

ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY
November 13, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present	E. Bough Martin (arrived at 4:55), D. Daley, J. Driscoll, C. Dunham, M. Jennings, D. Lawless, V. Mangan, B. Page (arrived at 4:25), L. Hradil. A. Rodriguez
Board Members Absent:	N. Jankowski, G. Popps, R. Raman, N. Zaccaria
Also Present:	M. Cirino, M. Mokrzycki, K. Lawton, K. Spillane (ZOOM), R. Czerwiak, J. Gascon (ZOOM), C. Albunio, D. Haas, T. Palmer
Guests:	L. Gaines – Jamesville Dewitt HS

The November 13, 2024, Board meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

There is a student from Jamesville Dewitt attending today's meeting. She is here as part of Government class.

D. Daley motioned and V. Mangan seconded to move the October 09, 2024, Board meeting minutes.

There was one correction made to the minutes.

Roll was called and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

K. Spillane is traveling and is reporting via ZOOM - presented the Executive Director report.

The agenda is very full this afternoon, so highlights from the report were given.

- He is traveling for the waste to energy to speak on the new regulations with waste to energy.
- The Agency continues to deal with throughput issues and hauler wait times at Reworld. There is a resolution on the agenda today that will hopefully give some relief to the haulers by way of a temporary hauler discount amnesty program.
- The NOV issued by the DEC has been lifted and our programs and sites now meet all regulations.
- To address how to move forward and in preparation of setting up the programs to more successful, OCRRA has conducted an internal analysis of how to reorganize our program.
- It has been determined that it would be better to restructure the compost program to have one manager that could provide materials management, operations control and marketing and regulatory compliance for the compost program.
- The Agency has a vacant position of Solid Waste Plant Supervisor that could be used for overseeing that compost operation and providing the structure that is desired for the Agency's management of organic materials going forward.

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

- This report reflects data from September 2024.
- August tipping volumes dipped slightly.
- The electricity rate was 2.3c/kWh.

- Compost revenue is nearly 70% ahead of budget.
- Landfilling costs remain variable and elevated from expectations.
- The Agency began the year with \$21.9M in cash reserves.
- The Agency had \$16.2M of operating cash.
- The Agency had \$5.1M of Board designated cash.
- The Agency has paid the MRF \$357,901.
- The Agency has billed haulers \$730,000 in residential recycling fees.

There was no further discussion.

V. Mangan motioned and L. Hradil seconded to approve the Treasurer Report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted.

The **RECYCLING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Daley. There are several resolutions coming out of this committee and therefore D. Daley did not review the committee minutes.

Resolution #2465 – Resolution Amending Resolution 2454 of September 2024 Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Private Hauling Services was moved by D. Daley and seconded by J. Driscoll.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2466 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Three Truck Tractor Cab/Chassis was moved by D. Daley and seconded by D. Lawless.

There was a brief discussion regarding total cost.

The resolution was adopted 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

B. Page abstained – he was not present until after the resolution had been presented today.

Resolution #2467 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase a Broom for the Transfer Station was moved by D. Daley and seconded by J. Driscoll.

There was a slight change made to the resolution language. It will now read ‘Motorized Broom’ in the title.

The resolution, with title change, was adopted 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

Resolution #2468 - Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase a Wheeled Excavator for the Transfer Station was moved by D. Daley and L. Hradil

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

Resolution #2469 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase a Trommel Screen for Compost was moved by D. Daley and seconded by L. Hradil.

M. Mokrzycki added that this piece of equipment is 50% grant eligible through the NYSDEC.

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

Resolution#2470 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase an Ecostack Conveyor for Compost was moved by D. Daley and seconded by L. Hradil.

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

Resolution #2471 – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Contract with the Eagle and Post-Standard Newspapers for Distribution of the Agency’s Quarterly Printed Newsletter was moved by D. Daley and seconded by V. Mangan.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2472 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Advertising Agency Services was moved by D. Daley and seconded by L. Hradil.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution \$2473 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Battery Sorting Services was moved by D. Daley and seconded by J. Driscoll.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2474 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Modify an Existing Contract for Engineering Work for the Amboy Compost Wastewater Conveyance System was moved by D. Daley and seconded by V. Mangan.

There was no further discussion.

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

Resolution #2475 – Resolution Authorizing Filling of the Solid Waste Plant Supervisor – Compost Position was moved by D. Daley and second by J. Driscoll.

There was a brief discussion on salary and the 2025 budget.

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

The **LEY CREEK ADHOC COMMITTEE** report was presented by D. Lawless.

- The committee discussed financial options.
- The committee discussed next steps.
- K. Spillane presented a resolution for a contract for consulting engineering services related to the development of the additional property at Ley Creek.

M. Mokrzycki gave a further update from the October meeting.

Resolution #2476 - Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute a Contract for Consulting Engineering Services Related to Development of the Additional Property at Ley Creek – was moved by D. Lawless and seconded by D. Daley.

There was no further discussion.

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

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

- The committee discussed the 2025 nominating committee.
- The committee discussed the insurance claim for the flues a Reworld, which was denied.
- K. Spillane presented a resolution authorizing a temporary hauler discount program.
- The committee discussed the 2nd Quarterly report.

K. Spillane gave a brief update on the Madison County permit expansion with their landfill. Representatives from Madison County have met with OCRRA members here at our office to discuss possibilities.

Resolution #2477 – Resolution Authorizing Temporary Hauler Discount Amnesty Program was moved by B. Page and seconded by D. Daley.

There was no further discussion.

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

C. Albunio:

- The RCR paving has been completed.
- Project at Amboy is nearly complete.
- Projects at Ley Creek are beginning.

K. Lawton:

- MRF tours have been done. The next tour is Friday November 22nd.

T. Palmer

- New recycling cards have come in today. They are available in four new languages.

M. Cirino:

- Audits continue.
- ABO training continues.
- Code of Ethics training continues.
- The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan will begin soon.

D. Lawless reminded everyone that the Strategic Planning will continue Friday morning.

D. Daley moved, and J. Driscoll seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A unanimous 'aye' voice vote was recorded.

The Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak