

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 2016

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on April 27, 2016, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:00 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Fred Wadnola; Vice Chairman David Gordon (arrived at 5:10 PM); Treasurer Charles Landi; Member Jack Hayes (left at 6:15 PM) and Member Brian Devine.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose; Counsel / Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Operations Manager Charlie Whittaker; Recycling Coordinator Merlyn Akhtar; Compliance Officer Tom Briggs; and Administrative Assistant Melinda France.

From the public: Tom Silipo of Mid-Hudson Mack; Ken Heverly of Vasso Systems; Bill Kemble of the Daily Freeman and Kathy O'Connor of the League of Women Voters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Wadnola opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Fred Wadnola mentioned the visit to the 2 landfills; Seneca Meadows and Oneida-Herkimer. He stated "we will see what happens" when the Solid Waste Improvement Commission comes out with their report as to the recommendations and then "take it from there". He suggested that the Agency should start thinking about a regional landfill.

Charles Landi commented about Oneida-Herkimer tipping fees of "about \$58 & \$68 a ton with their own landfill" where the Agency is at \$103 ton without a landfill. He said that is the "equation" he is hoping that the Solid Waste Improvement Commission will think about when they are making their recommendations/presentation.

Fred Wadnola also mentioned that the landfills offer other services free that the Agency does not. The host benefit is pretty good he said.

Ken Gilligan stated that the host benefit needs to be explained to residents because Town people don't really understand how that can affect their tax base.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 23, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were moved by Jack Hayes and seconded by Charles Landi. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2016 at 5:00 PM

No communications.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose presented the MSW, Recycling and Leachate Collection reports for March, 2016.

MSW

Tim Rose stated that MSW target tons were 8,873 compared to tonnage brought in were 9,871 for a variance of 998 tons. He stated if you look at the year-to-date for the first quarter, the Agency is ahead by 2,927 tons. Sludge target tons were 142 and we brought in 342 tons, difference of 200 tons. City of Kingston's pelletizer is still down and he mentioned he has no idea when it will be fixed. Tim stated we can continue to take sludge as long as we don't go over the tonnage that the Agency is permitted (100 tons per week).

Fred Wadnola asked who monitors the amount that comes in. Charlie Whittaker responded that the scale operators do, as well as himself.

The sludge goes to Chemung.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report was compared to the prior year. Last March for commingle we did 49 tons and this March was 33 ½ tons; glass was 66 tons and this March it was 16 tons; mixed news was 110 tons and this year it is 83 ½ tons; Single Stream was 589 tons and this year 726; OCC was 114 tons and this year 120 tons; and food waste was 53 tons this year it was 59 tons.

Charlie Whittaker stated glass dropped because the Towns that didn't sign on (Saugerties, Marletown, and Town of Ulster) went to Single Stream.

Tim Rose mentioned that the Agency is getting paid \$5 a ton for Single Stream.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Tim Rose noted the Commodities Report for March, 2016 which is in the Board packet and explained the report. This shows who we sold what to and the prices. Tim stated that NR means no response.

Brian Devine asked why there are no takers on the aluminum line. Charlie Whittaker explained the price of aluminum is really low. He stated the Agency has some loads but are holding on until the price is better and stated that it takes a long time to get a truck load. He also stated

the Agency does pick out the nickel deposits because the Agency makes more money on them by pulling them out than leaving them in the bale. The deposits are sold to UARC and they pay the Agency .05 cents for each deposit.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the Commodities Report. Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose noted that March 2016 we did 168,000 gallons and last March we did 0 out of Ulster and March 2016 we did 108,000 gallons and last March we did 128,000 out of New Paltz.

Charlie Whittaker stated that he is set up to receive text messages as to any alarms and to show levels in New Paltz. He does not receive text messages with respect to Ulster but stated that there are gages, lights and he checks the tanks.

Fred Wadnola asked if the Agency has thought about piping in to Ulster rather than trucking it. Tim Rose responded that this is a discussion that the Agency should have with the Town. He stated in New Paltz it doesn't make sense economically to do and in Lloyd there is very little leachate.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Merlyn Akhtar handed out a packet with her updates. Her updates that she discussed included:

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event: The event was held on Saturday, April 16th and had approximately 300 participants. She stated comments received were how smoothly the event proceeded over the course of the day.
 - **Materials collected:**
 - Antifreeze-45 gallons
 - Pesticides (solid)-1800 pounds
 - Pesticides (liquid)-228 pounds
 - Hazardous paint-920 gallons
 - Hazardous batteries-587 pounds
 - Mercury devices-30 pounds
 - Fluorescent bulbs-680 pounds
 - Other HHW (solids)-2477 pounds
 - Other HHW (liquids)-702 gallons
 - Misc. solid waste (liquids)-125 gallons
 - 200 lbs. of expired/unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications.
 - Next Household Hazardous Waste and Pharmaceutical Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th from 8 am-2 pm at the NYSDEC Region 3 Facility in New Paltz.
- Earth Day Activities-

- Melinda and Merlyn visited Phoenicia and Kerhonkson Elementary school to discuss recycling, upcycling, reducing our waste, and composting. Will be visiting Bennett Elementary in June.
- Merlyn did a brief radio interview with Jimmy Buff from WDST 100.1 on April 22nd discussing recycling, reusing, and composting, as well as electronics recycling and the resources available on the website.
- Grants-
 - Submitted final application for the 2012-2015 Recycling Coordinator/Education MWRR Grant from DEC. Requested reimbursement of \$123,240.05.
- Compost-
 - Samples of Agency's finished compost product will be taken next week and delivered to the laboratory for testing as required by the US Composting Council's Seal of Testing Assurance Program.

David Gordon asked Merlyn if the Agency, the County or State is making any connection between the amount of plastics used and the amount of recycling in the County compared to the pollution in the oceans. He wanted to know what the County can do to help solve the problem. Merlyn stated she is part of the EPA group; Trash Free Waters program. EPA is bringing groups together to figure out the problem with drifting trash in the ocean. She wasn't sure if they did any research on relation between recycling rates and the amount of plastic in the ocean. David stated he would like to know more about it and what the County can do to help the situation. Merlyn stated she would look in to it.

Merlyn stated that there are people working on developing materials that will break down when you are done using them. She mentioned that they are using mushroom stems for packaging.

Jack Hayes stated maybe it should start with the manufacture. Brian Devine stated there is no incentive for the manufactures right now.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the March, 2016 Treasurer's Report. We did 9,871 tons for the month. No items of note on the revenue side. Total revenues for the month were \$1,126,461. On the expense side, Administration Expenses were up due to engineering costs and a maintenance agreement for our security camera system. Total Operating Expenses were \$873,345. Net operating revenues for the month were \$253,116 which were completely wiped out by Capital Outlay. Capital Outlay of \$276,457 relates to the 52 recycling boxes received in the amount of \$219,516; carpeting for the offices of \$7,189; and the second lease payment of the L110H loader of \$49,752. Fund Balance for the month was a deficit of \$23,341. Year-to-date fund balance is a deficit \$1,837,847.

Fred Wadnola made a motion to approve the March, 2016 Treasurer's Report. Charles Landi moved and seconded by Jack Hayes. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff presented the March, 2016 MRF Cost Center Analysis report. We sold a load of natural plastic for \$10,835. Total sale of recyclables for the month was \$21,743. He stated there were no items of note on the expense side. For the month, net loss before depreciation was \$8,880; net loss after depreciation was \$18,023. Year-to-date, net loss before depreciation was \$45,644 and after depreciation was a net loss of \$73,073.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Tim Rose introduced Ken Heverly of Vasso Systems and Tom Silipo of Mid-Hudson Mack with respect to Resolution No. 2377 and 2378. Tim stated that they Agency piggybacked off the Onondaga Bid for both resolutions (listed below) and these vehicles were on the Capital Plan for this year.

Resolution No. 2377 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a Mack Roll-Off Truck

The roll-off truck is being bought with the \$16 pull surcharge that is being charged to the Towns; which was promised. The roll-off truck was estimated on the Capital Plan for \$175,000 and the Agency spent \$185,000. The roll-off truck should be delivered by the first of September.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2377**; Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

Resolution No. 2378 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a Tractor/M-Drive Truck

Charlie Whittaker and Tim Rose stated that tractor needed to be replaced because it is old (1997) with a lot of miles. The tractor was estimated on the Capital Plan for \$150,000 and the Agency bought it for \$133,000; \$17,000 under. The tractor should be delivered by the first of August.

Charlie Landi asked Tom Silipo from Mid-Hudson Mack to explain the M-Drive. Tom stated the M-Drive is an automatic manual transmission, easier to repair and better fuel economy.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2378**; Motion to vote was made by Jack Hayes and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; none opposed; 0 absent.

Brian Devine asked if the Agency has ever considered Army Surplus equipment. Tim Rose responded, that can be considered, for the yard but not on the road. When the Agency's equipment is bought it has a waste handling package which is meant for trash facilities and they have good warranties. He stated that the Army Surplus equipment would not have the waste handling package which is needed.

JACK HAYES LEFT AT 6:15 PM

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose stated:

- Received 72 of the recycling boxes and they have been stenciled with a recycling symbol. The boxes have not been distributed to the Towns yet.
- The supervisors meeting will be held here in June. Tim said he has offered a tour of the facility to any of the supervisors who would like a tour.
- 5 Bids are out and will be opened on May 13th which included;
 - 2 Skid Steer Loaders (a lot);
 - 1994 Samsung Loader;
 - Hydraulic Loader Sweeper;
 - 3 self-contained compactors (a lot); and
 - 10 Roll-Off Containers (a lot).
- Charlie Whittaker and he attended a DEC informational meeting regarding changes to the 360 Regulations. Tim will be sending a letter on behalf of the Agency with his concerns and will copy the Board on it as well.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

MOTION to ADJOURN the April 27, 2016, Regular Board Meeting at 6:27 pm was made by Charles Landi and seconded by David Gordon. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (HAYES).

The above transcribed Minutes of the April 27, 2016, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor. None opposed. 1 absent (GORDON). The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: May 25, 2016