

**ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
 VIRTUAL
 February 9, 2021 VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members Present	B. Page, A. Bianchetti, L. Colon Torres, J. Copanas, J. Driscoll, C. Dunham, E. Gilligan, T. Glazier, L. Klosowski, D. Lawless, S. Pasquale
Board Members Absent:	R. Raman, R. Zaccaria
Also Present:	M. Cirino, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, C. Albunio, J. Gascon Esq., M. Mokrzycki, W. Wallak
Guests:	

The February 9, 2022, Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance of the Board was taken – quorum is present.

B. Page announced the newest OCRRA employee, Will Wallak, as the Agency Public Information Officer.

W. Wallak introduced himself to the Board.

The Board introduced themselves to W. Wallak.

The January 12, 2022 meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were moved by J. Copanas and seconded by A. Bianchetti. Roll was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

K. Spillane gave his Executive Director report.

- OCRRA is in process of releasing a Board Portal. This will be a set location for all Board members to access documents pertaining to Board matters.
- OCRRA will be discussing the Community Protection Act (Climate Act) during the Strategic Planning Process. The law created a Climate Action Council, which was formed to develop a draft scoping plan that will serve as a framework for how the State plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve net zero emissions, one of the main goals of the law. Information on this will be first presented to the Recycling and Operations committee for direction.
- Blue Bins will be a continued discussion at the upcoming Recycling and Operations committee meeting(s).
- The Recycling and Operations committee meeting on February 16th will be in-person unless the state extends the ability to conduct public meetings virtually before the meeting is held.

B. Page thanked OCRRA staff for their efforts in preparing the Board Portal and asked for any input they may have.

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

This report reflects year-end 2021 data.

- The 2021 year-end audited financial statements will be presented to the Board by our external auditors at the March Board meeting.
- There was an increase in Net Assets (net income) for the year – approximately \$7.4 million.
- The electricity rate for December was 2.7c/kWh.
- Cash balance at the end of December was \$14.2 million. (\$8.2 million, prior year)
- Several lease balances were paid in full by the end of 2021.
- Tonnage is down slightly.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by A. Bianchetti. Copies of the report from January 19th were distributed and discussed.

- Pickney Hugo gave a presentation on the campaigns and statistics from those campaigns that were created and released in 2021.
- The committee discussed blue bins.
- The committee moved a resolution for emergency hauling services.
- The committee moved a resolution for back-up hauling services.
- The committee discussed choosing a broker for outside compost sales.
- The committee discussed the WTE consulting engineer contract.
- The committee discussed the WTE continuous emissions monitoring capital project.

Resolution # 2321 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Private Roll Off Truck Hauling Services was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by L. Klosowski.

A discussion followed.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2322 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Private Hauling Services was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by E. Gilligan.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. Copies of the report from January 25th meeting were distributed and discussed.

- The committee moved a resolution accepting credit cards.
- The committee discussed the WestRock contract.
- The committee discussed the WTE electricity production.
- The committee discussed small contracts.

M. Mokrzycki updated the full Board on the continued WestRock discussions. This will be revisited at the February Administration committee meeting.

M. Mokrzycki updated the full Board on the proposed acceptance of credit cards at OCRRA's facilities.

Resolution # 2323 – Resolution Adopting Policy for the Acceptance of Debit and Credit Cards for Payment of OCRRA Goods and Services was moved by J. Copanas and seconded by R. Zaccaria.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Before closing the meeting, B. Page ask senior staff to report any updates they have.

M. Cirino is working on the Investments Audit.

C. Alunio has sent out a request for qualifications for a Waste-to-Energy Engineer. The deadline to respond is in two weeks. Information can be found on the OCRRA website.

M. Mokrzycki announced that Auditors will present their full results at the March Board meeting. It will be three-four weeks to get the credit card equipment up and running. A report will be given at the next meeting.

K. Lawton reported that at the next Recycling and Operations committee meeting OCRRA will be discussing the future of curbside recycling.

W. Wallak had nothing to report.

K. Spillane reported that he, B. Page and K. Lawton have met with the new County Legislative Chairman and were able to discuss all things OCRRA. The meeting went very well.

B. Page closed the meeting with a reminder that Strategic Planning will begin in early March on March 8th and March 24th. He encouraged anyone that was available to attend.

D. Lawless moved and J. Driscoll seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous aye voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak