

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
January 11, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

The January 11, 2023, Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

N. Zaccaria is the newest OCRRA Board member. She is an appointee from Van Buren.

Each member introduced themselves to N. Zaccaria.

N. Zaccaria was appointed to replace R. Zaccaria.

E. Gilligan moved and L. Klosowski seconded the approval of the minutes from the December Board meeting.

Roll was called and the minutes were approved as submitted.

K. Spillane presented the Executive Director’s report.

- The Ley Creek Ad hoc committee has met this month to review the draft conceptual design and feasibility study report for the new transfer facility at Ley Creek.
- Three main Engineering accomplishments have been identified:
 - Securing contracts for the construction at RCR.
 - Completing the first step to permit renewal for Ley Creek with the final review of the feasibility study for the site.
 - Beginning the design project with Arcadis for the Amboy Compost site sewer line.
- Three main Transfer accomplishments have been identified:
 - Addressing a warning letter from the NYSDEC from September.
 - Removing all waste from Building 2.
 - Completing a repair to dump truck 48 in-house, saving the Agency \$30,000.
- Three main Recycling accomplishments have been identified:
 - Finalizing the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste contract with Miller Environmental.
 - Working with the NYSDEC and local electronic waste disposal vendors to clear up confusion over changes in regulations and create a list of local drop-off sites.
 - Working with the PIO and Pinckney Hugo Group on a website wireframe structure.
- Three main Public Information Officer accomplishments have been identified:
 - Appearing in eight television/radio broadcast news segments focusing on proper recycling during the holidays.
 - Creating a weather closing and delay protocol, establishing proper contact information and secure closing codes with local television stations and newspapers and news sites for emergency announcements.

- Working with Pinckney Hugo Group to finalize a Spanish language version of the recycling brochure.
- OCRRA continues to work with local municipalities on the transition from recycling bins to carts.
- OCRRA has held the fourth quarterly meeting with large haulers and our municipal partners.

A. Bianchetti asked if the NYSDEC warning letter had been issued based on an inspection that had been completed.

K. Spillane responded that it was issued based on an inspection. The NYSDEC had issued a warning notice and OCRRA has been working to regain compliance.

The **TREASURER’S** report was presented by L. Colon-Torres.

This report reflects November 2022 data.

- Tonnage volume remained steady.
- The Agency expects to end the year down approximately 2%.
- November electricity rate was 1.8c/kWh.
- Recycling, fuel and repair costs continue to strain the budget.
- Income for the year stood at \$7.5M.
- Agency cash balance at the end of November stood at \$20.9M (\$14.1M prior year)
- The Agency began the year with \$14.2M in cash reserves.
- Recycling tip fees charged to haulers through November 2022 amounted to \$806,298.

E. Gilligan asked how the electricity rate was calculated.

M. Mokrzycki responded that NYS is separated by zones. Onondaga county is in zone C. Rates are calculated by using the electricity market in New York State. OCRRA gets the daily market clearing rate minus 22% per our contract.

D. Lawless gave further explanation of the current Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), which expires in 2025 . OCRRA will be renegotiating the contract in the near future.

L. Klosowski moved and A. Bianchetti seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Roll was called and the report was unanimously approved.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** – report was presented by A. Bianchetti.

- The committee discussed the contract with Waste Management.
- The committee unanimously agreed to send the resolution to the full Board for approval.

Resolution #2369 – Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Waste Management Recycle America, LLC for Material Recovery Facility Services – was moved by A. Bianchetti and seconded by L. Colon-Torres.

E. Gillian asked what the tipping fee was for residential recycling.

K Spillane responded that the current tipping fee through 2023 is \$34.

The Board discussed future tipping fee charges.

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

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** was canceled in December.

The **LEY CREEK AD HOC COMMITTEE** – report was presented by D. Lawless.

- Cornerstone was present to give an update of the Ley Creek project.
- The committee discussed the basis of design, conceptual design, levels of service and project range of cost.

D. Lawless added that he was very impressed with the Feasibility Study and with the level of detail and understanding from Cornerstone.

D. Lawless gave an in-depth explanation of cost ranges and circumstances that cause cost estimates to be what they are. He mentioned how important it is for the future of OCRRA to have this site be accommodating to not only what is needed now, but what is foreseen for future needs, while also staying in compliance with NYSDEC regulations.

The next committee meeting will be February 1 at 4:00 pm.

B. Page asked for staff updates.

T. Palmer –

- Select Agency staff will be meeting with Pinckney Hugo Group. Members of the Board are welcome to attend.

C. Albinio –

- Storm water reporting for 2022's sampling is underway. Results are good, with no exceedances this year.
- The Petroleum bulk storage permit is being renewed for RCR before it expires in March.
- Jamesville compost registration renewal will begin before it expires in May.
- The new continuous emissions monitoring systems at the WTE Facility are up and running, maintain compliance with the air permit
- The first WTE Facility outage of 2023 will be in February.
- Incoming tonnage volumes at the WTE Facility are low, which is typical this time of year.

B. Page asked if OCRRA had received any results from the Continuous Emissions Monitoring System.

C. Albinio responded that results are consistent and show that emissions are well below the permitted limits .

B. Page asked if C. Albinio foresees similar issues for the Jamesville permit that the Agency has had with Amboy.

C. Albinio responded that extended review times for permits are typical. This does not affect our permits, as long as we submit renewals on time, we can continue to operate. Jamesville is a registration and not a permit so it should be less of an issues, but this is out of our control.

K. Lawton –

- M. Bianchetti is gathering data for OCRRA's annual recycling report.
- L. Piering is working to complete Grant's for 2023.

P. Pastella –

- Trash levels are low.
- Able to clean out all the buildings which is critical to being prepared for the Spring and current construction.
- Beginning the process of required annual training.

M. Cirino –

- Code of Ethics will begin soon.
- Finance committee minutes will be completed.
- Wire transfer audit report is nearly complete.

M. Mokrzycki –

- The approval the office renovation will allow construction to begin shortly.
- Construction should take approximately 2 months.
- OCRRA may need to utilize the upstairs Board room while construction is underway.

L. Colon-Torres asked for an update on the load inspection camera placement at RCR.

C. Albunio responded that in order to implement new camera locations, OCRRA will need to scope out where conduits can be placed, and which locations will give the best results.

A. Bianchetti moved and L. Klosowski seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous aye voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak