

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 6, 2010**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on July 6, 2010 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

The meeting was commenced at 4:30 pm.

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

Also present were: Michael Bemis, Executive Director; Agency Controller; Counsel/ Secretary Stephen Wing, Recycling Coordinator Michelle Leggett, and Tim Rose, Director of Operations and Safety. Controller Tim DeGraff was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was delayed until a possible speaker arrived.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 1, 2010 regular meeting were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board is August 3, 2010.

A workshop on the 2011 Agency Budget will be held at 3:30pm. The Agency will provide the proposed budget a week or so in advance. The regular meeting will follow.

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 14% off the budget, but 28% ahead of last year. June was right on budget. Recycling is flat, 10% below last year. But sale of recyclables has increased. Leachate collection is 50,000 gallons higher than that of last year. Dvirka & Bartilucci will have the report we are waiting for by the end of the week.

Michelle Leggett gave the Recycling Update Report. She provided information on the recent HHW day held in Wawarsing. 165 participants came, much less than the Town of Ulster area. 49 lbs of pharmaceutical waste, 16,843 lbs of electronics, were received as well as a fair amount of HHW. Manufacturers must have an electronics take back program under the new State Law. The program must be in place by April 1, 2011. Towns will benefit from the law, as will the Agency. E-waste will be banned from the landfills after January 1, 2011.

Steve Noble asked about the business recycling program. Michelle Leggett indicated that the project is proceeding well and another batch of Requests for Information will be sent out soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manna Greene spoke about the next solid waste management plan, especially as it relates to global warming. She wants us to reconsider siting a landfill to save fuel costs for transporting solid waste. She has indicated her support for such a proposal.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff was not present at the meeting, but the Treasurer's Report for May, 2010 was previously provided to the Board Members and Mike Bemis gave the highlights of the report. Revenues were down, but personnel expenses were down, as were solid waste disposal and leachate costs. Mike spoke about providing glass sand to SUNY New Paltz and using it at our facilities under a B.U.D. approval. The net operating revenue is \$686,323, much higher than last year.

Resolution No. 2170 -Re: Authorizing Sale of Surplus Equipment;

The resolution was moved by Steve Noble and seconded by Dennis Helm.

Mike Bemis described the public sale results for the 1994 GMC pickup and the 1997 Volvo tractor. The recommended result for the pickup is to sell it for scrap at \$282, which is higher than the bids, and for the Volvo the winning bid of \$3,160. Dennis thought we should not sell to employees under public bid. Will take this matter up next month.

Vote: 3 in favor 0 opposed 2 absent (DeBrosky and Smith).

Resolution No. 2171 -Re: Authorizing and Approving Recycling Agreement With Westchester County;

The resolution was moved by Steve Noble and seconded by Dennis Helm.

Mike Bemis described the potential agreement with Westchester County, which is upgrading its dual stream MRF and needs new venues for its commingled recyclables for approximately 4 months, beginning in September. It is proposed that Westchester would deliver about 20 tons of commingled recyclables per day, 5 days per week under an intermunicipal agreement. The Agency would not charge a tip fee, but would retain all revenues from marketing of the recyclables. Mike Bemis projected that a revenue increase would result if the markets stayed at their present levels. Mike Bemis also presented a financial analysis of the proposal.

Vote: 3 in favor 0 opposed 2 absent (DeBrosky and Smith).

Board Discussion - Town of Saugerties Contract Update;

The Saugerties Town Board wanted several changes to the proposed agreement, most of which were minor. However, after a month of discussions, the Town Board wants a 30 day opt-out provision. This goes way beyond the language and intent of the proposed agreement and must be reviewed by the Board. Steve Wing stated that staff is opposed to such language because it allows the Town to end the agreement at will, subject to a 30 day notice. This could put the Agency's investment in the equipment in jeopardy. The alternatives are to accept this change or to reject it, and unless the Town Board agrees to the agreement as originally proposed, provide the equipment to another municipality. The Board agreed that staff should advise the Town Counsel of its position and give Saugerties ten business days either to agree to the original language or the Agency will offer the equipment to another municipality.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Board Discussion - Recycling Options;

Steve Wing stated that 3 years ago the Agency received a proposal from Ted Pytlar of Dvirka & Bartilucci to review the status of the MRF and provide a feasibility study of options for improvement. The Agency did not proceed with the study, but now, with some adjustment to the original proposal to account for single stream, it would save time, money and effort if Mr. Pytlar revises his proposal accordingly and provides it for presentation to the Board at the August meeting. This study would also be part of the SWMP revision. It was determined to proceed accordingly. Steve Noble asked if they had experience on single stream recycling. We will discuss with them with a record of what we request.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Noble inquired about the County Waste contract. The Contract is signed and going well. Dennis Helm asked about the Santaro contract. Tim Rose said that apart from minor blips, they have been doing a fine job. They are starting to use the larger trailers as they promised.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Noble asked if it was possible to begin labor negotiations earlier this year. Steve Wing stated that management would contact the union to get their position. The Agency will discuss the matter at the next business meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter Executive Session to: Discuss history of a certain contractor was made by Steve Noble and seconded by Dennis Helm.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2 . Time: 5:48 PM.

MOTION to enter into Regular Session was made by Steve Noble and seconded by Dennis Helm. Ayes 3 Nays 0 Absent 2. Time:6:05PM.

ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn the Regular meeting was:

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

VOTE: Ayes 4 Nays 0

ADJOURNED: 6:07 PM

The above transcribed Minutes of the July 6, 2010 Regular Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board

Date: August 3, 2010

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