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ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
August 14, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present	B. Page, D. Daley, J. Driscoll, D. Lawless, V. Mangan, E. Bough Martin, G. Popps, N. Zaccaria
Board Members Absent:	L. Colon-Torres, N. Jankowski, D. Lawless, R. Raman
Also Present:	M. Cirino, M. Mokrzycki, K. Lawton, K. Spillane, R. Czerwiak, J. Gascon, C. Alunio, D. Haas, M. Ballard Fortin, L. Hradil
Guests:	

The August 14, 2024, Board meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present, however this is the first attendance of new Board members V. Mangan and E. Bough Martin and therefore they will not be asked to vote on the resolutions presented today. The resolutions from the Recycling and Operations committee will be tabled until the September Board meeting.

D. Daley motioned and B. Page seconded to table the July 17th Board meeting minutes.

Roll was called and the minutes were tabled until the September Board meeting.

K. Spillane presented the Executive Director report.

C. Alunio gave an update on the WTEF and the throughput issues that have been ongoing.

Engineering:

- OCRRA has been working with Reworld to resolve throughput issues at the facility.
- The flue issue is nearing conclusion.
- The wastewater conveyance system at Amboy and getting the demolition of the above ground fuel tank at Ley Creek are both underway.

Transfer and Compost:

- Waste had been backed up do to issues at Reworld.
- The department has been working to address the impact of the problems of throughput.
- The department continues to evaluate current and future equipment needs.

Recycling:

- The Recycling, Business and Transfer departments have been working on training the new Recycling Clerk.
- L. Piering is working with area colleges to ensure they have the most updated recycling message.
- M. Bianchetti has completed the detailed task of responding to the NYSDEC’s feedback to out Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) extension request.
- If the extension is approved this will provide OCRRA with an additional two years to generate a complete 10-year LSWMP.

Public Information:

- The department has been working on OCRRA’s fall campaign.

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- Messaging platforms will remain on social media channels, newsletter, media appearances and others.
- A quiz has been developed reinforcing the plastic message and gives people a fun way to learn.

Engagement, Outreach and New Opportunities:

- K. Spillane recently met with the Deputy County Executive regarding Ley Creek.
- OCRRA continues to discuss how the County could assist with the financing of this important project.
- Engagement continues with the EPA.

K. Spillane mentioned the presence of three new Board members. L. Hradil will take her Oath and be an official member next month.

A brief discussion followed.

The **TREASURER REPORT** was presented by M. Mokrzycki.

- This report reflects data from June 2024.
- Tipping volumes were approximately 9% below budget.
- The electricity rate was 2.1c/kWh.
- Expense were high.
- The Agency cash balance at the end of June was \$14.6M.
- The Agency began the year at \$21.9M. The reduction of \$5M relates to the full funding of the Board approved Capital Reserve Account.
- The Agency paid the MRF \$253,757 for residential recycling.
- The Agency collected approximately \$443,000 from haulers in residential recycling tipping fees.

A discussion followed.

G. Popp motioned and J. Driscoll seconded to approve the Treasure's Report.

Roll was taken and the report was approved as submitted.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Daley

- The committee discussed a resolution amending resolution #2428 to contract for private hauling services.
- The committee discussed a resolution to enter into contract for demolition and site restoration at Ley Creek.
- The committee was updated on OCRRA's Strategic Plan.

D. Daley motioned and N. Zaccaria seconded to table **Resolution Amending Resolution #2428 of January 2024 Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Private Hauling Services.**

The resolution was tabled 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

D. Daley motioned and N. Zaccaria seconded to table **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Contract for Existing Ley Creek Transfer Station Demolition and Site Restoration.**

The resolution was tabled 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

The **LEY CREEK PLANNING ADHOC COMMITTEE** report was presented by C. Albunio.

C. Albunio updated the new Board members on the progress of Ley Creek so far and what the vision is for the future site.

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- The committee began with an update on the demolition of the Ley Creek transfer station.
- Cornerstone presented the Ley Creek North review of the conceptual site plan.

The **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** report was presented by B. Page.

- The committee was given an update on Strategic Planning.
- The committee discussed small contracts.
- The committee discussed the 1st Quarter Investment Report.
- The committee discussed OCRRA's upcoming 2025 budget.

K. Lawton:

- OCRRA continues outreach with communities regarding the roll out of the new recycling carts.

D. Haas:

- OCRRA shall continue to focus on efficiency at the transfer station.

C. Albunio:

- An Air Inspection was completed at the site this week. The inspection went very well. The new emissions monitoring system has proved to be impressive.
- The Title V Air Permit expires in January 2026. Permit renewal will begin early in 2025.

M. Mokrzycki:

- Office updates continue. New carpet was installed in the front office.

M. Ballard Fortin:

- Transfer is well staffed.
- There are several employees retiring soon.

K. Spillane:

- Thank you to everyone who came to the BBQ.

R. Czerwiak:

- Meeting calendar invites for the next three months will go out tomorrow.

M. Cirino:

- Possible Audit committee dates will be sent out this week. The meeting will need to be before the next September Board meeting.

T. Palmer:

- A new quiz about sorting plastic was just posted this week.
- The location of the quiz is [OCRRA.org/quiz](https://ocrra.org/quiz).
- This month OCRRA will focus on recycling plastics properly.

G. Pops moved, and J. Driscoll seconded to adjourn the meeting and to enter in meeting with Counsel.

A unanimous aye voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak