

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
 VIRTUAL MEETING
 June 10, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members Present	J. Copanas, B. Andrews A. Bianchetti, J. Driscoll, T. Geiss, T. Glazier, L. Klosowski, D. Lawless, B. Page, R. Raman, J. Thomas, Y. Abdul Qadir
Board Members Absent:	
Also Present:	M. Cirino, D. Glance, A. Radin, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Alunio, J. Gascon Esq.
Guests:	

The June 10, 2020, Virtual Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

J. Gascon gave a briefing of virtual meeting protocols.

Attendance of the Board was taken – quorum is present.

The May 13th meeting minutes were reviewed, moved by R. Raman, seconded by D. Lawless, and approved as submitted.

D. Glance presented the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S** report. Copies of the report were distributed.

- The transition from Ley Creek to Rock Cut Road continues.
- The final scheduled outage at Covanta is nearly complete.
- MSW volumes are up; outside haulers have been contracted to assist with moving the overage of trash.
- All commercial traffic will be integrated to Rock Cut Road on August 6th.
- OCRRA continues to procure Waste-to-Energy Insurance. Policy renewal is July 1, 2020.
- PPE and social distance policies continue to be reinforced at all OCRRA locations.
- OCRRA has spoken with the DEC regarding the recycling crisis and expects to continue discussion soon.

R. Raman asked if there were any objections from the Union in regards to the Agency hiring outside haulers to move MSW.

D. Glance responded that there had been no grievances received.

B. Page asked for clarification on the message from OCRRA in regards to the recycling crisis and how it would be addressed in the News Letter. Specifically the handling of items currently in the blue bin.

D. Glance responded that the intent of the message is that OCRRA is currently reviewing options that are under development already because no decisions have been made. The metal message was more for the Christmas lights, and garden hoses that are placed in the bin, and not recyclable. The blue bin items are strictly bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.

The **TREASURER** report was presented by B. Page. Copies of the report were distributed.

This report reflects the April 2020 data.

- Revenue is down.
- Cash balance was \$9.3 million at the end of April. This is approximately \$100,000 greater than in 2019.
- Tip fees are down. (15% from what was budgeted) May is looking like things may stabilize. Tonnages are improving.
- Electricity continues to be historically low—less than one cent per kw.
- Compost fees and revenue are down.
- Operating revenue is down 4% from budget.
- Total expenses are 2% below budget.

D. Glance mentioned that compost demand is high. But the reduction in the availability of food waste has caused operations to slow.

D. Lawless asked if the Agency's projected deficit had been accurate.

D. Glance responded that M. Mokrzycki's projections were accurate. Tonnage levels are increasing, which is good news.

D. Lawless moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by A. Bianchetti, and approved as submitted.

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

The Administration committee met on May 26, 2020.

Roll call taken at the beginning of the meeting, and attending members was in question. Recording of the meeting confirmed that D. Lawless was not present on May 26, 2020.

- T. Geiss gave an update on the Ad hoc Recycling Action 2021 committee.

T. Geiss updated the Board that the Ad hoc committee had met just prior to the May Board meeting to discuss the direction of the committee and how to outline an official plan of action.

- D. Glance gave a Recycling and Operations update.
- The Board toured the new facility at Rock Cut Road.
- The committee approved the purchase of two dump trucks. The Finance committee will discuss payment for those trucks at a later date.
- The committee approved two ash contracts. One with High Acres and one with Seneca Meadows.
- M. Mokrzycki gave an update on the Waste-to-Energy Insurance.
- The committee discussed small contracts.

Y. Abdul-Qadir stated that he was present at the Admin meeting and had moved in favor of moving the resolutions.

Email confirmation was obtained that Y. Abdul-Qadir had stated that is was the Recycling and Operations committee that he had attended in May and had voted in favor of moving the resolutions.

Resolution # 2240 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2043 REGARDING TIPPING FEES AND RELATED CHARGES was moved by R. Raman and seconded by J. Driscoll.

A friendly amendment was made to correct the heading title from Amending Resolution No. 2040 to read Amending Resolution No. 2043. A motion was made by R. Raman and seconded by Y. Abdul-Qadir.

J. Gascon advised the Board that the roll call could include voting for both the amendment and the acceptance of the resolution.

The resolution with amendment was adopted 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain. Yusuf Abdul-Qadir abstained.

Resolution # 2241 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH WESTROCK SOLVAY, LLC FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL WASTE STREAMS was moved by R. Raman and seconded by J. Driscoll.

A friendly amendment was made to correct a grammatical error in the last RESOLVED of the resolution to read:

Resolved that the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency does hereby authorized its Executive Director to enter into a contract with West Rock Solvay, LLC for disposal of certain waste streams of light industrial waste direct tip at an initial tip fee of \$28.63 per ton and \$49.25 per ton initial top fee for light industrial waste requiring size reduction, for a five (5) year period, with annual CPI escalator increases after the first year and with two year automatic joint renewal, subject to a cancellation provision thereafter.

R. Raman moved, and A. Bianchetti seconded the amendment.

The resolution with amendment was adopted 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain. Y. Abdul-Qadir abstained

R. Raman asked for Y. Abdul-Qadir to explain his reason for abstaining.

Y. Abdul-Qadir explained that due to his employment, he wanted to avoid potential conflict. He was in favor of both amendments.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by Lee Klosowski. Copies of the report were distributed.

The committee met on May 20, 2020.

- K. Lawton gave an update on media coverage.
- Due to COVID-19, Public Education has been put on pause.
- K. Spillane gave an update on transfer operations and the transition to Rock Cut Road.
- The committee moved the ash resolution.
- The committee moved the two dump truck purchase resolution.
- The committee discussed the mishandling of ash at Ley Creek. The report has been submitted to the DEC and OCRRA is awaiting a response.

- A. Radin updated the Board on recycling.
- Mixed paper held steady in June.
 - Pricing for OCC was down slightly.

L. Klosowski continued.

- A. Radin clarified the difference between published prices, which are available through trade magazines and the actual price, which is what the MRF actually receives through the sale of material.

Resolution # 2242 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO DUMP TRUCK TRACTOR CAB/CHASSIS AND DUMP BODY TARP SYSTEMS was moved by L. Klosowski and seconded by Y. Abdul-Qadir.

The resolution was adopted 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Resolution # 2243 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR DISPOSAL OF ASH WASTE TIRES AND BYPASS WASTE was moved by L. Klosowski and seconded by D. Lawless.

Y. Abdul-Qadir asked how close to residential communities or waterways these sites were located.

D. Glance responded that these were both permitted landfill sites.

The resolution was adopted 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

The **RECYCLING ACTION AD HOC COMMITTEE** report was presented by T. Geiss. Copies of the report were distributed.

The committee on May 26, 2020.

- T. Geiss announced the members of the committee.
- The committee discussed its priorities and how to start implementing them.
- The committee will use the Recycling 2020 Report from L. Klosowski's committee as an outline.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 30th at 3:00 pm.

J. Copanas added that he had reached out to the County Executive's office, provided them with the Recycling 2020 Report. They will review the material and respond to J. Copanas about a meeting with the County Executive.

D. Glance – A. Radin, C. Albinio, and herself met with the DEC. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled for June 30th. D. Glance will have an update after that meeting.

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

- The committee authorized the creation of the Recycling Action 2021 Ad hoc committee.

J. Copanas encouraged all Board members to attend the next meeting.

J. Copanas thank B. Andrews for his service with the Board. This will be his last meeting.

T. Geiss added that he had toured the new Rock Cut Road facility and was very impressed with operations. He also commended C. Alburnio and all staff members for their hard work in getting the project complete.

D. Glance mentioned that DEC had been on site recently and was also very pleased.

Y. Abdul-Qadir motioned, and T. Geiss seconded for adjournment.

Roll call was taken. All members voted Aye to adjourn.

Board Adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak