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RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

9:00 A.M.

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Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Douglas Jeffrey, Chair
Geri-Ann DiPaolo, Vice Chair (arrived at 9:10)
Sheila Dormody (arrived at 9:15)
Geoffrey Kirkman, Treasurer
Jared Rhodes
Richard Licht (arrived at 10:10)
Michael Quinn
Michael Sabitoni
Charles Lombardi (arrived at 9:26)

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director
Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering
Christine Jocelyn, Director of Human Resources
Nancy Minson, Human Resources Coordinator
Sarah Kite, Director of Recycling Services
Gary Maddocks, Chief of Security and Safety Coordinator
Patricia Cerbo, Purchasing Director
Marcel Lussier, MRF Business Manager
Timothy McCormick, Chief Financial Officer

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reports
Ray Choiniere, House Policy Office
Kelly Carpenter, Senate Fiscal Office
Joe Rodio, Sr. Rodio & Ursillo
Paul Stockman, K&L Gates
Alex Gorriran, (add)ventures

Call to Order

Chairman Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 9:07a.m. Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call. Commissioners Jeffrey, Kirkman, Quinn, Rhodes, and Sabitoni present.

Agenda Items

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from 9/21/11**

Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 4-0.

2. Executive Director's Update

- (1) Odor Complaints: We have received 3 to 5 times the normal number of odor complaints in the last couple of months.. There are a number of types of odors including, trash, decomposition of trash, and compost. It's important to know what type of odor complaint it is. Buried trash has pipes, wells, and trash. It's a living thing. When something mechanical breaks, it is easy to diagnose and fix quickly. It's not so easy in this instance. In the past we have had some problems with odors and those have been resolved quickly. Finding serious, systemic issues takes longer to resolve. The odors appear to be intermittent and from different sources. The smell is coming from the landfill but we can't pinpoint the source. We're working with a legacy system that's been pieced together. We know we need to fix the problem but it will take some time. We are putting extra soil cover on the landfill each day instead of alternate cover. We are installing sacrificial wells. It's a process of elimination. The odors will ultimately disappear when the landfill is capped. However, with half of the volume in the landfill, it takes longer to get to the point of capping. Rainy weather accelerates odor production and it's been a very wet summer and fall. We have a consultant coming to audit our process the source. We've answered the complaints in person as soon as we get them. We've met with the mayor and we're meeting with a councilwoman today.
- (2) Hurricane Irene resulted in 4+ tons of green debris. About 90% will be ground, creating still more compost.
- (3) The Recycling Subcommittee reviewed the RFP for Single Stream education which is on today's agenda.
- (4) The next 3-5 days are crucial for Single Stream. Blue bin items will be now be processed at the Tip Facility on two-shifts within the next 3-5 days. Once we have confirmed that it is running smoothly, the retrofit will continue at the MRF.
- (5) Legal Fees—We have spent \$373,000 in nine months against a budget of \$500,000. That puts us \$2,000 off pace.
- (6) Accounts Receivable is down to \$4.9 million outstanding as of September 30 versus \$6.5 million outstanding as of June 30. Our over 60-day is down from \$2.6 million to \$2.1 million. Waste Haulers is down to \$388,000 from \$800,000. 60% of that is actual disposal fees
- (7) We have sent a letter to Cranston regarding fine of \$370,000 including surcharges and fees based on their calculations, indicating that the fine should be \$40,000. The IFP for the sewer system is scheduled to go in January.

3. New Contracts:

a. Public Awareness/Education

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for RFQ/RFP No. 896 with (Add)Ventures of Providence, RI for public education and advertising services for

amounts not to exceed eight hundred sixty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$869,500) for a single-stream education and communication campaign and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for ongoing public education and public relations services. A contract term of November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2012 with two (2) one-year options to renew at the same rates, terms and conditions but not necessarily at the same contract amount. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Quinn. Seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Passed 7-0.

b. MRF Lift Truck Replacement

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement with New England Lift Truck Corporation, of Cranston, RI to supply and deliver a 6,000lb. propane powered forklift for the Corporation's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) as outlined in the New England Lift Truck Corporation's bid dated September 6, 2011 in response to IFB No. 923 for an amount not to exceed \$28,522.00. The contract will commence on or about October 21, 2011 with delivery occurring within six weeks following receipt of order. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 7-0.

c. Utility Vehicles

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for the purchase of one new utility vehicle, Item #1 (IFB #935) between Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and M. Greico Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Metro Ford located in Raynham, MA for an amount not to exceed \$35,255.00. This contract will commence on or about October 24, 2011 and continue until February 28, 2012. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner Lombardi. Passed 7-0.

d. Health Insurance 2012

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with United Health Care for 2012 Health Care Insurance not to exceed \$1,070,015. Further, the Board directs the Executive Director to move the employee co-pay premiums from the current average of 10% to the program target averaging 20%. Motion to accept made by Commissioner DiPaolo. Seconded by Commissioner Lombardi. Commissioner Sabitoni recused. Passed 6-0.

4. Contract Renewals:

a. Insurance Renewal

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to renew the contractual agreement with both Troy, Pires & Allen

& Babcock & Helliwell to provide insurance coverage and broker services from the period November 1, 2011 through November 1, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$811,855. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 7-0.

5. Executive Session

Pursuant to RIGL motion to move to Executive Session to discuss litigation made by Commissioner Quinn and seconded by Commissioners Kirkman, Dormody, and DiPaolo. Passed 7-0.

Motion to approve Executive Session meeting minutes from September 21, 2011 made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 7-0.

Motion to seal Executive Session meeting minutes made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner Lombardi. Passed 7-0.

Motion to return to general session made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 7-0.

6. In regular session:

Motion to approve the Travelers theft insurance settlement for \$3.3 million granted in Executive Session made by Commissioner Quinn. Seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 7-0.

7. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 9 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Lombardi. Seconded by Commissioners Sabitoni. Passed 7-0.

Adjourned at 11 A.M.