

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2012**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on May 14, 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 Member Charles Landi. Member Catherine Nilsen was absent.

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.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Leon Smith met with the Environmental Committee with Charles Landi and Tim Rose; the committee advised that it would get back to the Agency on flow control.

Legislator John Parete addressed the Board about the Legislature's history of addressing the Agency's issues. He focused on the Net Service Fee, and how it was not properly paid in the appropriate amount. His concept, requiring Legislative action, would refinance the Agency. He proposed that a type of ad valorem levy be implemented that would raise funds partially, at least, to support the Agency. The County Comptroller has indicated that this proposal is on firm ground. Legislator Parete wants a solution that combines flow control and ad valorem concepts. A general discussion with the Board Members followed. Charles Landi wants to combine a solid waste district with flow control.

John Rizzo, Toski & Co., outside auditors to the Agency, presented their report on the 2011 Agency Audit. The auditor gave the Agency an unqualified clean opinion on its financial statements. The management letter discussed the calculation of the Net Service Fee. They believe that we either go with the NSF as is set forth in the Service Agreement, or amend the Service Agreement. The Agency is proceeding with accounting changes recommended by the Auditors for the past three years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 16, 2012 were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2012 at 3:30 pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose gave the MSW and recycling tonnage reports and the leachate collection report. We received less than our projected tonnage of solid waste for April, 2012, as we received 10,697 tons of MSW. Tim Rose said that the tonnage report will be amended as requested by the Board. We received 250 tons of sludge, a slight increase over last month. 895.14 tons of recyclable material (approximately 1200 tons less than April 2011) was received at the MRF. 13,000 gallons of leachate were collected at the Ulster CLF in April, 2012, and 104,000 gallons were collected at the New Paltz CLF, less than last year.

Michelle Bergkamp gave the recycling report. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, which is partially funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, was created to bring hazardous waste disposal services into the community and to provide a drop off location for Ulster County residents. By offering alternatives for the safe disposal of household hazardous waste, Ulster County is taking a proactive role in protecting the environment by preventing these items from ending up in landfills or contaminating water sources and wastewater treatment plants. 422 Ulster County households participated in the HHW, Pharmaceutical Waste and Electronics Collection Event held at the Agency facility in Kingston on April 28, 2012.

Event Summary

- 42,220 lbs. of electronics for recycling
- 3,135 gallons of hazardous paint – oil based, varnishes, stains
- 495 gallons of pesticides (liquids)
- 3,000 lbs. of pesticides (solids)
- 400 lbs. of fluorescent bulbs
- 50 lbs. of mercury containing devices
- 2,006 lbs. of other HHW (solids)– includes calcium carbide, resins and adhesives, aerosols, flares, oxidizers and asbestos
- 1,390 gallons of other HHW (liquids)– includes cyanide solution, flammable organic liquids, oxidizers, caustics, acids, ammonia and organic peroxides
- 400 lbs. of pharmaceutical waste was collected and brought to the DCRRA Waste-to-Energy Facility for witnessed destruction

The Coca-Cola Public Space Recycling Bin Grant Program administered by Keep America Beautiful supports local community recycling programs by providing bins to selected grant recipients for the collection of beverage container recyclables in public settings. The bins serve as a direct incentive for communities to expand recycling programs beyond curbside collection and to capture “away-from-home” materials. Grants were awarded on a competitive basis to applicants that demonstrated how their proposal will lead to sustainable recycling. The program

benefits communities by nurturing sustainable grassroots efforts to increase beverage container recovery.

The Agency will be receiving numerous recycling bins that will be then made available for free to Ulster County towns, non-profit organizations and schools to increase recycling at community events and public spaces. More details on this new program will be available on the Agency website, www.ucrra.org. A full list of the spring 2012 Bin Grant recipients and further information about the grant program is available at <http://bingrant.org/>

Tiffani Woods, of Wallkill, is this year's EARTH DAY grand prize winner in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency's bi-annual recycling billboard contest (Earth Day, April 22nd and America Recycles Day!, November 15th). Woods, a tenth-grader at Wallkill Senior High School will receive a special gift manufactured from recycled content, her artwork framed and on display at the Agency office and recognition on the Agency website at www.ucrra.org. Her artwork will also be displayed on a roadside billboard for a three-month term. Also, as the grand prize winner, Wallkill Senior High School will receive a compost bin to support their composting efforts.

On May 14th, drivers heading north on Route 32 towards Kingston will be able to view her design, with the important environmental message, "One Bottle Can CHANGE Everything". Her artwork and message also serve as a reminder to the local school community and to all Ulster County residents that recycling reduces the pollution that leads to climate change. Her artwork, along with the posters of the other finalists will be on display at the Agency main office and posted in an on-line gallery on our website at www.ucrra.org

Grand Prize Winner

Tiffani Woods

Wallkill Senior High School

1st Place Winner

Melissa Conley

Rondout Valley High School

2nd Place Winner

Isabelle Serrano

Rosendale Elementary School

3rd Place Winner

Jayden McGraw

The Agency has collected 88,099 lbs. of used electronic equipment for recycling at the Agency facilities from January 1, 2012 until April 30, 2012 (not including the April 28th collection event). WeRecycle! amended the electronics collection agreement at the end of 2011 to compensate the Agency for materials collected. The Agency has also received \$3,067.84 for material collected to date.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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

Resolution No. 2254 re: Payment of Requisition No. 109 – New Paltz Scale Replacement-Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund (BRIF) Authorizing Issuance of Series 2012 Refunding Bonds;

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Tim DeGraff explained that this resolution would authorize the issuance of funds to pay for this project which was previously authorized by the Board.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Nilsen).

Resolution No. 2255 re: Payment of Requisition No. 110 – Knee Wall Repair Project-2006 Construction Fund;

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Tim DeGraff explained that this resolution would authorize the issuance of funds to pay for this project which was previously authorized by the Board.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Nilsen).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2256 re: Authorization to Proceed with Food Waste Composting Pilot Project

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Tim Rose explained that this resolution would authorize the commencement of this project. The operating expense was reviewed by the staff and the Board. Various other aspects were discussed.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Nilsen).

Resolution No. 2257 re: Amending the Agency's Procurement Policy

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Steve Wing explained that the amendment authorized by this resolution would codify the process followed by the Agency in purchasing diesel fuel.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Nilsen).

Resolution No. 2258 re: Amending the Agency's Acquisition, Use and Disposition of Property Policy

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Steve Wing explained that the amendment authorized by this resolution would codify the process followed by the Agency in marketing and selling recyclables.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Nilsen).

Resolution No. 2259 re: Approval of One Year Extension of SWMA's

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Tim Rose explained that this resolution would authorize the one-year extension of the Solid Waste Management Agreements between the Agency and the municipalities of Ulster County..

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Nilsen).

Resolution No. 2260 re: Approving Further Amendment to the Agency's Personnel Policy

Moved by Leon Smith and Seconded by Dennis Helm.

Tim Rose explained that this resolution would correct certain discrepancies between the union and administrative benefits and conditions.

Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent (Nilsen).

Charles Landi moved and Al Teetsel seconded a motion requiring a fiscal impact statement be part of all resolutions. The issue will be discussed with staff. Motion is tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose discussed the Ulster Landfill repair (bid documents have been received) and leachate study at New Paltz (awaiting opinion from the engineers).

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Rose described a visit by a delegation from India to review our transfer station operations. NYSDEC requested that the Agency host this group.

Tim Rose described issues with Town of New Paltz.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn the Regular meeting was:

Moved by: Moved by Al Teetsel and Seconded by Charlie Landi.

VOTE: Ayes 4 Nays 0

ADJOURNED 6:05 PM

The above transcribed Minutes of the May 14, 2012 Regular Meeting were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board.

Date: June 18, 2012