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RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION  
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

8:30 A.M.

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Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Geri-Ann DiPaolo, Acting Chair

Sheila Dormody

Geoffrey Kirkman, Treasurer

Charles Lombardi

Michael Quinn

Michael Sabitoni

Absent

Jared Rhodes

Richard Licht

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director

Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering

Christine Jocelyn, Director of Human Resources

Gary Maddocks, Chief of Security and Facilities Manager

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporters

Joe Rodio, Sr. Rodio & Ursillo

David Ursillo, Rodio & Ursillo

Michael Murphy, Rodio & Ursillo

Tom Holt, K&L Gates

**Call to Order**

Chair DiPaolo called the meeting to order at 8:42 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call. Commissioners Dormody, Kirkman, DiPaolo, Lombardi, Quinn, and Sabitoni present.

Pursuant to RIGL 42-45.5(2), the Chair asked for a motion to move into executive session. Commissioner Sabitoni so moved. Commissioner Lombardi seconded. An individual voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

Motion to move out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Kirkman and seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Passed 6-0.

Motion to seal Executive Session meeting minutes made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Passed 6-0.

The Commissioners indicated their appreciation of the work that has been done by Executive Director OConnell as well as the full support of the Board.

OConnell reviewed the current state of the gas collection system. 54 wells have been drilled and are all connected. As of the date of the meeting there have been only two complaints in the prior two to three days. There had been no detectable odors the night before. 45 days prior, RIRRC had said that it would take 45 to 60 days to solve the problem because of the magnitude. With an additional couple of weeks of steady improvement there should be no more problems. The emotion can be removed and the issues can be dealt with objectively. RIRRC knows that the situation has improved because Broadrock is collecting more gas. The surface readings are down and the complaints are down significantly. To date, about \$4 million has been spent and will likely end up closer to \$5 or \$6 million. Some of the expense is one-time and some will be on-going.

RIRRC had a meeting with DEM, who has been supportive but who are also caught in the middle. DEM has approved RIRRC's plan all along

Part of the long-term plan after the odor subsides is to put in a response plan that when there is a complaint, someone from RIRRC will be dispatched immediately to verify it. The Commissioners prefer to know that the odor levels will not get to this intensity again.

While RIRRC was drilling wells the prior week, Broadrock pushed back and became upset that RIRRC was drilling wells. They resisted every attempt by RIRRC to put in wells, dewatering. Broadrock continues to claim that the cover is the issue. All attempts by RIRRC to resolve the odor problems have been met with resistance from Broadrock.

In reviewing the engineering report from SCS, most of the reports relates to Broadrock's gas fields and the wells. Another main point that SCS made is that a management information system to report on what is happening in the field is a major element that is needed.

The relationship with Broadrock must be looked at long term and changed so that RIRRC is not faced with another situation like the current one. RIRRC is willing to take responsibility but also needs the control. RIRRC needs to have management, operation, and construction control over the gas collection system in order to fulfill our responsibilities. In the eyes of the public, RIRRC is responsible.

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to include in the engagement letter with Tom Holt and K&L Gates, negotiations with Broadrock in addition to the lawsuit by the Town of Johnston and the independent review of RIRRC. Commissioner Sabitoni seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner DiPaolo expressed her thanks for the time, effort, and leadership by Commissioner Jeffrey.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Lombardi and seconded by Commissioner Sabitoni.  
Passed 5-0.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.