

**ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2019**

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2019 at 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, NY.

The proceedings were convened at 12:00pm.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Fred Wadnola, Treasurer Charles Landi, Member Katherine Beinkafner, Member JoAnne Myers (absent), and Member Lisa Mitten (absent). The position of Vice Chairman will be voted on during this meeting.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose, Counsel/Secretary Kenneth Gilligan, Controller Tim DeGraff, Operations Manager Charlie Whittaker, Recycling Coordinator Angelina Peone, Recycling Educator Melinda France, Compliance Officer Tom Briggs, and Clerical Secretary Brenna Whitaker.

From the public: Daily Freeman Reporter Bill Kemble, Ulster County Legislator Manna Jo Greene (arrived at 6:15pm).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination

Chairman*:	Fred Wadnola	By:	Charles Landi	2nd:	Jack Hayes
Vice-Chairwoman:	Katherine Beinkafner	By:	Fred Wadnola	2nd:	Charles Landi
Treasurer*:	Charles Landi	By:	Jack Hayes	2nd:	Fred Wadnola
Secretary*:	Kenneth Gilligan	By:	Charles Landi	2nd:	Brian Devine

* Voted on at the January 30, 2019 Annual Organizational Meeting.

No vote was made to close nominations and to elect slate of officers.

ESTABLISH REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING DATE & TIME

The regular monthly Board meeting date was set for the fourth Thursday of each month, commencing with April 25, 2019, at 11:00am.

Motion to set the regular monthly Board meeting was made by Charles Landi and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Mitten, Myers).

APPOINT BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit:	Chair: Katherine Beinfkafner	Member: Charles Landi	Member: Fred Wadnola
Governance:	Comprised by the Board as a whole		
Finance:	Chair: Charles Landi	Member: Lisa Mitten	Member: JoAnne Myers

Motion to close the appointment of Board committees was made by Fred Wadnola and seconded by Charles Landi. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Mitten, Myers).

APPOINT BOARD MEMBER TO RECYCLING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Member*: Charles Landi Nominated by: Fred Wadnola

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PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Fred Wadnola informed the Board that Brinnier & Larios has completed their work to combine the Agency’s 3 parcels into a single parcel, and it will go before the Town of Ulster Planning Board at the April meeting. Once the lot lines are eliminated, work can begin on the Agency’s expansion, to include a residential drop off and expanded compost facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fred Wadnola motioned to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Fred Wadnola. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Mitten, Myers).

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Rose stated that the Agency’s next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 11:00am at the Agency’s Main Office at 999 Flatbush Road in Kingston.

GENERAL REPORTS

Tim Rose presented the MSW, Recycling Tonnage, Recycling Market, and Leachate Collection reports:

MSW

	February 2019		
	Target Tonnage	Actual Tonnage	Difference
MSW	8,044 tons	8,414 tons	370 tons
Sludge	260 tons	249 tons	-11 tons

Recycling Tonnage

	February 2018	February 2019
Commingle	34.95 tons	56.12 tons
Glass	31.81 tons	48.33 tons
Mixed News	66.07 tons	71.17 tons
Single Stream	486.39 tons	141.65 tons
OCC	97.37 tons	162.39 tons
Food Waste	165.53 tons	245.31 tons

Recycling Market Report

The Recycling Market Report shows the price we were offered for each commodity. NR means no response.

Fred Wadnola motioned to approve the February 2019 Recycling Market Report. Moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Fred Wadnola. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Mitten, Myers).

Leachate Collection

	February 2018	February 2019
Ulster	154,000 tons	241,500 tons
New Paltz	178,500 tons	98,000 tons

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Angelina Peone gave the March Recycling Program Update:

Outreach/Education

- Melinda France and Angelina Peone attended a WGHQ Radio interview on March 7.
- A composting seminar was held on March 9 with 30 participants.
- The Town Transfer Station Operators Informational Meeting was held on March 16 with 20 participants representing the various towns.
- The Agency’s message this month is “Recycle Electronics.”
- For the month of March the following utilized the electronic program:

- 168 residents.
- 1 non-profit.
- 11 businesses.
- 1 government entity.
- Angelina and Melinda were guest speakers at the Climate Smart Gardiner Go Green Expo on March 16.
- Melinda participated in Mt. Marion Elementary School's Discover Program. This program ran after school throughout the month of March. The class had 4 participants who learned about recycling, reducing waste, and composting. The children made CD birds, t-shirt bags, and did a planting project.
- Community events coming up in April:
 - April 8: Saugerties Public Library After School Program.
 - April 22: Presentation at the Wallkill Library in honor of Earth Day.
 - April 27: Earth Day Fair in New Paltz.
 - April 29: Woodstock Jewish Congregation Sustainability Movie Series regarding "Global Problems, Local Solutions," with the main focus on food waste and composting.

Administration

- The Agency will be submitting an application for the New York State Environmental Excellence Awards.
- The Agency submitted a grant proposal for the New York State Municipal Food Scraps Reduction, Food Donation, and Food Scraps Recycling Grant Program.

Development Meetings

- The UCRRA Recycling Oversight Committee met on March 11, attended by Charles Landi, Tim Rose, Melinda France, and Angelina Peone.
- The Food Waste Composting Working Group met at the Agency on March 8 and March 22.
- Melinda and Angelina attended a meeting at Saugerties Junior/Senior High School regarding composting on March 19.
- Ulster County Plastic Bag Ban Steering Committee meeting was held on March 21, attended by Angelina, Melinda, and Tim.
- Angelina presented at the New York State Organics Summit, held March 25-27.

Tim Rose told the Board that the Agency will not be doing a sale on compost this year, at the advice of staff. Last year the sale was such a success that the Agency was unable to keep up with demand.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Tim DeGraff presented the February 2019 Treasurer's Report and MRF Cost Center Analysis.

Treasurer's Report

For the month of February, the Agency did 8,414 tons. Line item of note: Sale of recyclables was \$6,232, and was only comprised of OCC and scrap metal. Total revenue of \$986,400. Total operating expenses were \$843,547. Net operating revenue was \$142,853. Capital outlay for the month was \$48,105, for the purchase of the compost bagging machine. We made our annual debt service payment of \$1,790,000. For the month of February the fund balance was a deficit of \$1,695,252. Year to date fund balance is a deficit of \$1,705,723.

Fred Wadnola motioned to approve the February 2019 Treasurer's Report. Moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Fred Wadnola. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Mitten, Myers).

MRF Cost Center Analysis

For the month of January, the Agency did \$16,290 in tipping fees. The total sale of recyclables was \$3,975. Total revenue of \$20,265. SSR disposal fees were \$15,920. Total expenses were \$28,697. Net loss for the month of \$26,647. Year-to-date net loss of \$30,483.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles Landi spoke about Tracy Bartels recent article in the Daily Freeman. He explained that he is happy that the Legislature seems to be coming around to the idea of a local landfill.

Fred Wadnola stated that it would be difficult to find a parcel large enough for a landfill in Ulster County, which is part of the reason the Agency is looking at regionalization. He added that it would be easier to find a parcel in Greene County.

Fred Wadnola, Charles Landi, and Manna Jo Greene discussed the former Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission and the list of parcels they were reviewing as potential landfills. Charles stated that the Board should get that list for the newly formed commission between the Agency and Legislature to review.

Tim Rose added that the problem with a landfill in Ulster County is that the Agency lacks volume.

Charles Landi asked about the status of GUS.

Fred Wadnola responded that it is in the hands of the three legislatures and he does not know anything definitive.

Tim Rose asked Manna Joe Greene if she knows when the Legislature is going to appoint its six members to the commission to develop the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Manna Jo Greene responded that she isn't certain, but assumes it will be before the Agency's next Board Meeting.

Tim Rose told the Board that the Board will have to appoint its three members to the commission at the next Board Meeting.

CLOSING

Fred Wadnola motioned to adjourn the March 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Fred Wadnola. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Mitten, Myers).

April 25, 2019.

Motion to approve the above transcribed Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting was made by Fred Wadnola, moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Katherine Beinkafner. 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained (Myers, Mitten), 0 absent. The Minutes were approved by the Board.

Transcribed by: Brenna Whitaker, Clerical Secretary. Meetings are recorded and available upon request.

Signatures:

Fred Wadnola, Chairman

Ken Gilligan, Secretary

Brenna Whitaker, Clerical Secretary