

OCTOBER 21, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2013

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on October 21, 2013 at 999 Flatbush Ave, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith, Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen, Treasurer Al Teetsel, Member Charles Landi and Dominic Tagliafierro.

Also present were: Timothy Rose, Executive Director; Counsel / Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Compliance Officer Tom Briggs; Recycling Coordinator Michelle Bergkamp and Confidential Executive Secretary, Kelly Utter. Charles Whittaker arrived at 5:05pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leon Smith opened up the meeting for Public Comments.

Leon Smith closed the Public Comments section of the meeting but holds the right to reopen it in case of a late arrival.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Leon Smith held Chairman's Comments till later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Leon Smith and seconded by Al Teetsel. Five in favor. None opposed. The minutes of the September 16, 2013 Regular Board meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leon Smith said that our next regularly scheduled meeting would be held at 3:30pm if the Board wished for it to be that way; or the Board could finish the year out with the meetings at 5:00pm as they are now. Al Teetsel stated that he still thinks 5:00pm is a reasonable time to hold the meetings. Leon Smith stated that he has been against the 5:00pm time but he would like to make a motion to finish off the year at 5:00pm.

Leon Smith moved, Charles Landi seconded. Five in favor, none opposed.

The next Regular Monthly Business meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2013 at 5:00pm.

GENERAL REPORTS

MSW

Tim Rose gave the MSW and recycling tonnage reports and the leachate collection report. The MSW tonnage in was 10,052 which is 783 tons less than the projected tonnage of solid waste for September 2013. The Sludge tonnage in was 166 which is 5 tons less than the projected tonnage of sludge.

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RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report, looking back at last September for commingle we did 151 and this year we did 120. Glass was 27 and this year it is 37, mixed news was 193 and is now 162. Single stream was 357 and now it is 686. Single stream is up because the commodities are down and the haulers don't want to hold onto it, so they bring it to us. The OCC was at 291 and is now 270.

COMMODITY REPORT

Tim Rose noted the commodity report in the Board packet. He reminded the Board that NR means the Agency did not receive a return phone call.

Al Teetsel moved. Charles Landi seconded. Five in favor. None opposed.

LEACHATE COLLECTION

The leachate collection report, in September of last year for Ulster we did 82,000 and this year we did 127,000. In New Paltz we did 119,000 last year and 76,000 for this year.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Michelle Bergkamp informed the Board that she had reviewed all the manifests from the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Day that was held on this past Saturday. A total of 485 households participated in the event.

We collected 23,771 lbs of electronics material, 1091 gallons of hazardous paint (oil based, varnishes and stains), 334 gallons of pesticides, 400 lbs of pharmaceutical materials along with other materials as noted in the attached report.

Additional drop off sites are being created by the Ulster Prevention Council and the Police Stations in Ulster County. The Village of New Paltz and the Village of Saugerties already exist, but they have added to the sites, Rosendale and SUNY New Paltz. They are also purchasing the boxes for Ellenville and the City of Kingston. The Agency is still coordinating with the Sheriff's Department and boxes will be placed at those sites as well. There will eventually be a lot of permanent options available to residents.

Food donations were made and the Agency collected 980 lbs of donations and we gave them to Peoples Place.

This was the final event for the year and we are starting to plan the events for next year which will be the 3rd Saturday of April, July and October.

Leon Smith asked Michelle about Electronics, Tim had told him that Michelle was sending out a letter to the Supervisors of the Towns to help them with where to go with their electronics. Michelle stated that it is something that we've been working on in trying to figure out where to go to dispose of the electronics collected. The Agency is working on a list of companies. It's a market issue and recyclers had met their quotas. Leon Smith stated that he didn't realize that in the law that if they made a quota, they could start charging for the collection of electronics. Michelle said that she found three vendors that are very reputable, they shred hard drives and they never charge for the CRT material. It's not because they have made their quota, it is mostly that they refuse to put that charge onto the consumer, as that is why the law was created.

Leon asked that the Agency work with the Supervisors on the issue.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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The August Treasurers Report wasn't approved last month because we had the potential for changes; the only change that was made was the MSW Hauling Private Contracts. That number actually decreased by \$1,250, so our bottom line increased by \$1,250.

Al Teetsel moved to accept the August report. Dominic Tagliafierro seconded. Five in favor. None opposed.

For the month of September we had just over 10,000 tons of MSW and 166 tons of sludge. There is really nothing that is out of the ordinary for this month on the revenue or the expense side. For the month the net operating revenues and fund balance as well was \$200,138. Our year to date fund balance is at a deficit of \$1.192 million.

Al Teetsel moved to accept the September report. Charles Landi seconded. Five in favor. None opposed.

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff stated that for the month of September the revenues for the sale of recyclables were down and totaled \$40,170. We did have a net loss for the month in the amount of \$2,675 after depreciation but for the year we are still to the good, \$112,090.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution No. 2309 Re: Approving 2014 Final Agency Budget

This resolution approves the 2014 tipping fee for use of Agency facilities be set at \$103.00 per ton of solid waste for private sector haulers and those who haul waste to the Agency and the 2014 municipal tipping fee where the Agency hauls be set at \$93.00 per ton plus a \$43.00 pull-charge and \$86.00 per ton for the municipalities that self haul. A Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Agency Budget was held on October 15, 2013 and no one was in attendance.

Leon Smith moved to the floor Resolution No. 2309; Motion to approve was made by Leon Smith and seconded by Charles Landi. Five in favor. None opposed.

Resolution No. 2310 Re: Authorizing and Approving Award of Contract for the Purchase and Removal of Four Used Landfill Leachate Storage Tanks

This resolution authorizes and approves the award of contract for the purchase and removal of used landfill leachate storage tanks to West Kingston Recycling Corp.

Leon Smith moved to the floor Resolution No. 2308; Motion to approve was made by Al Teetsel and seconded by Dominic Tagliafierro. Five in favor. None opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose notified the Board that the Agency did receive the \$125,000 check from the Office of Emergency Management for the landfill repair due to Hurricane Irene.

Leon Smith wanted to let the Board know where the Agency stands on negotiations with the County on the limit of bonding. He stated that Ken Gilligan is still waiting for an answer from the county on documents that the Agency asked for and we have yet to receive this. It has been approximately 3 weeks to a month since the documentation was requested.

NEW BUSINESS

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There is some work being done in New Paltz, a small curb. The Agency received two quotes and we are waiting on the third. The work didn't fall within the threshold to cause it to go out to Bid.

MOTION to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 5:48pm to discuss the Status of Negotiations under the Taylor Law was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. Five in Favor. None opposed.

MOTION to **ADJOURN** the October 21, 2013 Regular Board Meeting at 6:22pm was made by Leon Smith and seconded by Al Teetsel.

AYES _____ 5 _____ NAYS _____ 0 _____ ABSENT _____ ()

The above transcribed Minutes of the October 21, 2013 Regular Board Meeting were moved by and seconded by Al Teetsel. _____ 4 _____ in favor, _____ 0 _____ opposed. The Minutes were **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** by the Board.

Date: November 18, 2013