

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2013

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on February 20, 2013 at 999 Flatbush Ave, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 3:30 pm.

The following Board members were present: Treasurer Al Teetsel and Members Charles Landi and Dominic Tagliaferro. Chairman Leon Smith and Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen were absent.

Also present were: Timothy Rose, Executive Director; Counsel / Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Recycling Coordinator, Michelle Bergkamp, Operations Manager, Charles Whittaker and Confidential Executive Secretary, Kelly Utter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 24, 2013 Annual meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Dominic Tagliaferro. The minutes of the January 24, 2013 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

The minutes of the January 24, 2013 Regular Board meeting were moved by Al Teetsel and seconded by Charles Landi. The minutes of the January 24, 2013 Regular Board meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 3:30pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose gave the MSW and recycling tonnage reports and the leachate collection report. The Agency received 1,271 tons less than the projected tonnage of solid waste for January 2013. Tim Rose wanted to remind the board that during the month of January we were still running under the old system, without Flow Control. Flow Control didn't take effect until the last week of January. The Recycling tonnage report, looking back at last January for commingle we did 209 and this year we did 177. Glass was 55 and this year it is 74, mixed news was 184 and is now 142. Single stream was 447 and now it is 213. The OCC was at 275 and is now 291. There is a decrease in the County Waste single stream recycling as they have been bringing some to a facility in Greene County.

There are two commodity reports; one was inadvertently omitted from the Board Packet. Presenting the December report now as well as the January report. Across the top of the report will see the prices we obtain before selling to merchant. Prices are gathered using emails and phone calls, all the prices are documented and prior to shipping of the load, Tim Rose approves the price that we are selling the commodity at. The only anomaly in the report is if you look under mixed news, metropolitan with commingle; we do provide them with mixed news and in return they provide the Agency with commingle. It's a benefit to the Agency.

The leachate collection report, in January of last year for Ulster we did 119,000 and this year we did 195,000. In New Paltz we did 182,000 last year and 175,000 for this year. The geology of both landfills is quite different and New Paltz is more susceptible to ground water compared to Ulster.

Michelle Bergkamp presented the Recycling report. As noted in previous meetings, the Agency is the recipient of a Grant through the Northeast Recycling Council, Inc. (NERC) best management practices for organics management in

rural towns in New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Vermont. The Agency is working with NERC and NYDEC to provide a food waste composting workshop as part of the grant that we received. The workshop is for decision makers, municipal officials, commercial and institutional food waste generators, haulers and others interested in advancing food waste composting in Ulster County.

The half day event will provide an overview about best management practices of organics for the commercial and institutional sector and will be held at the NYSDEC Region 3 Headquarters on South Putt Corners Road in New Paltz on March 19th from 1pm – 4pm. Various speakers, including Michelle Bergkamp will be speaking at the event. It is not limited to just Ulster County business or people, we want to share the message with as many people as we can. Sent out information and had thirty people registered by the following day.

There is a new composting billboard on display starting this week for a 3-month term on Broadway in the City of Kingston.

Michelle Bergkamp has been elected to the Board of Directors of the New York Product Stewardship Council. She is looking forward to representing the Agency and Ulster County and working on EPR initiatives across the state.

Michelle reminded the Board of the next HHW day is April 20, 2013 and registration is open for Ulster County residents. We are asking each participant to bring nonperishable food donations for distribution to Ulster County food pantries for families in need at this event.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Timothy DeGraff presented the treasures report for January. Volume was down compared to the prior January by 682 tons. Total MSW tons for January was 9,438.

Collection and hauling fees were only \$1,485 due to no rolloff work. Recycling service fees were down \$7,355 due to no single stream recycling from County Waste. Sale of recyclables was \$83,268; a load of aluminum was sold in January.

No expenditures of note. Net operating revenues for January were \$68,065 and fund balance is \$64,776.

Timothy DeGraff presented the MRF P&L for January, which reflects much of the same as the treasurers report. Recycling fees down due to no county waste single stream and a load of aluminum was sold for approximately \$33,000. The MRF had a positive January.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2285 Re: 2285

This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$100,000 from the Operating Reserve to the Bank of America Revenue Account of the Operating Fund to pay the March 2, 2013 debt service payment.

Moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Al Teetsel.

Vote: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Nilsen)

Resolution No. 2286 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a Volvo EC220D Excavator

This resolution authorizes and approves the purchase of a Volvo EC220D Excavator through the National Joint Powers Alliance in compliance with the New York State bidding; as the Agency is allowed to piggyback under New York State General Municipal Law Section 103.

Moved by Al Teetsel and seconded by Charles Landi

Vote: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Nilsen)

Resolution No. 2287 Re: Amending the by-Laws of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to comply with the Hauling License Requirements of Local Law No. 10 of 2012 (“Flow Control”)

This resolution authorizes the Agency to amend section 2 and 3 of the by-Laws now in effect; to comply with the license requirements contained in Local Law No. 10 of 2012.

Moved by Charles Landi and Seconded by Al Teetsel

Vote: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Nilsen)

Resolution No. 2288 Re: Authorizing and Approving Addendum to Procurement Policy

This resolution authorizes and approves the Addendum to the Agency Procurement Policy outlining the steps necessary for the Agency to purchase commodities, equipment and goods.

Moved by Charles Landi and Seconded by Al Teetsel

Vote: 3 Nay: 0 Absent: 2 (Smith, Nilsen)

OLD BUSINESS

Hired a compliance officer and he is starting on Monday and he will be at the next board meeting.

Received final invoice from the engineer for the landfill slide repair. The project was finalized several months ago. The finalized cost was approximately \$123,000 and through OEM and FEMA, the agency will be getting 87.5% reimbursement for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from the Town of Ulster several months ago, asking if the board would entertain the idea of installing a compactor at the Town Transfer Station. Previously we have installed compactors; there are some in the town of Saugerties, town of Rochester and town of Wawarsing. By volume, the next town in line for a compactor would be Marbletown.

Charlie stated that the school of thought with compactors was to put them at the towns that are the furthest away from the Agency being that it takes so much fuel and time to get the roll offs and the volume could be increased per pick up by using a compactor.

A compactor, power unit and two boxes, is in the neighborhood of 35,000. When we put the one in Saugerties, we purchased the equipment, installed the until and provided the labor to do so. The only thing the town had to do was to provide electric. Tim Rose stated that he wanted to bring it to the board for them to think about and review for the following meeting.

We had a failure in one of the tanks at the New Paltz Transfer Station and there was no leakage as we were able to contain it. DEC was notified immediately. The tanks will need to be replaced as they are about 20 years old. We rented tank which was hooked up today. Tim would like to let the board know that the DEC emailed him, complimenting the Agency on the quick response time to the situation.

The Agency should go out to BID for replacement of 4 tanks, two for New Paltz and 2 for Ulster as they all are 20 years old. Charles Landi asked if there were some grants out there that would assist in the cost of tanks. Michelle told the board that public benefit corporations are not eligible for most grants. The agency did get a quote to repair the tank and the cost was about 25,000 with no guarantees.

Charles Landi wanted to point out that there is an issue that the Board is not addressing and it was written into the 1991 agreement, one of which was flow control and the other was siting a county landfill. As we all know, the flow control has

