

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

July 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:	J. Copanas, K. Dodson, T. Geiss, T. Glazier, D. Lawless, J. Lyons, B. Page, M. Reilly
Board Members Absent:	J. Driscoll, L. Klosowski, J. Powers, R. Raman, J. Thomas
Also Present:	B. Bulsiewicz, M. Cirino, D. Glance, M. Mokrzycki, A. Radin, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak
Guests:	

The July 11th Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The May 9th Minutes of the Board were approved as presented and filed.

The **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** was presented by D. Glance. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

D. Glance updated the Committee on the challenges that continue in the solid waste industry. The next Recycling and Operations committee will address these issues in more detail.

The WTE facility is at capacity. OCRRA is bypassing material to circumvent exceeding the permit limits at the facility.

D. Glance has met with OCRRA's recycling team to discuss new opportunities in reduction efforts.

Thin film plastic, used in wrapping many products, comprises 5% of the entire waste stream by weight. This material can be recycled, not in a blue bin, but at big box retail stores.

OCRRA's textile event will be October 20, 2018 at Destiny, USA. OCRRA will be working with Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army. Any stained, yet clean and dry clothing will be accepted.

D. Glance updated the Committee on the OCRRA - Covanta insurance agreement.

The **TREASURER REPORT** was presented by K. Dodson. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

K. Dodson updated the Board – May results include the amount of \$750,000.00, which is Feher's outstanding balance. May's actual results were under budget for the month by that amount.

OCRRA would have been at budget if not for the Feher loss.

Electricity is at an average price of 1.7c/kwh. Volume is up. Revenue is ahead of budget.

Metal pricing has remained consistent. OCRRA is approximately \$150,000.00 ahead of budgeted revenue for the year.

Cash outflow for the month was approx. \$376,000.00.

Cash balance is at \$7.2M. (\$6.5M prior year)

Total operating revenues are ahead of budget.

The landfill contract costs have increased due to bypass.

Mechanical repairs are up.

D. Glance updated the Committee – Roth Steel has settled the full amount of \$52,000.00 debt they had with OCRRA.

The DEC will be issuing grant credits to the Recycling and Operations department.

The **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** was presented by J. Copanas. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

A meeting for 2018 will be scheduled in the near future.

J. Copanas asked the Board to consider which items they would like to have added to the next Agenda.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** was presented by J. Lyons. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

J. Lyons began with the Committee Resolution.

Resolution #2142 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Utilize GHD Engineering to Perform an Economic Analysis of the Agency’s Compost Program was moved by J. Lyons and seconded by K. Dodson.

Resolution #2142 was passed 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

The **TIP COMMITTEE** was presented by D, Lawless. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

D. Lawless updated the committee – The Committee received and update on the permit application for the RCR consolidation project from GHD. The project is on schedule.

Phase IV, Final Design and Bid documents, was discussed.

The Committee discussed the closing of RCR. It was decided that January 1, 2019 would be the closing date. Operations will be moved to Ley Creek at that time.

B. Page asked when the public would be notified of the closure.

D. Lawless responded that there would be signs at RCR in the very near future.

D. Glance added that K. Lawton was currently working on signage and public announcements.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** was presented by M. Reilly. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

M. Reilly updated the Committee on the budget timeline. Copies of the timeline were distributed and discussed.

Resolution #2143 – Resolution Amending Agency Tipping Fee Schedule For Roofing Material Disposal During Fiscal Year 2018 was moved by M. Reilly and seconded by T. Geiss.

B. Page asked how the roofing rate compared to the rate of C&D.

J. Copanas responded - the roofing rate is slightly higher.

Resolution #2143 was passed 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2144 – Resolution Amending Resolution No. 1951 of June 10, 2015 Regarding Expanding Engineering Consultant Services by Henningson, Durham and Richardson Architecture and Engineering, P.C. (HDR) Consultant Services was moved by M. Reilly, and seconded by K. Dodson.

M. Reilly added that the need for the increase is because OCRRA does not currently have an Engineer.

D. Glance added that HDR oversees operations, and performs inspections during Covanta outages.

HDR will also support the new Engineer.

Resolution #2144 was passed 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2145 – Resolution Authorizing Agency’s Executive Director to Continue Work by Consulting Engineers on Design Phase V of the Rock Cut Road Transfer Station Upgrades and Expansion Related to Consolidation of Operations was moved by M. Reilly and seconded by J. Lyons.

Resolution #2145 was passed 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

CLOSING

The Committee discussed the upcoming budget process and potential budget workshops.

The Committee discussed strategies for managing declining Recycling markets.

J. Lyons added that if Agencies like OCRRA had more funding, they would be able to do a better job of supporting communities to take care of their waste better. If funding is not advanced within the realm of Public Education, solid waste issues will continue to get worse.

J. Copanas added that single stream recycling has contributed to misplaced trash on the streets. Larger, taller recycling bins with lids will help reduce liter by containing loose recyclables.

B. Bulsiewicz updated the Committee on documents filed with the Onondaga County Supreme Court in reference to OCRRA’s lawsuit with Feher Rubbish Removal. Copies of the document were distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak