

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

FINAL

JUNE 14TH, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:	Khristopher A. Dodson, Tony Geiss, Travis Glazier, Jonathan Y. Kelley, Lee Klosowski, P.E., Donald Lawless, Jessi Lyons, Jeanne Powers, Ravi Raman, Mike Reilly, Jeff Wright, John Copanas
Board Members Absent:	
Also Present:	M. Mokrzycki, M. Cirino, K. Spillane, A. Miller, B. Bulsiewicz, A. Radin, D. Glance, K. Lawton, T. Evans, M. Farrell, R. Czerwiak
Guests:	

The June 14th Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The May 10th, 2017 Minutes of the Board were approved as presented and filed.

The **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** was presented by D. Glance, acknowledging Recycling Specialist II, Theresa Evans for her most recent recognition by the NYS Teachers Association. T. Evans receiving the 2017 Ellen Swallow Richards Award from the CNY Association of Family Consumer Science Educators. D. Glance reiterating the ongoing success of WestRock, which resulted in optimizing WTE and contributed to the record setting electricity production. D. Glance also noted phase two of the consolidation study beginning this month, concentrating on key factors for the Rock Cut Road Transfer Station. Closing her report by stating ash management continues to be a priority, and adding Seneca Meadows as an ash disposal option will benefit operations greatly. OCRRA also continues to explore additional opportunities for ash.

The **TREASURER’S REPORT** was presented by K. Dodson. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members and discussed.

K. Dodson highlighting that the financial results were a reflection of April’s numbers and did not include entries from WestRock. Optimistic that OCRRA is on track to meet budget. OCRRA’s cash balance stood at \$6.07M, up from last years \$5.78M. Annual Budget process, due in October, has begun, starting with the Management team’s review of capital needs in June/July. August brings preliminary Capital and Operating Budgets, along with Budget Workshops to solicit additional Board feedback. In September; draft budgets are brought for Committee sponsorship. October, the Board formally adopts the Capital Plan and Operating Budgets. K. Dodson mentioning OCRRA’s financial lease balances as of June 14th 2017 – noting that with the two pending Resolutions (to be approved at this meeting) the total balance number, currently at \$2,265,622 would be increased to approx. \$3.3M balance. Electricity production, as mentioned by the Executive Director, is at an all-time high, however rates are low, which effects revenue. K. Dodson noted that May should have very positive results due to record tonnage and electricity production.

WASTE-TO-ENERGY CAPITAL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT PRESENTATION – BY REQUEST OF THE RECYCLING/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – was presented by Amy Miller, Agency Engineer.

Recycling/Operations Committee requested that the Board be updated on \$15M Capital Refurbishment projects currently underway at the WTE Facility. Per the 2015 contract with Covanta OCRRA established a list of priority projects, obtained \$15M and had a three year deadline to complete projects and deplete the \$15M. As of June 2017 there are three projects remaining. After \$15M is spent, any additional projects, which have to be a minimum of \$1M each – Covanta will pay 50%. A. Miller described in detail each project that has been completed to date. T.Glazier inquiring about the emissions monitoring system. A. Miller responded that the entire unit will be replaced with an up-to-date system. Parts become obsolete and hard to find; so unit replacement is the most efficient option. J.Copanas asked if there was one, of the three projects that could be postponed if need be to stay within budget. A. Miller was confident that there will be enough in budget to complete all projects on schedule.

The **RECYCLING/OPERATIONS REPORT** was presented by J. Wright. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members and discussed.

J. Wright, recognized Theresa Evans for receiving the 2017 Ellen Swallow Richards Award. Regarding the MRF Contract, J. Wright stated that the Committee reviewed a proposed 3 year extension to the current MRF contract with Waste Management. The Committee was unanimous in its support. Resolution tabled pending further review.

Shredorama event was overly successful, and the Committee will discuss a different approach for future events. J. Copanas suggested that people sign up online – which could help with overcrowding. D. Glance adding that there is an upcoming meeting with OCRRA and the NYS Fair as a possible venue for the next Shredorama.

Amboy compost site and the odor issues seem improved from a year ago. R. Raman asking about an odor spray. A. Radin responding that there was a system in place at one time, and it was not effective.

Earth Day had over 6,800 participants and 73,000 lbs. of litter collected.

K. Spillane spoke of the ash disposal issue and the Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Amend Contract for Disposal of Waste Tires and Bypass Waste to Include Ash Disposal, as well as the purchase of the used water truck for Ley Creek. M. Reilly asking to amend the Ash Resolution, specifically the last line, making the conditions of the contract more transparent. B. Bulsiewicz agreeing to change verbiage and reassuring the Board the draft contract is consistent with the information in the Resolution. Board requested that the amended Resolution, although adopted, be included in the next Board packet.

Resolution #2089 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Amend Contract for Disposal of Waste Tires and Bypass Waste to Include Ash Disposal was moved by J. Wright and seconded by M. Reilly. The Resolution was adopted 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2090 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter Into Contract to Purchase Water Truck was moved by J. Wright and seconded by R. Raman. The Resolution was adopted 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain. **5**

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** was presented by D. Lawless, acting Admin Chair. D. Lawless began with an update on the MRF contract extension, which was discussed at the May 30th meeting. Site 31 properties were also discussed, focusing the future strategy for each of the properties. The Committee is waiting for a report on the conditions of all properties, costs to repair vs cost to tear down, to sell, or to have managed by a Real Estate Company. D. Lawless stating that the issue will come to the Board following a full report of all properties has been completed.

The **FINANCE COMMITTEE** Presented by M. Reilly. An update was given on the newly operational shredder; going well. K. Spillane explaining that success thus far has been due in part, because OCRRA has hired a good operator, as well as maintained good communication with Humdinger Equipment. Possible maintenance contract to be obtained in the future. Board gave unanimous consensus to move forward with exercising the shredder purchase option in the contract.

TIP – AD-HOC Committee Chair D. Lawless, Committee did not meet in May. No Committee report. He did inform that an Engineering Services Proposal had been received from Barton & Loguidice as well as GHD. He asked for consensus from the Board as to which company to use moving forward. A. Miller was asked her professional opinion as to which would be the better option. Her response being that both have similar pros and cons, and both are equally capable of delivering a good service. D. Glance adding that OCRRA had set an aggressive timeline, which will help keep either companies focused on being efficient. D. Lawless expressing his support of Barton & Loguidice. J. Copanas asking for consensus – Majority consensus for Barton & Loguidice.

J. Copanas ending the meeting, offering condolences to T. Geiss for the loss of his brother.

The meeting ended at 5:06 p.m. Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak