

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
 VIRTUAL MEETING
 February 10, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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| Board Members Present | J. Copanas, A. Bianchetti, C. Dunham, T. Geiss, E. Gilligan, T. Glazier, L. Klosowski, D. Lawless, B. Page, S. Pasquale |
| Board Members Absent: | Y. Abdul-Qadir, J. Thomas, R. Raman, J. Driscoll |
| Also Present: | M. Cirino, D. Glance, M. Mokrzycki, A. Radin, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Albuino, J. Gascon Esq. |
| Guests: | |

The February 10, 2021 Virtual Board Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

J. Copanas gave the virtual meeting protocols.

J. Copanas asked if there were any members of the public that would like to identify themselves and address the Board.

Attendance of the Board was taken – quorum is present.

The January 13th meeting minutes were reviewed, moved by T. Geiss and seconded by B. Page. Roll was taken and the minutes were approved as submitted.

D. Glance presented the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S** report. Copies of the report were distributed.

- This month’s report focused on electricity and food waste. These are significant contributors to climate change.
- Legislation that was passed in last year’s NYS budget finally came out in the form of draft regulations for codifying the ban of disposing source separated organics in landfills and Waste-to-Energy Facilities from generators producing more than two tons per week of source separated organics. These regulations are out for public comment and written comments can be submitted to NYSDEC through April 27, 2021.
- Compost production is on target to meet the demands of OCRRA’s existing customers for the upcoming season.
- OCRRA is considering interest in an electric fleet test pilot program at Rock Cut Road.
- A. Radin was quoted in a New York Times piece on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- A bill related to EPR has moved out of the Senate Environmental Conservation committee.
- Every two years OCRRA is required to update the Comprehensive Local Solid Waste Management Plan and this will be done in 2021.
- Carbon emissions, and opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are being considered by OCRRA throughout the upcoming year.
- OCRRA has met a total of six times with the Waste Emissions Panel, the New York State Climate Action Council’s advisory panel, and is moving forward towards making formal recommendations to the Climate Action Council for the development of the implementation plan for New State to achieve the very aggressive greenhouse gas emissions requirements required by law.

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

This report reflects the Year End 2020 data.

- This month's report was brief, as the Agency is awaiting the final report from the external auditors.
- The Agency's net position was down approximately \$1.75 million.
- Due to very strict financial controls, operating expenses were minimal.
- The cash balance at the end of December was at \$8.2 million vs. \$9.7 million in 2019.

J. Copanas asked if the remaining funds from the RCR project would help offset the loss of \$1.7 million.

M. Mokrzycki responded that OCRRA did receive reimbursement to help offset some of the loss. "The tonnage and budget all kind of came back to normal in the last quarter of the year, to what we would expect. So that excess loss really occurred in the first three months, three to four months of the pandemic when everything was shut down and everybody paused everything. So even though it looks really bad, we're really out of it now. It was just that initial burst that caused that loss."

The **SPECIAL RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by A. Bianchetti. This information was previously updated by A. Bianchetti prior to the January 13th Board meeting. An official report was distributed today and discussed.

The Special Recycling and Operations committee met on January 13, 2021.

- The committee met at 3:00pm.
- The committee met to discuss three resolutions that will need to be presented to the Board.
- All resolutions were moved by the Board on January 13th.

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

- The committee met on January 20, 2021.
- The committee met to discuss six potential resolutions for Board consideration.
- The first was for an extension to the Pinckney Hugo contract for Public Education and outreach.
- Four resolutions addressed legislative action with Extended Producer responsibility (EPR), the NYS Senate Bill S.1185A (Kaminsky), EPR for alkaline batteries, mattresses and carpeting, and an update to the NYS Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act and a resolution urging the NYS legislature to increase recycling and reduce municipal waste management costs by expanding the NYS Returnable Container Act.
- The last resolution addressed necessary repairs to the Agency's 962M CAT loader.

All resolutions were unanimously moved to the full Board for approval.

Resolution #2273 – Resolution Authorizing Extension of Contract for Advertising Agency Services was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by L. Klosowski.

T. Geiss noted that the budget had been reduced and is now back to the previous budgeted amount so that the Agency can continue their education and marketing plan.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2274 – Resolution Authorizing repairs to the 962M CAT loader at Amboy Compost was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by D. Lawless.

At the February Recycling and Operations committee meeting, an update was given on the repair and the costs that have been incurred.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2275 – Resolution Supporting NY State Senate Bill S.1185A (Kaminsky) Establishing an Extended Producer Responsibility System for Packaging and Printed Paper was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by B. Page.

There was no discussion.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2276 – Resolution Supporting Extended Producer Responsibility for Alkaline Batteries, Mattresses and Carpeting was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by L. Klosowski.

There was no discussion.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2277 – Resolution Urging State Representatives to Update the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by T. Geiss.

A motion by A. Bianchetti and second by T. Geiss was made for a friendly amendment to be made to the language in the ‘Further Resolved’ section of the resolution. There was a redundancy in the words ‘Further Resolved’.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2278 – Resolution Urging New York State Legislature to Increase Recycling and Reduce Municipal Waste Management Costs by Expanding the NYS Returnable Container Act was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by B. Page.

The committee is hopeful that these resolutions will lead to more progress on the outlined issues.

T. Geiss commended A. Radin for his work.

The resolution was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. This information was previously updated by B. Page prior to the January 13th Board meeting. An official report was distributed today and discussed.

The committee met on January 13, 2021.

- The committee met at 3:30 pm.
- The committee met to discuss two resolutions that will need to be presented to the Board on January 13th.

- The first resolution was approving the finalization with Murnane. OCRRA has come to a settlement agreement.
- The second resolution was a Resolution Authorizing Board Member Alberto Bianchetti to Serve on the OCRRA Governance Committee.
 - A. Bianchetti's job title is the Regional Director of Customer and Community Engagement for Central New York.
 - A. Bianchetti leads a team of eight utility professionals whose primary role is account management for National Grid's largest commercial, industrial and municipal customers.
 - Customers included in his jurisdiction are those whose accounts are approximately \$300,000+ per year.
 - OCRRA as an entity, does not cross that threshold.
 - A. Bianchetti has no direct influence or impact on the relationship between OCRRA and National Grid when it comes to the Purchase Power Agreement or Transmission Commercial Services Agreement with Covanta.
- The committee unanimously agreed to move both resolutions to the Board for consideration.
- Those resolutions were approved by the Board.

J. Gascon updated the Board advising that the Murnane settlement has been completed.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. Copies of the report were distributed.

- The committee met on January 26, 2021.
- The committee discussed necessary door repairs at RCR. Damage has been done by both OCRRA staff and its customers.
- Improvements and repairs have been made to try and help reduce the amount of damage that is being done. Rails and heavier, taller bollards have been installed.
- The committee discussed office space.
- The committee discussed small contracts, year-end.

C. Albunio added that positive feedback has been received from the new bollards that were installed. Because they are taller, they provide better visibility. There is no new damage as of today.

The Agenda items have been addressed.

M. Cirino gave the Ethics Training which is required yearly.

B. Page moved to adjourn the meeting. T. Geiss seconded the motion.

A mutual 'aye' was noted and the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak

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