

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 25, 2016

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on May 25, 2016, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 5:02 pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Fred Wadnola; Vice Chairman David Gordon (absent); Treasurer Charles Landi; Member Jack Hayes 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: Andrew Toms from Stantec, Inc.; Dennis Doyle, Director of the Ulster County Planning Department and William Kemble of the Daily Freeman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Wadnola opened the meeting up for Public Comment.

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Fred Wadnola stated that he wrote an article for the Solid Waste Commission on regionalization. Tim Rose reviewed it and they made a few changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The 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).

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No communications.

Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 5:00 PM

GENERAL REPORTS

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

MSW

Tim Rose stated that MSW target tons were 10,502 compared to tonnage brought in were 9,726 a difference of 776 tons. Sludge target tons were 138 and we brought in 384 tons; year-to-date, plus 828 tons.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report was compared to the prior year. Last April for commingle we did 54 ½ tons and this April 38 tons; glass was 30 ½ tons and this April it was 26; mixed news was 115 tons and this year it is 86 tons; Single Stream was 647 tons and this year 691; OCC was 115 tons and this year 104; and food waste was 60 tons this year it was 57.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Tim Rose noted the Commodities Report for April, 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.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the Commodities Report. Motion to vote was made by Jack Hayes and seconded by Charles Landi. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose noted April, 2016 out of Ulster we did 161,000 gallons and last April we did 83,000 and out of New Paltz in April, 2016 we did 98,000 gallons and last April we did 287,000.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

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

- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** handed out the updated flyer regarding the July 16th event in New Paltz.
- **Public Outreach:**
 - She conducted two tours of the MRF and compost operation which included a grandfather and his granddaughter and a Girl Scout Troop.
 - Saugerties school group toured the MRF and compost operation on May 20th; which the tour was contacted by Merlyn, Melinda and Tom.
 - Melinda and Merlyn will be visiting Bennett Elementary on June 3rd and participating in a Boy Scout Camporee on June 11th.
 - Radio campaign continuing on WDST 100.1. She will record new spots in June to advertise the upcoming HHW event. UCRRA will also have a banner ad on the WDST website in June. The radio campaign on WBPM 92.9 will start up again in June to advertise the HHW.
- **Grants:**
 - Merlyn is working on the pre-application for the MWRR grant for the new recycling boxes. If approved, the pre-application puts UCRRA on the waiting list for 50% reimbursement.
- **Professional Development:**

- May 15th-18th the 2016 Solid Waste and Recycling Conference in Bolton Landing, NY was attended by Tim Rose, Charlie Whittaker, Ken Gilligan and Merlyn Akhtar. The seminars covered topics including organics, plastics recycling, glass recycling, safety, Zero Waste and product stewardship.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the April, 2016 Treasurer's Report. We did 9,726 tons for the month. No revenue items to note. On the expense side, April HHW event clean-up costs totaled \$32,173. Net operating revenues for the month were \$273,214. Capital outlay was \$160,641, which was for the remaining recycling boxes. All 82 recycling boxes have been received. Fund Balance for the month is \$112,573. Year-to-date fund balance is at a deficit of \$1,725,274. The budget is currently right on target.

Fred Wadnola made a motion to approve the April, 2016 Treasurer's Report. Charles Landi moved and seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff presented the April, 2016 MRF Cost Center Analysis report. Total sale of recyclables for the month was \$20,702. We sold Single Stream for the first time this year, \$3,421. Net revenue for the month was \$20,682. No expense items to note. Net loss before depreciation was \$12,671; net loss after depreciation was \$21,814. Year-to-date, net loss before depreciation was \$58,315 and after depreciation was a net loss of \$94,887.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Tim Rose stated that the bid opening for all 5 bids were held on May 13, 2016.

Resolution No. 2379 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Sale of (2) Skid Steers

The highest bidder was Andrew Camarata for \$12,599.99.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2379**; Motion to vote was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

Resolution No. 2380 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Sale of 1994 Samsung SL 150 Loader

The highest bidder was BRIM Recyclers, Inc. for \$14,162.00.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2380**; Motion to vote was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

Resolution No. 2381 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Heavy Duty Hydraulic Drive Loader Sweeper – Model #D32C10

The highest bidder was Haines Falls Auto for \$1,275.00.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2381**; Motion to vote was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

Resolution No. 2382 Re: the Sale of (3) Self-Contained Hydraulic Compactors Model # HE 10165 #1718; Model HE 10165 #1719 and Model # HE 10165 #1720

The highest bidder was Thompson Sanitation for \$12,000.00. Charlie Whittaker stated that these compactors were from Benedictine Hospital, Eastern and Ulster Correctional Facilities which have not be used for approximately 10 years.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2382**; Motion to vote was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

Resolution No. 2383 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Sale of (10) Roll-Off Boxes (4) 40 cubic yard open top; (4) 30 cubic yard open top and (2) 35 cubic yard closed top

The highest bidder was ULTRACLEAN, Inc. for \$18,500.00.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2383**; Motion to vote was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dennis Doyle from the Ulster County Planning Department gave an update to the solar project. Proposed site plans were distributed. Andrew Toms from Stantec, Inc. joined him. Some of the points that were made or discussed were:

- County is participating with SolarCity as a preferred vendor in the megawatt program;
- UCRRA gave permission for the County to the use the landfill by resolution;
- Advancing that position by preparing a complete set of plans (which a copy was given to Tim Rose previously);
- County is declared the lead agency for the purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Act;
- County went to the Town of Ulster Planning Board and met with them to discuss the project and believe no permit/site plan is needed from the Town of Ulster. County met with them last month and answered any concerns or questions Town of Ulster had;
- Mr. Doyle discussed the plans that were distributed (only a portion of the plans) which pointed out access roads, leachate tanks, where the proposed inverta will go, where the solar panels will go, etc.;
- It will be a 2.5 megawatt facility;
- County will have a power purchase agreement with SolarCity;
- 2.5 is approximately 1/3 of the County's total power demand;
- County currently purchases renewable energy credits (purchases approx. 150% electric beads);
- Looking at various solar locations;

- This project will cover approx. 7.9 acres of the Ulster Landfill;
- The County is working with the EPA and DEC with respect to submittals and changes including the Post Closure Monitoring Plan and Consent Order. The Town of Ulster had a reverted clause with respect the Consent Order associated with some of the deed work done. The County worked with the Town of Ulster and the Town of Ulster has passed necessary resolutions so that the reverted clause doesn't exist anymore;
- The County will come back in July to take a property interest which the attorneys will work out on what the property interest will be;
- It will be fenced;
- Will make sure cap will not be pierced;
- Work performed on site is performed with equipment that has specific loading information on it so there is no settling. Allowable weight will be 5 lbs. per square inch.
- Up-keep is the responsibility of SolarCity inside the area which includes mowing and drip edge on the panels will be checked for erosion;
- Studies are done regarding construction including slope, wind strength of the panels (90 MPH), etc.;
- Panels will match up, panels are at a 25% tilt, 8 foot in height on the back end and 2 ½-3 feet off the ground on the front end;
- Conduit piping will be above ground;
- Hoping for construction this season;
- 100 foot buffer by the wetlands;
- They will be floating piers so nothing should happen to the cap;
- The panels will not be visible;
- No lighting on the panels and no glare;
- Extremely efficient panels;
- Over 8,000 panels proposed;
- Following all the best practices by the DEC regarding the cap;
- The lease is between the Agency and the County; and
- Project will take about 3 to 6 months.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

MOTION to ADJOURN the May 25, 2016, Regular Board Meeting at 5:50 pm was made by Jack Hayes and seconded by Brian Devine. 4 in favor; none opposed; 1 absent (GORDON).

The above transcribed Minutes of the May 25, 2016, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor. None opposed. 0 absent. The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: June 22, 2016