

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
September 14, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present	B. Page, A. Bianchetti, L. Colon-Torres, D. Daley, C. Dunham, E. Gilligan, T. Glazier, L. Klosowski, S. Pasquale
Board Members Absent:	J. Copanas, J. Driscoll, D. Lawless, R. Raman, R. Zaccaria
Also Present:	M. Cirino, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Albunio, J. Gascon Esq., M. Mokrzycki, J. Connery, K. Lawton, P. Pastella
Guests:	

The September 14, 2022, Board meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Attendance of the Board was taken – quorum is present.

The Agency’s new Transfer Director, Patricia ‘Patti’ Pastella introduced herself to the Board. Patti began with OCRRA in August.

C. Dunham moved and S. Pasquale seconded the approval of the minutes from the July Board meeting.

Two corrections were made to the Board minutes.

Roll was called and the minutes were approved with corrections as submitted.

K. Spillane presented his Executive Director report.

- The Agency has filled the Transfer Director position with Patti Pastella.
- In just a few weeks, P. Pastella has helped stabilized the Agency’s transfer and compost operations.
- The transition from Ley Creek to RCR is complete.
- All of the waste at Ley Creek has been removed with out needing private hauling services.
- The Agency continues to engage Covanta regarding the West Rock material.
- Bids are out for the demolition of the transformers at Ley Creek.
- The Agency engineer has applied for a permit renewal for the Amboy compost facility.
- OCRRA’s current contracts with our Household Hazardous Waste vendor, Miller Environmental and our Materials Recovery facility, (Recycling America) have had long standing extensions. The Agency is exploring new long-term agreements.
- OCRRA continues to provide information to the municipalities about the future of the blue bin program.
- The next quarterly hauler meeting will be at the end of September.
- This Saturday is the OCRRA Mercury event at Miller Environmental.

- The Public Information Officer, W. Wallak has resigned. K. Lawton, the Recycling Director will be attending to his duties until a replacement can be found.

E. Gilligan asked which items are not grant eligible with the HHW program.

K. Lawton responded that certain items that the state currently has PR programs for would be ineligible within OCRRA's program. Some examples are asbestos, fire extinguishers, mercury.

A. Bianchetti asked what materials were left at Ley Creek.

K. Spillane responded that only tires and white goods are stored at Ley Creek until we have full truckloads of material to move these items and due to the lack of space at Rock Cut. Ley Creek is not staffed at this time.

B. Page commended Agency staff for removing all materials at Ley Creek without the need of outside hauling.

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

This report reflects July 2022 data.

- July tonnage was below expectations.
- Year to date tipping fees were approximately 3% below budget.
- Electricity revenues remained strong.
- The electricity rate for July was 5.5c/kWh.
- The Agency's cash balance at the end of July was \$21.43M. (\$9.3M prior year)
- The Agency began the year with \$14.2M.
- Year to date payments to the MRF for recycling stood at \$59,354.

T. Glazier moved and L. Colon Torres seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was called and the report was unanimously approved.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by A. Bianchetti. Copies of the reports from the July 20th and August 17th meetings were distributed and discussed.

July 20th -

- The committee discussed a resolution for tire disposal services.
- The committee discussed a resolution to purchase two dump trucks.
- W. Wallak gave an update on the recycling education plan.
- M. Mokrzycki updated the committee on the budget timeline.

August 17th -

- The committee discussed a resolution to purchase a roll-off truck.
- M. Mokrzycki presented the draft 2023 budget.
- C. Albuino updated the committee on the 2023 budget – Engineering Professional Fees.
- C. Albuino updated the committee on three projects that are out for bid or will be put out for bid over the next couple of weeks.

Resolution # 2348 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Tire Disposal Services from SGS Recovery was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by E. Gilligan.

K. Spillane gave a brief background recap of the specifics for the resolution.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2349 – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Purchase Two Dump Trucks Tractor Cab/Chassis and Dump Body/Tarp Systems from County Contract – was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by S. Pasquale.

K. Spillane gave a brief background recap of the specifics for the resolution.

C. Dunham asked what the delivery timeline was for the purchase.

K. Spillane responded that the delivery will be 2024.

E. Gilligan asked if the Agency had investigated purchasing electric vehicles.

K. Spillane responded that in the interest of maintaining the current fleet, this is the best option. The Agency is exploring electrical vehicles for future purchases.

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

Resolution #2350 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase One Truck Tractor Cab/Chassis and Roll-Off Hoist/Tarp System from County Contract was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by E. Gilligan.

K. Spillane gave a brief background recap of the specifics for the resolution.

J. Gascon asked why this resolution did not include a 5% contingency.

K. Spillane explained that the company was confident that the contingency was not necessary. Should the price increase, the Agency will return to the committee with that information for future Board consideration if necessary.

There was no further discussion.

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

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. J. Copanas is absent at today's meeting. Copies of the reports from the August 30th meetings were distributed and discussed.

- The committee discussed a resolution authorizing the demolition of 2797 Brickyard Rd.
- M. Mokrzycki presented the draft 2023 budget to the committee.
- The committee discussed creating a cash capital account for equipment purchases.

- The committee discussed the recent decline in food waste, and the ongoing recovery from COVID-19 which has contributed to the compost production.
- M. Mokrzycki presented the 2nd quarterly report to the committee.

Resolution #2351 – Resolution Authorizing Demolition of 2797 Rickyard Rd was moved by B. Page and seconded by C. Dunham.

M. Mokrzycki gave a brief background recap of the specifics for the resolution.

There was no further discussion.

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

The **LEY CREEK PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. D. Lawless is absent at today's meeting. Copies of the report from July 28th and August 31st were distributed and discussed.

July 28th -

- C. Albinio gave a brief history of Ley Creek, steps that are being made to recondition the site and future goals for the area.
- Team members from Cornerstone were in attendance for a progress update.
- The committee discussed the project schedule.

August 31st –

- C. Albinio gave a progress update.
- Team members from Cornerstone were in attendance via ZOOM for a progress update.

C. Albinio updated the Board. NYSDEC is in agreement that only the area where waste will be handled will need to be kept out of the floodplain.

The **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. The meeting was on July 6th.

- The committee discussed the resolution to amend Agency Corporate Governance Principles pertaining to Ad Hoc committees.

This resolution was passed at the July Board meeting.

T. Glazier asked if there was an Article 24 Wetland Permit.

C. Albinio responded that there was not. The wetlands that are on site are local wetlands. There are no required off-sets.

B. Page reminded the Board that R. Czerwiak will be sending out calendar invites for committee meeting 3 months in advance.

S. Pasquale moved and L. Klosowski seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous aye voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 4:50 p.m. the Board members will remain for Ethics Training.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak