

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

April 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members	J. Copanas, T. Geiss, L. Klosowski, D. Lawless, J. Lyons, B. Page, R. Raman, M. Reilly, J. Thomas, J. Driscoll, T. Glazier, B. DeMore
Board Members Absent:	R. Raman, M. Reilly
Also Present:	B. Bulsiewicz, M. Cirino, D. Glance, M. Mokrzycki, A. Radin, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Albunio
Guests:	Chairman Dave Knapp

The April 10th Board Meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

The Board does not yet have quorum but is expecting two other members. The meeting will continue with non-business items until the other members arrive.

The **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** was presented by D. Glance.

D. Glance welcomes OCRRA's newest Board member, B. DeMore and special guest Legislative Chairman Dave Knapp.

NYS Budget – In 2020 single use plastic bags will be banned.

Individual counties will be able to opt into the paper bag fee. The county will retain 40% of the resources that are generated locally and 60% go directly into the Environmental Protection Fund.

The counties will use the bag fee to distribute reusable bags to the community.

The NYS budget also included food waste provisions that would require any establishment that produces 2 tons or more food scrap waste per week, and has access to waste compost, anaerobic digestion or other food waste end use within 25 miles, to separate their food waste for recycling.

OCRRA remains in strong support of expanding the bottle bill to include wine and liquor bottles.

Earth Day litter cleanup is April 26th & 27th, 2019.

OCRRA will close on the bonds on April 11, 2019, for the RCR Consolidation Project.

Next week will be the first construction meeting.

J. Copanas commended the Board members and staff. Their efforts and financial decisions raised the Agency's rating 2 points from the last time the Agency issued bonds in 2015.

T. Glazier arrived at approximately 4:20pm. The Board now has a quorum.

T. Geiss moved the March 13th Board meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent as submitted and filed.

The **TREASURER REPORT** was presented by D. Lawless. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

Due to the decline in waste materials from West Rock, tonnage was down in February.

Electricity rates were down.

Finance lease balance is \$3.6M.

Cash and cash equivalents are up, at \$9.8M.

L. Klosowski motioned, and T. Geiss seconded approval of the Treasurer report. The report was approved by unanimous consent as submitted and filed.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by J. Lyons. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

Three Resolutions were discussed.

Of three possible add on projects, the committee agreed that the highest priority for construction is the sanitary/leachate system. There are two pumps within the current system that do not function at this time.

The second priority add on item is the fueling facility – the fuel tanks cannot be insured after 30 years, and the current tank is 27 years old.

The roof at Rock Cut Road, the third potential project, will need replacement within five years.

GHD will be tasked with proposals/designs for these projects.

T. Evans updated the committee on the Agency's recycling totals from 2018.

OCRRA's presence at the Home and Garden show was a success.

K. Lawton provided an update on the media budget.

J. Lyons asked about the compactor repairs that had been discussed at the Recycling and Operations committee meeting.

K. Spillane explained to the Board – Since the committee review, the compactor has suffered another failure. It has been repaired under the \$20,000 limit needed for Board action, and it is currently operational. K. Spillane will have a report submitted to the Administration committee showing the cost breakdown of the repairs.

D. Glance reminded the Board that this machine would only need to be used until the RCR consolidation project is complete.

J. Lyons – The committee also discussed the Resolution for paving at Ley Creek and the Resolution for battery sorting.

All three Resolutions were recommended by unanimous consent and moved to the Board for full Board approval.

J. Copanas added - There will be more substantial traffic at Ley Creek due to the construction at RCR. It is essential to keep the Ley Creek facility running as efficiently as possible.

Resolution #2185 – Resolution Authorizing Agency Executive Director to Contract for Additional Engineering Design Services for Rock Cut Road Transfer Station Project – was moved by J. Lyons and seconded by D. Lawless

B. Page asked that the samples collected have a minimum requirement.

C. Albunio – GHD has done a sampling plan related to where they believed the samples needed to be taken and have worked with the laboratory. C. Albunio will get the number of samples taken clarified and report back to the committee. C. Albunio is confident that the amounts listed in the document are the numbers of samples taken. That information will be confirmed.

This Resolution was approved 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

Resolution #2186 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Proceed with Contract for Paving at Ley Creek – was moved by J. Lyons and seconded by L. Klosowski

There was no Board discussion.

This Resolution was approved 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

Resolution #2187 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Battery Sorting Services – was moved by J. Lyons and seconded by T. Geiss

There was no Board discussion.

This Resolution was approved 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain.

The **FINANCE COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Lawless. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

Fiscal advisors gave a presentation at the committee meeting on the bonding for the RCR consolidation project.

The committee, by unanimous consent, recommended moving financing for the RCR Consolidation project to the full Board for approval.

The **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** report was presented by J. Copanas. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

The committee is required, by Agency bylaw to meet twice a year, in the spring and the fall.

The committee discussed changing the organizational annual meeting date from February to March.

Changing the date will require a Resolution which will be brought to the Governance committee for discussion.

Chairman Knapp asked if the Agency has looked into long term solutions for the Recycling crisis.

J. Copanas responded – OCRRA has just recently formed a Recycling 2020 Ad hoc committee that will focus on long term solutions. What's working in other communities? What are the current market trends? Should paper be recycled in NYS? Should there be incentives for local recycling

facilities?

L. Klosowski – There are a series of meetings scheduled to brainstorm what the possible recycling options are. The first meeting will focus on recycling market history and the economics of recycling materials.

Chairman Knapp where is mixed paper being sent presently?

M. Mokrzycki – Vietnam and India

D. Glance – It will be crucial, while in this recycling recession to not lose the progress or the behavior with recycling itself.

K. Lawton updated the committee. Copies of the Media Appearance Update were distributed and discussed.

Recent media appearances covered the following topics: how to recycle right / eliminate contamination, extended season hours at the Compost Sites, Earth Day, and the State's plastic bag ban and food scrap recycling mandate.

In responses to T. Geiss's previous question at the Recycling-Operations Committee, K. Lawton said an email is forthcoming with details on projected 2019 ad agency service vs. placement costs, as well as a visual showing how OCRRA implemented J. Thomas's idea to share our greenhouse gas avoidance equivalents.

Chairman Knapp praised the newest Board member B. DeMore for his work with SOTS.

D. Glance updated Chairman Knapp on the most recent visit to Albany. The Agency organized several solid waste officials to meet with our State Legislators in Albany. D. Glance has also met with Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. Both meetings were to discuss the role of solid waste, in terms of energy, infrastructure and its impact on climate change. OCRRA is fortunate to be in Onondaga County where the elected officials are focused on these matters.

M. Cirino – This is the 2019 Board training code of ethics. This is a yearly requirement.

The **BOARD** had their annual ethics training at the conclusion of the Board meeting at 4:40pm.

Board Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak