

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
on September 19, 2007**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on September 19, 2007 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston, NY.

Roll Call for the Regular Board Meeting was at 3:10pm.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 8, 2007 Special Board Meeting and Budget Workshop were **unanimously approved** by the Board. Three in favor. None opposed. One Absent (Rodden). One vacancy.

The Minutes of the August 15, 2007 Regular Board Meeting were **unanimously approved** by the Board. Three in favor. None opposed. One Absent (Rodden). One vacancy.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was unanimously voted (one absent, Rodden) to reschedule the Next Regular Monthly Business Meeting to Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 2:45pm. The public hearing on the Budget will be held at that time.

GENERAL REPORTS

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Resolution No. 2075 - Re: Payment of Requisition No. 79 – Capital Expenditures:

This resolution authorizes and approves payment of Requisition No. 79 for Dutchess Overhead Doors to furnish and install an Ulster Transfer Station door for the amount of \$10,000 to be paid from the Capital Account in the Capital Fund.

Resolution No. 2075 was **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm and seconded by Arnold Bernardini. Three in favor. None opposed. One absent. (Rodden) One vacancy.

Board Notification - Consolidation of Capital Fund Cash Accounts and Establishing Special Aid Account:

Tim DeGraff described the special aid fund that was created at the Bank of America and the consolidation of Capital Fund cash accounts. He also discussed the hiring of Melinda France as a part-time records management clerk.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2076 - Re: Authorizing, approving and ratifying Sunshine Bulk Commodities Agreement Amendment:

This resolution ratifies, authorizes and approves the amendment to the agreement with Sunshine Bulk Commodities that provides for hauling solid waste to the newly approved High Acres Landfill at \$20/ton in 2007, \$20.25/ton in 2008 with 125/130 gallons of fuel allotted.

Resolution No. 2076 was **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm and seconded by Don DeBrosky. Three in favor. None opposed. One absent. (Rodden) One vacancy.

Resolution No. 2077 - Re: Authorizing, Approving and Ratifying Santaro Development Agreement:

This resolution ratifies, authorizes and approves the amendment to the agreement with Santaro Development that provides for hauling solid waste to the newly approved High Acres Landfill at \$20/ton in 2007, \$20.25/ton in 2008 with 125/130 gallons of fuel allotted.

Resolution No. 2077 was **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm and seconded by Don DeBrosky. Three in favor. None opposed. One absent. (Rodden) One vacancy.

Board Notification - Town MRDC Site Visits with Recycling Coordinators/Transfer Station Employees:

Charlie Whittaker described his site visits to various Town MRDC's and his meetings with Recycling Coordinators and Transfer Station operators. Charlie will put his report into a matrix format. Generally speaking, the MRDC's were operating properly.

BOARD PRESENTATION

Waste Management representatives William G. Sacco and David Lieberman described the WM solid waste rail hauling system in New York City. They referred to a detailed handout. It took several years to put the system into operation. Much of the development was by trial and error and at great cost. Loaded capacity is 2,300 tons per container. Containers are transported to a landfill in Virginia (which is owned by WM), and are lifted off the rail cars at the landfill. It took

a great deal of negotiating with the railroad to obtain service. WM would be willing to review the feasibility of combining Agency waste volumes with WM local volumes for rail haul.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Wing discussed the meeting with DEC regarding the permits for the Transfer Stations. Revised special condition proposals were presented to the DEC, which will respond in due course. Cleaning the floor at the end of the day is the major issue and the Agency will continue its discussion with the DEC on that matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Rodden has requested that the regular meeting be changed. Consensus is that change cannot be made for balance of the year. Any problems that may remain in the new year will be addressed at the Annual Meeting for 2008.

Don DeBrosky asked if there is any way that the ramp to the scale can be blacktopped. Mike Bemis stated that the Agency will do so and will include drainage as suggested by Arnold Bernardini. Options have been identified and a procurement process will be followed with some in-kind work. This will be done before blacktop plants close this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to enter into Executive Session at 5:15pm to discuss the employment history of a certain employee was moved by Dennis Helm and seconded by Don DeBrosky. Three in favor. None opposed. One Vacancy.

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

Executive Session was **UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED** on motion of Arnold Bernardini and Seconded by Don DeBrosky at 5:30pm.

Resolution No. 2078 Re: Authorizing and Approving Extension of Michael J. Bemis's Employment Agreement:

This resolution authorizes and approves the extension of the agreement with Michael J. Bemis to 2012. A list of accomplishments was presented.

Resolution No. 2078 was **MOVED** to the floor by Dennis Helm and seconded by Arnold Bernardini. Discussion was held on the length of the extension. Vote was three in favor. None opposed. One absent (Rodden). One vacancy.

ADJOURN

MOTION to Adjourn the September 19, 2007 meeting at 5:34pm was made by Dennis Helm and seconded by Don DeBrosky. Three in favor. None opposed. One absent (Rodden). One

Vacancy

The above transcribed Minutes of the September 19, 2007 Board Meeting were
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Board.

Vote: Aye 3 Nay 0 Absent 1 (Rodden) Vacancy 1

Date: October 15, 2007