

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

May 8, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The May 8th Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

T. Geiss moved the April 10th Board meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent as submitted and filed.

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

Construction officially began at Rock Cut Road on Friday, May 3, 2019.

T. Geiss – What is the official completion date?

C. Albuio – 180 days from May 3, 2019.

OCRRA will photographically document the construction progress.

With the assistance of Assemblywoman Pam Hunter, the Assembly Energy Committee Chair, Honorable Michael Cusisk spent over two hours touring the Covanta Facility during his visit to Syracuse.

Once the Legislative Session is over, a round table discussion will be held to talk about Waste to Energy and the issues of waste as it relates to reaching our carbon reduction profiles in New York State.

Earth Day litter cleanup was very successful.

Over 6,000 volunteers participated in the cleanup.

More than 60,000 lbs of waste were collected.

Over the past ten years 70,000 volunteers have participated, collecting almost 1 million lbs of trash.

J. Copanas – How was this year in comparison to 2018?

D. Glance – There were more individual participants in 2018 and more groups in 2019.

Onondaga County Legislative Chairman David Knapp helped coordinate between OCRRA and the Onondaga County Water Environmental Protection (WEP) for access to their property adjacent to Ley Creek. This will allow OCRRA additional options for traffic management while the Ley Creek Transfer Station is handling increased traffic due to construction at Rock Cut Road.

The Onondaga County Correctional Facility at Jamesville provided prisoners to clean up the roadsides and hill areas near Route 481 and Rock Cut Road.

The **TREASURER REPORT for March 2019** was presented by D. Lawless. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

The forecast for nationwide containerboard inventories is still elevated. The projection is that it will take into June for supply and demand to rebalance.

In March WestRock tipping fees were approximately 24% lower than in 2018.

Electricity and metal recovery revenues were also down in March.

OCRRA's net position is down approximately \$73,000.00.

Recycling costs are at \$418,141.00 for the year.

Lease balances are at \$3.6 million.

The repair and maintenance budget through March 31st is below the budgeted amount.

M. Mokrzycki – The figures listed in this report will change next month, due to the Bond closing in April.

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

The committee met briefly prior to last month's Board meeting to discuss two Resolutions that were then presented to the Board.

The **RECYCLING 2020 COMMITTEE** report was presented by L. Klosowski. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed.

The committee has met twice since April 2019.

The committee has discussed the background and history of the recycling program, where the program has been, where it is now, and how it should evolve.

The committee has also looked into what other Legislative actions could be taken to improve the economics.

The committee has also toured the MRF facility, after hours.

The committee discussed the use of an optical scanner at the MRF to aide in sorting mixed paper.

The committee discussed a change from open recycling bins to covered totes while at the MRF. OCRRA and the MRF will do some research into the economic benefits of the change.

B. DeMore – Those totes are used now by SOTS.

J. Copanas – How is that working?

B. DeMore – Very well.

R. Raman – Several communities have switched to the totes. The lids are hinged, so they do not blow off. The recycling totes are emptied every two weeks.

J. Copanas – This is why we created the Recycling 2020 committee, to look into issues such as this and find solutions.

J. Copanas – For those that have not been on the tour of the MRF there is a video of the facility in operation on OCRRA's website.

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

J. Copanas – Due to a time restraint the two items that would usually have been sent through the Recycling and Operations committee for review and then, sent to the Administration committee for review, were reviewed only by the Administration committee.

The committee discussed a billing matter with a hauler.

The hauler has agreed to pay the balance in two payments.

The second payment has not been received.

B. Bulsiewicz has been working with the hauler.

R. Raman – Will the Agency be receiving any further funds from Feher?

B. Bulsiewicz – No, there was a report issued by the liquidators of Feher. The report indicated that only secured creditors would receive payment. OCRRA was not a secured creditor.

R. Raman – Are there safeguards in place to prevent haulers from severely falling behind?

D. Glance – Yes, insurance is requested, credit checks are completed, some haulers are on COD, and in certain situations, credit is not extended at all and haulers prepay for services.

The committee discussed the RCR Consolidation Project.

J. Copanas – What is the timeframe for completion?

C. Albunio – There are 180 days until completion. That is without any changes to the schedule.

The committee discussed the three additional projects to be completed at RCR. The first project will be the septic system. The other projects include roofing of building # one and two, and underground tank replacement.

The committee discussed upgrades to be made to the newly purchased TANA Shredder.

The upgrades would include a heavy-duty door, heavier wear plate rotor, ragger wire end seals and a modified trailer.

The total for the upgrades will be \$75,000.00

J. Copanas – Were you able to get confirmation that these upgrades would not affect the warranty?

K. Spillane – Yes we did, in writing.

The committee discussed the purchase of an excavator. The Agency has been renting an excavator and now has the option to purchase it, minus rental payments that have been made from November 2018 to current. The cost of the machine with credit, would be \$65,957.00.

The Administration committee agreed to move both of those Resolutions to the Board for full approval.

The committee discussed replacing a skid steer with a small loader.

R. Raman – Is the Agency getting a brand new excavator or the one that we have been renting?

K. Spillane – The Agency will be purchasing the machine that we have been renting. The hours on the unit are less than 1500.

Resolution #2188 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Contract to Purchase Excavator was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by J. Lyons

There was no Board discussion.

This Resolution was approved 8 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain

Resolution #2189 – Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2181 of March 13, 2019, Regarding Executive Director to Enter into Contract for Purchase of Shredder was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by J. Lyons

R. Raman asked for clarification on the trailer modification.

J. Copanas – Design changes were necessary to work within the new facility.

C. Alburnio – The shredder comes in two pieces, the power pack, and the shredder unit. From the factory, the unit comes as two pieces that cannot be moved or one piece that can be moved. A one-piece unit will not fit in the designated space. The Agency had a modified dolly system made to separate the two pieces. This was not a standard design.

This Resolution was approved 8 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain

R. Raman – Has the Agency looked into a ‘tug’ system to move material from RCR to the WTE Facility. The system runs on tracks and would go directly from the RCR Transfer Station to Covanta.

K. Spillane – OCRRA currently has something similar to that called a Yard Horse.

K. Spillane is going to look into that system and report back to the Board.

T. Geiss – What is the status of the adjacent land at RCR.

B. Bulsiewicz updated the Board on the adjacent land acquisition.

Board Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak