

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY  
 VIRTUAL MEETING  
May 12, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The May 12, 2021 Virtual Board Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

J. Copanas 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 March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed, moved by E. Gilligan and seconded by A. Bianchetti. Roll was taken and the minutes were approved as submitted.

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

- OCRRA is under budget for recycling.
- A. Radin and K. Lawton have been working with TOMRA to pilot a program to incorporate the clean beverage glass into the glass recycling stream even if NYS doesn’t act on a policy.
- OCRRA has two new Recycling Specialists. L. Piering will be working directly with the bottle redemption sites to start dropping off non-deposit, clean glass beverage containers - wine, liquor, and cider, directly at participating facilities.
- OCRRA will do a soft launch, and after any adjustments, the goal will be to be up and running by Memorial Day this year.
- The Agency will have a map posted on the OCRRA website with a list of local sites participating in this program.
- The May Recycling and Operations committee meeting has been canceled.
- A tour of Rock Cut Road will be held in place of that meeting.
- Earth Day was successful.
- Over 4,000 people participated and over 56,000 tons of roadside trash was collected in just those two days.
- OCRRA staff is at approximately 70% vaccinated.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by A. Bianchetti. Copies of the reports from March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> were distributed and discussed.

- The March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - Cornerstone presented on the Rock Cut Road Optimization Study.
  - The Board will consider the formal approval of the study at the June meeting.
- The April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting:

- OCRRA welcomed the newest Board member R. Zaccaria.
- R. Zaccaria will be replacing T. Geiss on the Board.
- R. Zaccaria will also be a member of the Recycling and Operations committee.
- The committee moved three resolutions that will be presented today for approval.

**Resolution # 2285 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Battery Sorting Services** was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by L. Klosowski.

There was no further discussion.

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

**Resolution #2286 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Private Hauling Services** was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by B. Page.

There was no further discussion.

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

**Resolution #2287 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute a One Year Contract Extension for Consulting Engineering Services for the WTE Facility** was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by Eileen Gilligan.

There was no further discussion.

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

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

This report reflects March 2021 data.

- Tonnage is up approximately 10% over budget in March.
- The February electricity rate was 1.3 c/kWh.
- Recycling markets are improving.
- Cash outflow for March was approximately \$60,000.
- Agency cash balance at the end of March was approximately \$8.86 million (\$10.89 prior year)
- Operating revenues are up.
- Expenses have decreased.

E. Gilligan asked if removing the glass from the Blue Bin would affect the Average Blended Value (ABV).

D. Glance responded, - The program is expected to start slowly and gain momentum. So there will be a very small impact in the beginning. Every ton of glass will impact the ABV. If the overall tonnage drops where the MRF is unable to spread the processing costs over the same amount of tonnage, likely the equations that back up where the ABV comes from would be changed slightly.

B. Page added that the fact that glass could be eliminated from landfills and actually recycling that material is exciting.

J. Driscoll made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. A. Bianchetti seconded.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. Copies from the March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> reports were distributed and discussed.

- The March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - The committee discussed obtaining excess coverage for liability insurance coverage.
  - The committee's decision was to obtain Cyber coverage instead of the excess liability.
  - The committee discussed Waste-to-Energy insurance coverage.
  - The committee's decision was to not re-enter the Covanta insurance program and to continue coverage on their own.
  - The committee discussed releasing an RFP for Broker's Services.
  - The committee discussed the insurance claims for damage that had been done to the doors at Rock Cut Road. One of the claims had been paid in full.
- The April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting:
  - The committee discussed the Quarterly report.
  - The committee discussed office space.
  - The committee discussed the bi-annual review of the Executive Director's performance.
  - The committee moved three resolutions that will be presented to the Board today.

**Resolution #2288 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Cyber Liability Coverage for the Period Beginning June 1, 2021** was moved by B. Page and seconded by L. Klosowski.

E. Gilligan referenced the current cyber-attacks and asked how our insurance would handle a similar situation.

M. Mokrzycki responded, OCRRA would essentially turn it over to the insurance company's cyber experts and they would decide if they were able to unlock our data or they may decide to pay the ransom, but it would be covered under this policy up to the limit.

J. Gascon noted that this policy would only cover attacks to the OCRRA system.

E. Gilligan asked that the Agency confirm if Covanta also has cyber coverage for their system.

C. Albunio will confirm with Covanta and report back at the next committee meeting.

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

**Resolution \$2289 – Resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with the Union and Amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement** was moved by B. Page and seconded by J. Driscoll.

There was no further discussion

The resolution was adopted 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2290 – Resolution Amending Agency's Personnel Rules Regarding Holidays** was moved by B. Page and seconded by J. Driscoll.

E. Gilligan asked for clarification of a 'working holiday'.

D. Glance responded that the Compost sites and Transfer Stations will be open and the employees will receive a higher rate of pay for that day. OCRRA will look at the calendar every year and depending on how the day falls, OCRRA will make the determination which campuses are closed and which are open for a "working holiday."

J. Copanas commended the staff for their efforts with this Union negotiation.

The resolution was adopted 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

M. Cirino briefly reviewed the procedure for the upcoming review of the Executive Director.

B. Page moved to adjourn the meeting. J. Driscoll seconded.

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