

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

AUGUST 14, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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| Board Members | J. Copanas, J. Driscoll, L. Klosowski, J. Lyons, B. Page, R. Raman, B. DeMore, A. Bianchetti, B. Andrews, J. Thomas |
| Board Members Absent: | T. Geiss, T. Glazier, D. Lawless |
| Also Present: | B. Bulsiewicz, D. Glance, A. Radin, M. Mokrzycki, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Albuio |
| Guests: | |

The August 14th Board Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

R. Raman moved the May 8th Board meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent as submitted and filed.

The **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** was presented by D. Glance. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

The report focused on the current recycling crisis and as a long term solution, extended producer responsibility. (EPR)

A.Radin has been working with the product stewardship counsel and other NYS political leaders to bring EPR policies forward.

The blended value for recyclables continues to remain low.

OCRRA will be meeting with Waste Management/Recycle America to discuss future possibilities and the OCRRA/Recycle America contract.

Included in the report were two articles; one from St. Albert Today – Producers key to solving plastic pollution problem and one from NYPSC – 2018 In Review: Advancing Product Stewardship in New York State.

The **TREASURER** report was presented by M. Mokrzycki. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

In June, the Agency experienced a decrease in Net Position of (\$229,320.00), compared to a budgeted increase of \$90,665.00.

West Rock volume is down.

Electricity rates remain low at 1.18 cents per kw.

Cash inflow was \$850,000.00.

Cash balance was \$9.51 million – compared to \$7.45 million in 2018.

OCRRA has received the Recycling Market and Support grant for years 2016, 2017, and 2018. The grant total was \$852,000.00.

J. Copanas – What costs does the grant cover?

M. Mokrzycki – The grant covers 50% salaries and 50% advertising. There will be a separate equipment grant.

D. Glance – This will be the last time that OCRRA will receive a three year reimbursement. When NYS regulations were updated, the reimbursement term was changed to one year.

M. Mokrzycki presented the Board with the 2020 draft budget. A discussion followed.

OCRRA will hold its first budget workshop on August 21, 2019.

The 2020 budget will be voted on at the Administration committee meeting in September and then, if approved, moved to the Board for full consideration in October. The final approved budget is later submitted to New York State and ABO at the end of October.

D. Glance reminded the Board members that the August 21, 2019 meetings will begin at 3:00 pm with the budget workshop, followed by the Recycling and Operations committee at 4:00 pm and ending at 4:30 pm with the Administration committee meeting.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** was presented by R. Raman. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

The committee met on July 30, 2019.

The committee discussed the OCRRA 2020 draft budget.

The committee discussed how the Agency determines a hauler in good standing.

The committee discussed the RCR consolidation project, which remains slightly behind schedule.

The committee discussed the upcoming Resolutions.

The committee discussed the electrical issue at Ley Creek.

R. Raman – Have the electrical issues been resolved?

K. Spillane – Some substantial changes will need to be made. OCRRA will be presenting to both the

Recycling and Operations committee and the Administration committee with possible solutions to the electrical issue.

J. Copanas asked for a RCR construction update.

C. Albunio – The original supplier of the pre-engineered metal building has failed delivery deadlines. OCRRA was informed that the building would not be available for delivery until mid-January. With a completion goal of November's end that delivery date is unacceptable. General Contractor, Murnane Building Contractors, has identified another supplier that meets the specifications and has a new delivery date of mid-November. This will cause a delay in construction completion.

J. Copanas – Were the delays from the rebar and concrete resolved?

C. Albunio – The RCR project has caught up slightly but remains approximately three weeks behind schedule.

B. Page – Is the expectation that the cost of the new building will be similar to that of the original?

C. Albunio – The contract protects OCRRA from a price difference.

Resolution #2192 – Resolution Amending Resolution No. 1537 of March 14, 2007, Regarding Executive Director's Authority to Execute Construction Contract Change Orders was moved by R. Raman and seconded by L. Klosowski.

R. Raman asked if the \$20,000 was per change order or per project.

J. Copanas – This is per change order but only pertains to the current RCR consolidation project.

T. Geiss will oversee all change orders, regardless of cost.

The Resolution was approved 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Resolution #2193 – Amending Resolution Bo. 2180 of March 13, 2019, Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Change Orders for Additional Roof Construction, and Fuel System Repair Replacement was moved by R. Raman and seconded by L. Klosowski.

There was no Board discussion.

The Resolution was approved 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain

Resolution #2194 – Authorizing Amendment to The Agency's Employee Handbook was moved by R. Raman and seconded by J. Lyons.

B. Page asked for clarification as to which elections would be covered under the new law.

M. Mokrzycki explained that there was no clear definition within the law. If the employee requests

the time off, produces a voter registration card and proof of current election, they will be allowed the time off.

The Resolution was approved 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain

Resolution #2195 – Adopting Revised Agency By-Law Section 4.1 was moved by R. Raman and seconded by L. Klosowski.

J. Copanas explained that financial records are completed in March. Having the meeting before the documents are available does not make sense.

The Resolution was approved 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain

The **RECYCLING 2020 COMMITTEE** was presented by L. Klosowski. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

The Recycling 2020 committee has met twice since the last Board meeting; July 10th and August 6th.

The committee continues to explore various solutions to the recycling crisis.

B. Page has presented three separate goals to the committee for research.

J. Copanas – The question to be answered; is this the new normal or will the markets get better? This is a global issue. OCRRA is not the only organization feeling the pressure of the failing markets. Hopefully some solutions are not too far in the future.

D. Glance updated the Board on the July 12th hauler meeting. The meeting covered various topics including recycling, tip fees, and the 2020 Hauler contract.

A.Radin and D. Glance will be meeting with Senator May on Monday to discuss Municipal needs.

The September 3rd Recycling 2020 committee meeting has been moved to September 5th.

B. Page – When will the Waste Q& C be available?

A.Radin – More information will be available at the next meeting.

The committee explored renegotiating the MRF processing fee.

Board Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak