

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 27, 2018**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on June 27, 2018, at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 12:07 PM.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Fred Wadnola; Vice Chairman David Gordon; 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: William Kemble from the Daily Freeman, Kathy O'Connor from the League of Women Voters and Clark Richters from Kingston News (videographer of the board meeting).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Fred Wadnola stated it was a busy month with all the meetings, calls and emails. He thanked everyone for putting in the extra time and effort.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 30, 2018 and the Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 14, 2018 were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No communications.

A Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 12:00 PM at the Agency's office.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose presented the MSW, Recycling, Commodities and Leachate Collection reports.

MSW

Tim Rose stated that the MSW target tons for May were 11,548 tons compared to the actual tonnage brought in which was 12,230 tons. Tons are 682 tons to the good. Sludge target tons were 346 tons and

the actual tonnage brought in was 375 tons. Difference of a negative 29 tons. YTD for MSW is 3,565 tons to the good.

RECYCLING TONNAGE

The Recycling tonnage report:

	LAST MAY	THIS MAY
COMMINGLE	46.3 TONS	39.18 TONS
GLASS	20.76 TONS	41.01 TONS
MIXED NEWS	92.27 TONS	84.03 TONS
SINGLE STREAM	684.11 TONS	575.27 TONS
OCC	129.61 TONS	121.3 TONS
FOODWASTE	229.44 TONS	188.07 TONS

Fred Wadnola wanted to know the status on the bagging machine for compost. Tim Rose explained they need to setup an appointment with a gentleman in Long Island (another municipality) who has the bagging machine the Agency might want. Tim Rose and Charlie Whittaker want to see how the machine works and see what the people like and don't like about the piece of equipment. Charlie Whittaker stated he also spoke to Onondaga "who talked good about the machine". Onondaga sent specs of that particular bagging machine to Charlie Whittaker. The machine is in the \$50,000-\$60,000 price range. The machine is being paid through the grant with the County. No special storage will be required. No additional staff will be needed to bag the compost. Tim Rose stated that the Agency will need help with marketing, printing of the labels with the UBC code on bag. Tim Rose stated he would like to have the bagging machine by the end of the summer.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Tim Rose explained the Commodities Report for May 2018. The report shows who we sold what to and the prices. NR means no response.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the Commodities Report, Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

LEACHATE COLLECTION

Tim Rose stated that last May the total amount out of Ulster was 146,000 gallons and May, 2018 it was 70,000 gallons. Out of New Paltz in May, 2017 the total amount was 141,000 gallons and this May was 160,000 gallons.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Meryln Akhtar's updates included:

- HHW and Pharmaceutical Waste Collection Event-next event is scheduled for Saturday, July 21st from 8AM-2PM at the NYSDEC Region 3 Facility in New Paltz. As of June 25th there are 225 appointments. Textiles will be collected as well as compost bins 20% off.
- Public Outreach

- Melinda and Merlyn visited Bennett Elementary on June 1st to participate in their Earth Day festivities. Discussed recycling and compost and did an upcycling project with donated CD jewel cases.
 - Today, Melinda and Merlyn tabled at the Building Ulster County Together/Green Business Challenge Launch. The Ulster County Green Business Challenge is designed to encourage businesses, organizations and municipalities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate climate change and hopefully see monetary savings. It is a project of the Ulster County Climate Smart Committee and is sponsored by Ulster County Executive, Michael Hein, the Ulster County Department of the Environment, and the Ulster County Office of Economic Development. The Agency is assisting with the food-waste composting portion of the Challenge.
 - Merlyn conducted three facility tours this month and gave a recycling and composting presentation to the Woodland Ponds community in New Paltz.
 - A custom event tablecloth with the Agency's name, logo and photos were made.
- Compost
- Quarterly compost sampling was done this week. Samples have been sent to the labs and results will be back in a few weeks.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the May 2018 Treasurer's Report.

For the month of May, we did 12,230 tons. Revenue line item to note: Leachate Hauling/Box Rental was approximately \$24,000 which was higher than other months due to a heavy BRC box month. Total revenues were \$1,469,443.

Expense line item to note: Recycling Disposal Costs in the amount of \$40,433 for the disposal of single stream recycling. Total expenses were \$1,065,387.

The net operating revenues were \$404,056. Capital Outlay of \$55,390 for the purchase of roll-off boxes. Fund balance for the month was a positive \$348,666. Year-to-Date fund balance is a negative of \$862,150.

Tim stated that the Agency garbage volume is up 8% compared to budget. The extra garbage is helping to mask the losses on the recycling side of the business.

Fred Wadnola moved to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's Report, Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Jack Hayes. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

MRF COST CENTER ANALYSIS

Tim DeGraff presented the May 2018, MRF Cost Center Analysis report. For the month of May, we did \$11,505 in tipping fees. The total sale of recyclables were \$13,387. SSR disposal fees were \$40,433. Total expenses were \$29,686. Net loss for the month was \$45,688. Year-to-date net loss is \$192,114.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Resolution #2445 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Agency to Discontinue servicing Single Stream Recyclables

Tim Rose presented Resolution No. 2445. No discussion or comments were made.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2445**; Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

Resolution #2446 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Modification of the 2018 tipping fees and other charges

Tim Rose introduced Resolution #2446. He stated this resolution increases the tipping fees for single stream as stated in this resolution. The resolution states that the tipping fee for single stream recycling will be calculated by the average rate the Agency was charged to remove single stream recyclables in the previous month, plus a \$15.00 per ton fee reflecting the Agency's cost of storing and handling single stream recycling.

Fred Wadnola added right now the net loss of \$156,371 is the cost of processing the single stream recycling. He stated, "The Agency cannot afford to put that burden on the towns that do business with the Agency". Fred also stated, Ulster and Saugerties are going back to dual stream.

Jack Hayes added that it would be unethical that the Agency subsidize both public and private entities with the funds that the Agency is contracted with. He stated the Agency is only contracted to service dual stream.

Brian Devine stated that the \$156,371 is reflective of two months and not six months.

David Gordon stated that the prices are increasing to dispose of single stream which keeps going up. He said the municipalities that want to keep collecting single stream need to figure out how to dispose of and the Agency should not have to bear the increased costs. He stated that there are no requirements to bring recycling, including SSR, to the Agency. The Agency does not process SSR and the resolutions that are passed today only apply to the Agency facilities. The Agency was never setup to handle SSR.

Tim Rose stated that tomorrow (June 28th) a letter will go out to everyone who has brought SSR to the Agency. It will also be posted to the website letting the public know about the increase of SSR.

The price of SSR does not include the trucking costs.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor **Resolution No. 2446**; Motion to vote was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Jack Hayes. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

Resolution #2447 Re: Authorizing and Approving the Sale of (1) 40 Cubic Yard Open Top Roll-Off Box

Tim Rose presented Resolution #2447. He stated this 40 yard container which is being sold to the Town of Saugerties because they were in need of a container. He said that he arrived at the price of \$1,279 by averaging the price per container for all of the submissions from the previous bid for containers.

Fred Wadnola moved to the floor Resolution No. 2447; Motion to vote was made by Jack Hayes and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Rose stated:

- The Fuel Depot project will be starting soon.
- Rick McCarthy is working on the financial feasibility study and is moving forward. All three counties are on board.
- Received the new excavator.

NEW BUSINESS

David Gordon said he spoke to City of Rensselaer Planning Commission regarding the proposed site of BioHiTech (Entsorga). He said Dennis Soriano from BioHiTech referred City of Rensselaer Planning Commission to contact David to discuss. He discussed with City of Rensselaer Planning Commission issues they are having. He said they are looking into the use of the product; in particular, the cement plant in Ravena. They are looking to see if this will be a viable situation.

The Board discussed:

- Burning MSW, including BioHiTech (Entsorga) process;
- Thinking about moving forward (other options);
- Preparing an agenda item updating what other communities are doing (including statewide and nationally), where the Agency is going and what's new on the horizon-including scientifically or technically;
- What the government is doing;
- Landfills timeframe of closures and capacities;
- More volume, more options;
- Contacting the State Officials and helping out;
- Dutchess County burn plant including setting up a tour; and
- Trucking the trash.

MOTION to ADJOURN the June 27, 2018, Regular Board Meeting at 1:25 PM was made by Charlie Landi and seconded by Brian Devine. 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent.

The above transcribed Minutes of the June 27, 2018, Regular Board Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Jack Hayes. 4 in favor. None opposed. 1 absent (WADNOLA). The Minutes were APPROVED by the Board.

Date: July 25, 2018