

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
 VIRTUAL MEETING
 January 13, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

The January 13, 2021 Virtual Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

J. Gascon gave the virtual meeting protocols.

J. Copanas asked if there were any members of the public that would like to identify themselves and address the Board.

Attendance of the Board was taken – quorum is present.

The December 9th meeting minutes were reviewed, moved by D. Lawless and seconded by J. Driscoll. Unanimous consent was given and the minutes were approved as submitted.

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

- OCRRA will not have any multi-year agreements to complete this year.
- Over the course of 2021 OCRRA will concentrate on strategic development for the Agency.
- OCRRA will continue discussion with the Town of Camillus and the capacity for disposal of C&D.
- Nearly all hauler contracts have been received by the Agency.
- James Gascon is under a five year contract with the Agency.
- OCRRA will complete an Optimization Study at the RCR Transfer Station this year.
- OCRRA will complete the permit modification process in the upcoming months.
- OCRRA has met with NYSDEC for a pre-application meeting for the Waste-to-Energy facility. This is done every ten years.
- The Title Five permit is scheduled to be finalized in the coming months.
- The Board will be considering a resolution declaring negative declaration for the RCR permit modification today.
- OCRRA is looking at year end data to identify patterns and other issues to help facilitate decisions moving forward.
- The Recycling and Operations committee will be discussing Legislative Priorities, mainly EPR.

The **TREASURER** report was presented by L. Klosowski. Copies of the report were distributed.

This report reflects the November 2020 data.

- Tipping revenue was down.
- Electricity was down approximately \$212,000 from budget.
- While some budget lines are over budget, overall on a year-to-date basis, the Agency is approximately \$282,000 under budget.

- Cash in-flow was \$273,000.
- Cash balance at the end of November stood at \$8.96 million. 2019 was \$9.96 million. 2018 was \$10.01 million.
- The Agency is set to have a \$2 million deficit. M. Mokrzycki reminded the Board that the Agency did budget for a \$1 million loss.

J. Copanas added that at the conclusion of the RCR project the Agency should have approximately \$500,000 that they can use to return to the Agency Reserve Fund.

The **SPECIAL RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** update was presented by A. Bianchetti.

The Special Administration committee met on January 13, 2021.

- The committee met at 3:00pm today.
- The committee met to discuss three resolutions that will need to be presented to the Board today.
- The first resolution was Resolution Determining Significance Pursuant to SEQRA and Authorizing Filing of Application for Permit Modification for Rock Cut Road Transfer Station Project.
 - Currently, OCRRA has residential customers at Ley Creek and commercial customers at Rock Cut Road.
 - One of the steps is declaring OCRRA as the Lead Agency for a coordinated review under SEQRA (New York State Environmental Quality Review Act).
 - OCRRA has already declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency.
 - The next steps include completing the Environmental Assessment forms.
 - The forms demonstrate a Negative Declaration, meaning that there are no environmental impacts or concerns with pursuing the changes to the permit that OCRRA is requesting.
 - The permit's change request would not include any modifications of buildings or grounds.
 - The permit's changes would only require altering hours of operation and the hours that waste is accepted.
- The second resolution was Resolution Authorizing Agency's Executive Director to Complete an Optimization Study by Consulting Engineers to Further Support the Agency's Transfer Station.
 - The two most qualified firms were chosen.
 - The two firms were taken to Rock Cut Road to review the site and ask questions.
 - Both firms then submitted proposals for the optimization study.
 - The Agency is recommending Cornerstone Engineering and Geology, PLLC for the Optimization Study.
 - The contract amount is not to exceed \$65,000, consistent with 2021's budget.
- The last resolution was Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Purchase Plastic Liners for the Agency's Ash Transportation Trailers.
 - This is a resolution that the Board has previously passed, so committee members were familiar with it.
- The committee unanimously agreed to move all three resolutions to the Board for consideration.

Resolution #2268 – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Purchase Plastic Liners for the Agency's Ash Transportation Trailers was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by D. Lawless.

A friendly Amendment was moved by T. Geiss and seconded by D. Lawless to edit the maximum number of plastic liners from 600 to 2,000 and the total cost not to exceed to \$75,000 for the contracted year.

T. Glazier asked for clarification as to why the Board is voting on an item that was passed in OCRRA's 2021 budget.

D. Lawless explained that the Board is approving the contract with the company. Individual contracts are not included in the budget.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2269 – Resolution Determining Significance Pursuant to SEQRA and Authorizing Filing of Application for Permit Modification for Rock Cut Road Transfer Station Project was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by T. Geiss.

An edit was made to Part 3, of the Environmental Assessment Form. The sentence reads “commercial services will continue to be offered. However, the times offered for commercial services ~~never~~ overlap with those offered for residential services” The edit will be to change ~~never~~ to are ~~not intended to~~, so that it's not such an absolute term.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2270 – Resolution Authorizing Agency's Executive Director to Complete an Optimization Study by Consulting Engineers to Further Support the Agency's Transfer Station was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by J. Driscoll.

T. Geiss gave an overall review of the process that brought the Agency to choose Cornerstone for this contract.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** update was presented by B. Page.

The committee met on January 13, 2021.

- The committee met today at 3:30 pm.
- The committee met to discuss two resolutions that will need to be presented to the Board today.
- The first resolution was approving the finalization with Murnane. OCRRA has come to a settlement agreement.
- The second resolution was Resolution Authorizing Board Member Alberto Bianchetti to Serve on the OCRRA Governance Committee.
 - A. Bianchetti's job title is the Regional Director of Customer and Community Engagement for Central New York.
 - A. Bianchetti leads a team of eight utility professionals whose primary role is account management for National Grid's largest commercial, industrial and municipal customers.
 - Customers included in his jurisdiction are those whose accounts are approximately \$300,000+ per year.

- OCRRA as an entity, does not cross that threshold.
- A. Bianchetti has no direct influence or impact on the relationship between OCRRA and National Grid when it comes to the Purchase Power Agreement or Transmission Commercial Services Agreement with Covanta.
- The committee unanimously agreed to move both resolutions to the Board for consideration.

Resolution #2271 – Resolution approving settlement agreement resolving the Rock Cut Road delay claim with Murnane was moved by B. Page and seconded by D. Lawless.

J. Gascon gave a brief overview of the final settlement.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2272 – Resolution Authorizing Board Member Alberto Bianchetti to Serve on the OCRRA Governance Committee was moved by B. Page and seconded by D. Lawless.

B. Page gave an overview of the discussion that was held prior to today’s Board meeting.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

A. Bianchetti abstains.

J. Copanas closed the meeting by thanking the Board and OCRRA staff for all the work done in 2020. It was a challenging year.

B. Page moved to adjourn the meeting. D. Lawless seconded the motion.

A mutual ‘aye’ was noted and the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak