

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MARCH 9, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:	Jake Barrett, John P. Copanas, Khristopher A. Dodson, Scott Gerharz, Travis Glazier, Jonathan Y. Kelley, Lee Klosowski, P.E., Donald Lawless, Andrew M. Maxwell, Ravi Raman, P.E., Michael J. Reilly, CPA, Jeffrey T. Wright
Board Members Absent:	
Also Present:	Mark Donnelly, William J. Bulsiewicz, Esq., Warren Simpson, Mike Mokrzycki, Andrew Radin, Amy Miller, Kristen Lawton, Greg Gelewski, Maria Cirino
Guests:	Gail Kinsella and Keeley Hines (The Bonadio Group), Eric Will (CBD Companies), Wayne Goodell (Ley Creek)

The March 9th Board Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. after the official Board member photograph was taken.

The February 10, 2016 Minutes of the Board were approved as presented and filed.

The AUDIT COMMITTEE’s Chair, John Copanas, introduced Gail Kinsella and Keeley Hines of The Bonadio Group to the Board. Ms. Kinsella presented an overview of the financial statements included in OCRRA’s annual audit and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Copanas expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the Board, to The Bonadio Group and the OCRRA team for putting the audit together.

Resolution # 2000 – Resolution Approving Audit of Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency for Calendar Year 2015 was moved by J. Copanas and seconded by R. Raman. The Resolution was adopted: 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The TREASURER’S REPORT was presented by S. Gerharz. Copies of the report were distributed to Board Members and discussed. Mr. Gerharz noted that the Agency does a nice job of keeping expenses under control.

The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT was presented by M. Donnelly, and copies of this report were distributed to the Board. Mr. Donnelly recognized Warren Simpson, Business Officer, as this would be the last board meeting Mr. Simpson would be attending before retiring from the Agency. Mr. Donnelly expressed his appreciation for Mr. Simpson’s years of service and dedication to the Agency.

The Board also thanked Mr. Simpson for his past service and dedication to the Agency. Mr. Reilly suggested having a party in the summer (cookout, etc.) for Mr. Simpson and the other long-term employees that recently left the Agency (i.e., Joe Fontanella, Cathy Strong, etc.). The time and place shall be determined.

The ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE report was presented by R. Raman, and copies of this report were distributed to the Board. Mr. Raman introduced Eric Will (CBD Companies) to the Board. A

discussion regarding the office lease followed. Mr. Will presented some options to the Board and they were discussed. It was agreed that the Administration/Management should further examine the possible options available to the Agency and at the next Administration Committee Meeting, propose specific options which would then be brought to the Board.

Resolution # 2001 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Insurance Policies for the Agency for the Period Beginning April 1, 2016 was moved by R. Raman and seconded by J. Barrett. The Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Resolution # 2002 — Resolution Approving Investment Guidelines and Investment Report of Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency for Calendar Year 2015 was moved by R. Raman and seconded by J. Barrett. The Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

The AUDIT COMMITTEE report was presented by J. Copanas, and copies of the report were distributed to the Board Members.

The RECC AD HOC COMMITTEE report was presented by J. Copanas, and copies of the report were distributed to the Board members. A RECC Ad Hoc Committee meeting took place just prior to this board meeting. The report for this meeting will be sent to the board. Mr. Copanas discussed the possibility of retaining the services of Mr. Mark Wickham who is an expert in the areas of waste control management, bringing a new prospective in order to determine the direction the Agency should go in regards to new revenue sources and cost containment.

The RECYCLING/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE report was presented by K. Dodson and discussed the proposed resolutions.

Mr. Dodson stated that the Recycling and Operations Committees have agreed to meet on the third Friday of each month at the Syracuse Center of Excellence, at 11:30 a.m., for their joint Recycling/Operations Committee meetings.

Mr. Wright discussed the proposed resolution regarding the concrete slab at the Ley Creek Facility.

Resolution # 2003 — Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter Into Contract for Repairs to Concrete Floor at Ley Creek Facility was moved by J. Wright and seconded by L. Klosowski. A discussion followed regarding the work to be performed at the Ley Creek Facility. The Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Resolution # 2004 — Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Temporary Laborers for Agency Compost Sites was moved by K. Dodson and seconded by R. Raman. The need for the temporary laborers for the Agency compost sites were discussed. The Resolution was adopted: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Mr. Reilly requested the Board go into Executive Session and it began at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution # 2005 — Resolution to go Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Contract was moved by M. Reilly and seconded by R. Raman. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.
Board Minutes were taken by Beth Morison.