

## ONONDAGA COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

### May 13, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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| <b>Board Members Present</b> | <b>E. Bough Martin, D. Daley, C. Dunham, I. Hradil, M. Jennings, D. Kranz, V. Mangan, B. Page, G. Popps, D. Quackenbush, J. Driscoll, A. Rodriguez, J. Wood</b> |
| <b>Board Members Absent:</b> | <b>B. Sekarore</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Also Present:</b>         | <b>M. Cirino, M. Mokrkycki, K. Lawton, R. Czerwiak, C. Albunio, J. Gascon, D. Haas, M. Ballard Fortin, T. Palmer, O. Hunter</b>                                 |
| <b>Guests:</b>               | <b>B. Gaffigan, D. Vanetti</b>                                                                                                                                  |

The May 13, 2026, Board meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Damian Vanetti from Geosyntec is present at today's meeting.

Roll was taken. Quorum is present.

The Board minutes from March were moved by B. Page seconded by G. Popps.

Roll was taken and the minutes were approved.

M. Mokrzycki presented the Director's report.

- OCRRA is a member of the National Waste Association. This group advocates for WTE technology.
- The EPA recently finalized some emissions rules that impact existing and new WTE facilities.
- OCRRA meets the existing emission rules.
- New facility rules are quite stringent, and upcoming facilities have filed comments/complaints regarding the new standards.
- OCRRA is moving forward with the WTE appraisal.
- The Agency is offering OCRRA apparel to all Board members. R. Czerwiak will take orders until Friday.

K. Lawton updated the Board:

- Picture slides played in the background during her update.
- OCRRA has held their Earth Day event since 1991.
- In 2007 it was extended from a one-day cleanup to a two day cleanup.
- 14 OCRRA staff members volunteered to help clean up RCR this year.
- This year there were 273 (almost 34,00 people) groups registered for the event.
- Approximately 157,750 of liter was collected.
- Since 1994 approximately 304M lbs. of liter has been collected.

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

- This report reflects March results.
- February electricity rate was 4.9 c/kWh.
- Tonnage began to pick up in March.
- C&D tonnage was at 6,900 tons, compared to 2022 which averaged at 4,400 tons.
- The Agency began the year with \$18.1M in cash reserves. At the end of March the Agency had \$12.9M in operating cash and \$5.5M of Board Designated cash for a total of \$18.4M
- The Agency has paid the MRF \$347,476 in recycling costs.

- The Agency has collected \$268,170 from haulers is recycling tipping fees.

G. Popp asked why the metal income was lower than usual.

M. Mokrzycki responded that the metal recovery system at Reworld had been down but is operational now.

M. Mokrzycki explained that electricity rates are dictated by gas prices, which have been high lately.

There was a brief discussion on the rise in C&D.

L. Hradil motioned and G. Popp seconded to approve the report.

Roll was taken and the report was accepted as submitted.

The **RECYCLING/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** was presented by L. Hradil.

- The committee discussed a resolution authorizing hauling services from Colucci Trucking.
- The committee discussed a resolution authorizing a change to the Agency's Civil Service Roster,
- The committee discussed a resolution to modify an existing contract for professional engineering consulting services.

**Resolution # 2560 – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Contract for Additional Private Hauling Services** was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

There was a brief discussion regarding the amount of private hauling services that would be necessary for the remainder of the year. The Agency will work to come up with an approximate amount for the year rather than presenting a resolution each month.

There was a brief discussion regarding OCRRA driver opportunities.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2561 – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a One Year Contract Extension for Consulting Engineering Services for the WTE Facility** was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2562 - Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Modify an Existing Contract for Professional Engineering Consulting Services Related to the Waste to Energy Facility** was moved by L. Hradil and seconded by D. Daley.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain

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

- The committee discussed a resolution to change the Agency's Civil Service Roster.
- The committee discussed a resolution reaffirming SEQRA notice of intent to serve as lead Agency.
- The committee discussed the Wastebed 12 Feasibility Study.

**Resolution #2563 – Resolution Authorizing Change to the Agency's Civil Service Roster** was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

There was no further discussion.

The resolution was adopted 13 ayes, 0 noys, 0 abstain.

**Resolution #2564 – Resolution Reaffirming SEQRA Notice of Intent to Serve as Lead Agency and Determination of Significance Pursuant to SEQRA for Ley Creek North Campus** was moved by B. Page and seconded by E. Bough Martin.

C. Alburnio gave a brief reasoning for this resolution.

The resolution was adopted as Amended 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

B. Page mentioned that there is extensive Wastebed 12 feasibility study on the Board Portal.

The **ED SUCCESSION AD HOC COMMITTEE** was presented by J. Wood.

- The committee gave staff members a moment to speak.
- The committee discussed the next steps.
- The committee discussed what qualifying questions would be asked to selected candidates.
- The committee discussed when interviews would begin and when the committee will meet again to discuss progress.

T. Palmer mentioned that the N. Syracuse Fire Dept. has OCRRA's new battery information up on its digital sign.

V. Mangan motioned and M. Jennings seconded to adjourn the meeting.

A collective 'aye' was heard.

The Board adjourned at 4:41 PM to enter into meeting with Counsel.

Board Minutes were taken by R. Czerwiak