

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
on March 19, 2008**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on March 19, 2008 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston, NY.

Roll Call for the Regular Board Meeting was at 4:05pm.

The following Board members were present: Steve Noble, Katherine Beinkafner and Frederick Wadnola. Michelle Rodden and Don DeBrosky were absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 20, 2008 Regular Board Meeting were presented.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The adjourned Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 4:30pm.

The next Regular Monthly Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 immediately following the adjourned Annual Meeting.

GENERAL REPORTS

The Board received and reviewed the MSW Tonnage Report, the Recycling Tonnage Report and the Leachate Collection Report for January thru February, 2008.

Mike Bemis explained and presented the above reports. MSW received last month is 1000 tons ahead of projections. Sludge is down because of the City of Kingston's sewer plant improvement. The MRF is a well-planned facility with growth potential and recycling numbers are on target. The Leachate report shows a large increase because of the rain we have received recently. The Agency has recently hired Dvirka & Bartilucci Engineers to review the leachate collection system and provide a proposal for improvements.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the monthly Treasurer's report. It is presented on a two month delay so that all numbers will be accurate. Fuel costs are high. The fuel replenishment program saves the Agency money.

Resolution No. 2094 - Re: Procurement and Installation of Replacement Door at the Ulster Transfer Station:

MOVED to the floor by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner.

This resolution authorizes and approves the repair and replacement of door #6 at the Ulster Transfer Station by Dutchess Overhead Doors for the amount of \$8,358, installed, to be paid from the 2006 Construction Account of the Capital Fund.

The door needing to be replaced is an original door and its replacement is provided for in the Capital Plan. An informal bidding process was held and Dutchess Overhead Doors was the low bidder at \$8,358, installed. The Agency did not request a proposal from local contractors. Motion will be Tabled to allow for that, with the understanding that the Agency will proceed with obtaining a local bid and will award and proceed to implement the lowest most reasonable bid as soon as possible. The Board will ratify the action at the next meeting.

Vote to Table: Three in favor. None opposed. Two absent. (Rodden, DeBrosky)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2095 - Re: Amendment of Toll Increase Policy for Long Haul Contractors;

MOVED to the floor by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner.

This Resolution amends the policy which authorized an adjustment in contracts with long haul companies to include a charge of \$17.58 per load to defray the increase in New York State Thruway tolls in 2005.

In 2005 the Thruway Authority raised tolls and the Agency Board provided some relief to the long distance haulers by providing them with a reimbursement amount of \$17.58 per load for a round trip on the Thruway. This resolution clarifies that the reimbursement is only for a round trip on the Thruway.

Vote: Three in favor. None opposed. Two absent. (Rodden, DeBrosky)

Board Notification - Recycling Program Update: Michelle Leggett;

Michele Leggett was introduced. She explained the Agency's recycling programs, including her her educational efforts with the schools. Charlie Whittaker assisted in the education sessions. Michele is preparing the annual DEC report and putting information on the web site for the HHW days and the electronic waste days. She also reported on the status of grants from DEC. Member Beinkafner said that prescription medications are a new waste of concern.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter into Executive Session at 5:00 pm to discuss potential litigation and Collective Negotiations under the Taylor Law was moved by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner. Three in favor, none opposed.

Executive Session Minutes are held by the Secretary in a confidential file.

MOTION to enter into Regular Session at 6:05 pm was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Steve Noble. Three in favor, none opposed.

ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn the March 19, 2008 meeting at 6:10pm was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner. Three in favor, none opposed.

The above transcribed Minutes of the March 19, 2008 Board Meeting were **MOVED** to the floor by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Don DeBrosky
Vote: Aye 4 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Rodden)
Date: April 9, 2008