

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 19, 2011**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on September 19, 2011 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 4:30 pm.

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

Also present were: Tim Rose, Executive Director; Counsel/ Secretary Steve Wing, Controller Tim DeGraff , Recycling Coordinator Michelle Bergkamp and Acting Director of Operations and Safety Charlie Whittaker.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15, 2011 were approved unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 4:30 PM. The Board also authorized the Annual Budget Hearing and Special Meeting to consider the 2012 annual budget on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 4:30 PM.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

Tim Rose gave the MSW, recycling and leachate tonnage reports. 205 tons of sludge and 14,348 tons of MSW were received in August of 2011, a total of 14,553 combined tons, which is approximately 445 tons more than budgeted, and 1440.51 tons of recyclable material (approximately 190 tons less than July 2010). Flooding caused the increase. Much of the commingled recyclables were provided to us by Westchester County, under a contract which will probably expire this fall. We have less mixed news however, because of single stream recycling. 388.5 tons of single stream recycling were received. Commodity prices continue to be favorable. 153,000 gallons of leachate was collected at the Ulster CLF in August, 2011, and 175,000 gallons was collected at the New Paltz CLF. The leachate totals are almost triple the amount processed last month, a factor of last month's heavy rain storms.

The recycling program update and Solid Waste Management Plan update was presented by Michelle Bergkamp.

The next HHW, Pharmaceutical Waste and Electronics Collection Event is scheduled for October 15 at the UCRRA Town of Ulster Facility. Currently, there are 230 participants registered for the event. All household hazardous waste, pharmaceutical waste and electronics will be collected for free at the event from Ulster County households. Backyard compost bins will be available for purchase at the event. 100 billion plastic shopping bags are discarded in the United States every year. An estimated 12 million barrels of oil is required to make that many bags. In an effort to raise awareness and reduce these statistics, event participants will be receiving reusable shopping bags as part of our commitment to reducing waste and improving the environment. Made from recycled material, the reusable bags benefit the Earth by helping prevent plastic and paper bags from ending up in landfills or consuming energy during recycling.

All students in Ulster County public and private schools are invited to showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to the environment by participating in the recycling billboard contest sponsored by the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency. Students are encouraged to share their views on waste reduction, recycling and composting. Posters designed by the students should be received by October 28, 2011. Posters will be judged and winners will be notified on November 15, 2011 – America Recycles Day! Billboard term will be for three month period beginning in December. It is hoped that many schools will participate in this meaningful event.

The final draft of the Local Solid Waste Management Plan modification (“LSWMP”) has been submitted the NYSDEC for review and approval. Why is the LSWMP such a significant component in Solid Waste Management Planning? Per NYSDEC, “The Department believes that comprehensive planning is a key element of successful materials management programs. It is critical that Local Planning Units continually evaluate and improve their solid waste management strategies since they serve as guardians of public health, safety and the environment. An estimated 37 million tons of municipal solid waste are managed each year in New York State. As it decomposes in a landfill or is combusted in a waste to energy facility, MSW generates approximately 2.17 percent of total GHG emissions statewide. Recycling and solid waste management best practices are essential to reducing GHG emissions and combating climate change.”

All LSWMPs must be submitted to DEC in draft for approval. DEC reviews the draft LSWMP to determine whether it effectively addresses all matters required by 6 NYCRR 360-15.9. Once DEC determines that the draft LSWMP is a substantive consideration of the elements in 6 NYCRR Section 360-15.10, DEC provides notice to the Local Planning Unit of its intent to approve the LSWMP. This notice is colloquially known as the "approvable letter". DEC recommends that the Local Planning Unit conduct the Public Comment period after receipt of the "Approvable Letter" from DEC.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurer’s Report for August, 2011. Tons of solid waste received

were more than budgeted, actually the highest volume month this year. The Agency had net operating revenues of \$1,058,213 year to date and \$358,928 in August. The fund balance for August was positive, and the fund balance for the year to date was (\$411,842), compared to (\$200,990) this time last year.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Resolution No. 2237** re: Approving Amendment to City of Kingston SWMA – Single Stream Recycling;

Moved by Leon Smith, Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Steve Wing described the amendment to the Solid Waste Management Agreement with the City of Kingston, which permits the City to implement single stream recycling. The City will gradually provide single stream recycling to residential properties, in accordance with the schedule annexed to the amendment. The Agency will transfer the single stream recyclables.

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Tim Rose said no bids were received for glass hauling, so the Agency will continue to use spot market haulers. The infrastructure projects are in various stages of development. There was a slide at Ulster CLF because of tropical storm Lee. The curtain drain installation will correct this problem. The oil water separator tank is in the final stages of repair. The leachate study is in the hands of DEC.

In response to Al Teetsel's request, Tim Rose produced the balance of the Town's MRDC accounts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Leon Smith discussed the help given to the towns during the storms – including providing many more roll-off containers than usual. We will defer the payment of the cost to handle the waste caused by the storms (approximately \$55,000 to date), until such time as FEMA reimbursement funds are distributed to the towns. Agency staff will be attending a FEMA meeting to be held at the County next week. A supervisors' meeting is being held tomorrow at the Agency. The Board concurs that we should defer payment until they receive their FEMA monies.

The Agency might also be eligible for reimbursement for our overtime and extra expenses that we are not charging the towns.

Tim Rose said that DEC has cooperated by giving us additional tonnage capacity at Ulster and loosening other requirements to accommodate the additional tonnage of storm-generated waste.

We have had excellent inspection reports for DEC, even in light of the additional waste.

A charity softball game will be played between the Agency staff and Waste Management Staff at Cantine Field in Saugerties on October 1, 2011.

The Agency provided wood chips to the Town of Kingston for a playground.

Leon Smith provided a letter from Taylor Biomass Corporation for the presentation of a business plan. The Board is interested in this alternative.

**ADJOURN**

**Motion** to Adjourn the Regular meeting was:

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

**VOTE:** Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

**ADJOURNED 5:35 PM**

The above transcribed Minutes of the September 19, 2011 Regular Meeting were  
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Board as amended.

Date: October 17, 2011