

**ONONDAGA COUNTY
RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY**

**APRIL 14, 2010
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**



Board Members Present:	Jake Barrett, Jeffrey DeRoberts, Esq., Mark Donnelly, Roger B. Eidt, Lee Klosowski, P.E., Donald Lawless, Minchin G. Lewis, Rachel May, Gwendolyn Raeford, Ravi Raman, P.E., Richard Smardon, Ph.D.
Board Members Absent:	Dereh B. Glance, Jonathan Y. Kelley, Michael J. Reilly, CPA
Also Present:	A. T. Rhoads, William J. Bulsiewicz, Esq., Warren Simpson, Andrew Radin, Joseph Fontanella, Kristen Lawton, Maria Cirino, Amy Lawrence
Guests:	

The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Minutes of the Board, March 10, 2010, were accepted as presented and filed.

The TREASURER’S REPORT was presented by R. Raman, and copies were distributed to Board Members.

Mr. Rhoads presented the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT, and copies of the report were distributed to the Board.

The ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by D. Lawless. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members. Following are some highlights from the meeting:

- The Business Officer reviewed a series of five-year projections with the Committee based primarily on variations in MSW tonnage and electricity revenues. The purpose of the scenarios is to engender Board discussion prior to beginning negotiations with the Haulers on new long-term contracts. The Business Officer advised that MSW and electric revenues were the two major ingredients that determine the annual financial outcome. Discussion centered on appropriate MSW tip fee rates in order to maintain customer base while striving for a balanced financial operation.

Resolution # 1703 — **Resolution Adopting Revised Agency By-Law Section 5.3** was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by R. May. The Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Resolution # 1704 — **Resolution Creating Special Strategic Planning Committee to Examine 2015 Transitional Issues** was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by J. Barrett.

The OPERATION'S COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by L. Klosowski. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members. Highlights of the Committee Meeting are as follows:

- The Committee discussed the Agency Engineer's Report. Ms. Lawrence explained that the OCRRA Operational GHG Emissions Inventory is purely voluntary and not mandated. EPA's mandatory reporting rule applies only to the WTE Facility, and only requires reporting at this time, not compliance. Legislative regulation is not likely soon.
- All required storm water monitoring, sampling, and inspection was completed in 2009. Annual certification will be submitted.
- The Committee approved Ms. Lawrence's attendance at the Covanta Municipal Partner's Conference in April. Ms. Lawrence will submit a report of the conference in May.

Resolution # 1705 — **Resolution authorizing Hiring of Temporary Laborers to Work at Agency Transfer Stations** was moved by L. Klosowski and seconded by J. Barrett. The Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT was presented by R. Smardon, and copies were distributed to Board Members. Committee highlights are as follows:

- The February 2010 Recycling Figures:

Mandatory Recycling:	17,500 tons
Mandatory & Voluntary Recycling:	43,700 tons
Total Waste Reduction through Recycling:	68%

- The Committee established evaluation criteria for the MRF RFP. The current MRF Contract expires December 31, 2010.
 - The Committee also recommended a contract term of four years (January 2011 – December 2014) with two one-year OCRRA option periods.
 - The Committee expressed its interest in having all MRF residue materials from Onondaga County sourced recyclables processed through the OCRRA Disposal System.

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- The Committee concurred that it is in the Agency's best interest to have more than one MRF service provider.

RFP responses are due on May 18th, and will be reviewed at the May 26th Committee Meeting.

- The Committee reviewed the results of the 2009 Annual Recycling Report; 245,000 tons of mandatory recyclables; the most ever collected, with 8,000 tons of additional mandatory recyclables collected in 2009 vs. 2008.
- The Committee reviewed the volatility in the recycling markets for old newspapers (ONP) and old corrugated cardboard (OCC). Prices have increases significantly.
- C3 closed on March 13th. \$50,000 reduction in 2009 expenses projected.
- Compost Sites opened on April 1st, with a new fee system established by the OCRRA Board.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by C.M. Strong.



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