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ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

May 11, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The May 11, 2022, Board meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

B. Page will arrive late to this meeting. In his absence, Cory Dunham will conduct the meeting.

Attendance of the Board was taken – quorum is present.

J. Copanas moved and T. Glazier seconded the minutes from the March Board meeting.

Roll was called and the report was unanimously approved.

K. Spillane presented his Executive Director report.

- J. Thompson is the new Transfer Director. He comes from Oswego County Solid Waste. He has had many years of logistical, operational and management experience at UPS overseeing a large union represented workforce.
- The 2021 Recycling Annual Report was reviewed at the Recycling and Operations committee meeting.
- The Strategic Plan is still in its draft phase. The committees continue to review and make edits to the report.
- The Board will be submitting comments to the Climate Action Council.
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) conversation continue with local government.
- Earth Day clean up was a success. More than 300 volunteer groups were registered to participate in community clean up resulting in nearly 40,640 pounds of litter as calculated to date.

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

This report reflects March 2022 data.

- March tonnage was above budgeted amounts.
- The electricity rate was 3.1c/kWh.
- Expenses were up mainly due to inflationary pressures.
- Cash balance at the end of March was \$16.6 million. (\$8.86 million prior year)
- The Agency began the year at \$14.2 million in cash reserves.

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- The Agency as restarted its investments in Treasury bill.

J. Driscoll moved and L. Clon Torres seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was called and the report was unanimously approved.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by A. Bianchetti. Copies of the report from the April 20th meeting were distributed and discussed.

- The committee discussed the 2021 Recycling Annual Report.
- The committee discussed EPR and was presented a resolution that had been tabled at the April meeting.
- The committee discussed the purchase of florescent bulb boxes. The committee committed to American Lamp Recycling as the vendor for those boxes.
- The committee discussed a contract for WTE Engineering services and was presented a resolution for those services. The committee agreed to contract with HDR for those services.
- The committee continued their discussion and comment on the Draft Strategic Plan.

Resolution # 2335 – Support for the New York State Legislature to Establish an Extended Producer Responsibility System for Packaging and Printed Paper was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by L. Colon Torres.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was tabled 9 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2336 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute a Contract for Consulting Engineering Services for the WTE Facility – was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by L. Klosowski.

There was no further discussion.

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

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by J. Copanas. Copies of the report from April 27th meeting were distributed and discussed.

- The committee was updated on the draft comments to the Climate action Council and was presented a resolution accepting those comments.
- The committee discussed the 2022 Strategic Plan.
- The committee discussed the Ley Creek property.
- The committee discussed the Agency's office lease. Negotiations continue.
- The committee discussed upcoming Union negotiations.

Resolution #2337 – Resolution Urging New York State Climate Action Council to Consider the Impacts of the Climate Act on Solid Waste Management During Implementation of New Legislation was moved by J. Copanas and seconded by L. Colon Torres.

A discussion followed.

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A friendly amendment was made to the language in the eighth whereas and the first resolved.

J. Copanas moved and T. Glazier seconded the friendly amendment.

Roll call was taken for both the friendly amendment and the resolution as amended.

E. Gilligan had stepped out of the room and was not present for the voting.

The resolution, with friendly amendment was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page. Copies of the report from April 13th were distributed and discussed.

- The committee discussed a proposed change to the Governance Committee Charter and was presented a resolution approving that change.
- The proposed change would allow the Vice Chair of a committee to serve on the Governance committee in the event of a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest.

Resolution # 2238 – Resolution Approving Amendment to OCRRA Governance Committee Charter was moved by B. Page and seconded by J. Copanas.

There was no further discussion.

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

The Code of Ethics training that was scheduled for after this meeting has been postponed.

B. Page asked staff members to give a brief update on any current items that are in progress.

Each staff member gave a brief update.

- The summer newsletter is in progress.
- OCRRA is partnering with Senator Magnarelli's office for a shredding event at the Fair Grounds.
- The 2022 OCRRA budget for ammonia, used at the WTE facility will be above budget due to supply costs.
- The new Transfer Director continues to learn the daily operations at OCRRA.
- Internal audits are being performed. The Code of Ethics training will begin soon.
- The Board Portal has been updated with new information.
- The sprinkler system at RCR has been capped and undergoing repair.

D. Lawless moved and L. Klosowski seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous aye voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak