and attend the training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was moved up by motion of the Board to this point in the meeting.

Motion to enter Executive Session re: Employment History of Certain Persons and Negotiations under the Taylor Law was made by Dennis Helm and seconded by Leon Smith.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 . Time: 5:10 PM.

Motion to enter into Regular Session was made by Dennis Helm and seconded by Leon Smith.
Ayes 5 Nays 0 . Time: 6:10 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 13, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2011 at 3:00PM, unanimously by motion of the Board. The Board also scheduled the February meeting for Tuesday, February 22, 2011 also at 3:00 PM.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose gave the November 2010 Solid Waste Tonnage (we are slightly behind this year), recycling (volume dropping over the past three years due to single stream recycling), and leachate collection reports (leachate is down this year). The December and year-end figures are not yet available. Tim Rose explained the transfer station/hauling/landfill process. We met our requirements with regard to any landfill put or pay requirements.

Tim Rose described the effort to reduce the impact of the leachate collected at the landfills.

Tim Rose gave the recycling program update. Michelle Bergkamp, who is on leave, usually gives this report. Tim Rose said HHW collection will be on April 16, 2011. A new billboard supporting recycling has been erected.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for November, 2010. Tons were down, so revenues were also down. Insurance and other costs were higher. Net operating revenue for the month was \$158,365, and the fund balance was \$379,660 - higher than that of last year.

Dennis Helm asked about the supposed Worker's Compensation fine of \$7,000. Tim DeGraff explained that it was not a fine and the amount was not correct. \$700 was paid in extra premiums because Spada Trucking did not have Worker's Compensation insurance. Spada Trucking will pay this amount by reductions from its compensation.

Leon Smith said it looked like we were going to have deficit at year's end. He asked to have a list of paid checks for each month. Al Teetsel agreed. Tim DeGraff will provide a monthly spreadsheet for bills paid.

Al Teetsel wants to have the Treasurer's report approved by the Board. That will be done in the future.

Resolution No. 2197 - re: Payment of Requisition no. 100 - Capital Expenditures

The resolution was moved by Leon Smith and seconded by Dennis Helm.

Tim DeGraff explained that the resolution authorized payment from the 2006 Bond issue proceeds for the repairs to the Petersen Grinder which were already approved by the Board.

Vote: 5 in favor 0 opposed .

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Dennis Helm moved that the current Sexual Harassment officers be retained- Steve Wing and Amy Lopiano. Al Teetsel seconded it. Leon Smith emphasized that employees should be advised that they could go directly to any Board Member with a complaint. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Discussion re: Status of New Paltz Scale Project;

Tim Rose and Steve Wing advised that the proposed bidders do not want to have to hire engineers with regard to the site work for the new scale. Others believe it is an illegal design-bid project. Steve Wing explained the Agency has broader powers than the municipalities, but that it would be wiser for the Agency to retain an engineer under the previous request for proposals. That process was reviewed by the Board. Weights and measure is putting pressure on us to build the scale. Tim Rose and Charlie Whittaker explained the need to proceed with the project because we don't want to be out of compliance. The Board Members agreed that staff should return at the next meeting with a recommendation for an engineering firm to perform the design work. The firm would be selected from the previous procurement.

Board Discussion re: Status of Leachate Project;

Tim Rose spoke about the leachate study. He is deciding whether or not to proceed with the current firm or to obtain the services of another. It is a very important process. It is very important for the financial health of the Agency.

Board Notification re: Status of Compactor at Wawarsing;

Tim Rose spoke about this project. The towns save money and we save time and effort and wear and tear on equipment if we install compactor roll-offs. Wawarsing is reviewing the proposed amendment to their agreement with the Agency and will respond soon.

Board Notification re: Status of NYSDEC Matters;

Tim Rose reviewed outstanding NYSDEC issues with the Board. The Agency has submitted a proposed permit modification to NYSDEC. NYSDEC has been reviewing it. It is crucial that the limit be increased. There may be enforcement with a large fine imposed. We will defend the matter. Leon Smith wants a history of that matter. The Environmental Monitor program was also implemented. Leon Smith stated that we should get as much as possible in writing when dealing with NYSDEC.

OLD BUSINESS

Al Teetsel, responding to what Manna Jo Greene had said in public comment, stated that it would be very difficult to site a landfill in Ulster County.

Leon Smith spoke about the report on the MRF – Tim Rose said that the report is being reviewed and will be completed soon. Tim reviewed the alternatives in the report. A general discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Rose spoke about closing the New Paltz Transfer Station on Saturdays in the winter. We will be pursuing that matter with the Town.

Advertising for open jobs was broached by Leon Smith. Local advertisement and advertisement in solid waste publications will be pursued for Executive Director and Director of Operations. Resumes will be sent to the Board for review.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn the Regular meeting was:

Moved by: Dennis Helm and Seconded by: Al Teetsel.

VOTE: Ayes 5 Nays 0

ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM

The above transcribed Minutes of the January 4, 2011 Regular Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board

Date: January 24, 2011

Minutes of the Executive Session are maintained by the Secretary in a separate, confidential file.