

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
June 18, 2012**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on June 18, 2012 at 999 Flatbush Avenue, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 3: 30 pm.

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

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**

Shirley Kobran spoke about her tenure on the Agency Board and how she continues to keep track of us.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Leon Smith spoke about the disparity between the Net Service the Agency is entitled to and the Net Service actually charged the County, which is much less.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 14, 2012 were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2012 at 3:30 pm.

**GENERAL REPORTS**

Tim Rose gave the MSW and recycling tonnage reports and the leachate collection report. We received more than our projected tonnage of solid waste for May, 2012, as we received 11,781 tons of MSW. We received 249 tons of sludge, an increase over last month. 1142.38 tons of recyclable material (approximately 380 tons less than May 2011) was received at the MRF. 24,500 gallons of leachate were collected at the Ulster CLF in May, 2012, and 110,250 gallons were collected at the New Paltz CLF, less than last year.

Michelle Bergkamp gave the recycling report. The next HHW, Pharmaceutical Waste and Electronics Collection event is scheduled for July 21, 2012 at NYSDEC Region 3 Headquarters in New Paltz. 150 people have already signed up.

Michelle Bergkamp spoke about the status of the pilot composting project, which is moving apace. July 1, 2012 is projected as a start-up date. The project will occupy the former glass recycling area at the Ulster site. Several haulers of food waste have been contacted and intend to provide food waste to the Agency.

*Biocycle* magazine is doing an article on the pilot composting project.

The Agency was a winner of a grant from Keep America Beautiful and Coca-Cola's Public Space Recycling Bin Grant Program. Only 80 grants were awarded out of 4,000 applications nationwide. The Agency has received 150 recycling bins that will be made available at community events and public places.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Tim DeGraff presented the Treasurer's Report for April and May, 2012. They were generally unremarkable, but the Agency's waste revenues were up. The reports were approved.

The MRF Profit & Loss statement shows a net revenue for May, 2012, although the figure is less than in prior months.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### **Board Motion – Flow Control**

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Al Teetsel.

Leon Smith said that the County Legislative leaders requested the Agency to take action on the Flow Control issue. Steve Wing explained that the passage of the amendment to Local Law No. 9 of 1991 enhancing flow control of solid waste in Ulster County being discussed by the County Legislature would be beneficial to the environment and the health and wellbeing of its citizens. It would stabilize the waste management system operated by the Agency. This motion encourages the Legislature to approve the amendment.

A Roll Call Vote was requested:

Smith:	Aye
Helm:	Aye
Teetsel:	Aye
Nilsen:	Aye
Landi:	Aye

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Net Service Fee calculation was discussed by the Board on the request of Dennis Helm. Charles Landi asked several questions. A lively discussion ensued.

The annual amendment of the capital plan was discussed. A draft plan amendment will be provided to the Members for action next month.

Tim Rose discussed recommendations of the engineers working on the leachate study at New Paltz. The Members will review their report, and the firm will be invited to meet with the Board.

Tim Rose advised that bids were received today for the repair work at the Town of Ulster landfill. The results will be reviewed by the engineers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion** to enter Executive Session re: Negotiations under the Taylor Law, the Employment history of a certain Employee and the Credit History of two contracting parties was made by Al Teetsel and seconded by Catherine Nilsen.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Time 5:00 PM.

**Motion** to enter into Regular Session was made by Dennis Helm and seconded by Catherine Nilsen.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Teetsel; left meeting at 5:45PM) Time 6:15 PM.

**Motion** made by Leon Smith and seconded by Dennis Helm to approve the new Operations Manager position. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Teetsel).

**ADJOURN**

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

**Moved** by: Moved by Dennis Helm and Seconded by Catherine Nilsen.

**VOTE:** Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1 (Teetsel)

**ADJOURNED 6:18 PM**

The above transcribed Minutes of the June 18, 2012 Regular Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board.

Date: July 18, 2012

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