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RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION

BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

9:00 A.M.

65 Shun Pike

Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Geri-Ann DiPaolo

Geoffrey Kirkman, Treasurer

Sheila Dormody

Michael Quinn, Chair

Jared Rhodes

Michael Sabitoni, Vice Chair

Fred Stolle

Absent

Richard Licht

Charles Lombardi

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director

Christine Jocelyn, Director of Human Resources

Gary Maddocks, Chief of Security

Robert Lough, Security Supervisor and Safety Coordinator

Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering

Sarah Kite, Director of Recycling Services

Tim McCormick, CFO

Bill Anderson, Engineering Manager

Brian Dubis, MRF Operations Manager

Inga Hoyt, Sr. Environmental Engineer

Nancy Minson, HR Coordinator

Richard Fallago, Facilities Maintenance

Anthony Zanni, Facilities Maintenance

Others Present

Joe Rodio, Sr. Rodio & Ursillo

David Ursillo, Rodio & Ursillo

Tom Holt, K&L Gates

Christopher Valente, K&L Gates

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporters

Greg McCarron, SCS

Russell Anderson, SCS

Tim Faulkner, EcoRI News

Randy Holmes, Broadrock  
Stephen Galowitz, Broadrock  
Joe Walsh, Attorney for Broadrock  
Mark Reynolds, Providence Journal

### **Call to Order**

Chair DiPaolo called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call. Commissioners Sabitoni, Quinn, DiPaolo, Kirkman, and Dormody present.

Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2), the Chair asked for a motion to move into executive session. Commissioner Sabitoni so moved. Seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Roll call vote taken. Passed 5-0.

Motion to approve Executive Session meeting minutes from 11/30/11, 12/9/11, 12/21/11, and 12/27/11 made by commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 3-0.

Motion to seal Executive Session meeting minutes made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 3-0.

Motion to move out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 3-0.

Motion to authorize K&L Gates to withdraw the notice letter to Broadrock based on the Board of Commissioners understanding and belief that Broadrock has committed to work towards a solution of the odor problem in a manner consistent with the memorandum of understanding on January 24, 2012 made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 4-0.

Commissioner Stolle leaves meeting. Commissioner Rhodes joins meeting.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/30/11, 12/9/11, 12/21/11, and 12/27/11**

Regular session meeting minutes must be amended as follows: Commissioner Kirkman was not present for the meeting on 12/27/11; Commissioner DiPaolo recused for Adler, Pollock, and Sheehan matters; Commissioner Sabitoni recused for Adler, Pollock, and Sheehan matters and for Recovermat matters. Motion to amend the minutes made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 3-0. Motion to adopt the minutes as corrected made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Passed 3-0.

#### **2. Board of Commissioners Officers Election**

Commissioner Sabitoni nominated Commissioner Quinn to fill the vacancy of Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner DiPaolo seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Commissioner Quinn nominated Commissioner Sabitoni as Vice Chair following Commissioner DiPaolo's resignation as Vice Chair. Commissioner DiPaolo seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Commissioner Quinn to contact Commissioners Dormody, Kirkman, and Lombardi.

### **3. Seagull Nuisance Control**

There will be a one-year trial on this method. RIRRC to investigate the cost effectiveness of a multi-year option with the U.S. Department of Agriculture based on the success of this program as well as other longer term plans.

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a one-year contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Management Branch, for a one-year period for a total cost not to exceed \$75,000. Motion to accept made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Sabitoni. Passed 3.0.

### **4. New Contracts**

#### **a. Municipal Recycling Grants**

**Resolution:** Whereas, support for initiatives by municipalities that enhance and promote recycling, environmental education, and the diversion of materials from disposal is a priority for the State of Rhode Island and the Resource Recovery Corporation, therefore, be it resolved that the board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to award grants to support environmental education and waste diversion to the following cities and towns and in the following amounts: Town of Burrillville, \$2,445.93; City of East Providence, \$2,302; Town of Glocester, \$5,000; City of Newport, \$4,092; Town of North Smithfield, \$2,451; City of Pawtucket, \$5,000; Town of Scituate, \$5,000; and City of Woonsocket, \$5,000. Payment of grants shall be as a reimbursement of approved expenditures as set forth in the applications, and consideration for future grants shall be contingent on the completion of grant objectives as set forth in the proposals submitted by the grantees. Motion made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 3-0.

#### **b. Tip Fee Waiver—Clean the Bay**

**Resolution 1:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves amending the Tip Fee Waiver guidelines and procedures to include the phrase: "Note: The Recycling Program Manager is responsible for administering RIRRC's Tip Fee Waiver programs in accordance with the guidelines and procedures outlined in this document. Any entity seeking an exception to these guidelines or any portion of these guidelines is required to bring a formal request before the RIRRC Board of Commissioners." Motion to accept made by Commissioner Quinn and seconded by Commissioner by Sabitoni. Passed 3-0.

**Resolution 2:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners approves the Tip Fee Waiver to total 60 tons for calendar year 2012 for Clean the Bay of Bristol, Rhode Island, to support their efforts in cleaning marine debris from Narragansett Bay. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 3-0.

### **5. Contract Renewals**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to increase the contractual agreement with Troy, Pires & Allen to provide pollution insurance coverage for the period February 1, 2012 through February 1, 2015 for an amount not to exceed

\$128,823. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 3-0.

## **6. Contract Increases**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to amend the contract amount with Van Dyk Baler Corporation of Stamford, Connecticut for the MRF single stream retrofit project to accommodate the changes reflected in Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$46,728, resulting in an amended amount of \$16,951,679.77. Motion to accept made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Commissioner Sabitoni recused. Passed 2-0.

## **7. Other Business**

### **a. MRF Single Stream Project Update**

Sarah Kite reported that the single stream project is on time. It is about one week ahead of schedule on the mechanical installation and a few days behind on the electrical. Additional crews have been added to the electrical so that all will be caught up within a week and a half or so. The project is scheduled to be finished between the first and second weeks in March. That allows for another four to six weeks of acceptance testing of materials. In that time, RIRRC will work with one or two communities who want to get started earlier as a pilot project to ensure that there aren't any issues with the materials. If there are issues, we can address that with other state residents. The two shifts are working very well, and costs are down as far as overtime expenses. The volumes are what we would expect for this time of year. All of the equipment is here on site, and we're looking to move some of our older equipment to local recyclers.

Commissioner Dormody requested a media review. The distribution of the media buy dollars for single stream education is almost evenly split between television and radio. The outdoor such as billboards, bus shelters is the next largest cost. The last is print and on-line. (add)Ventures states that this will have between a 95 and 98% reach. There will also be a direct mail to 400,000 households. The teaser outreach will occur a couple of weeks before the initial ribbon cutting. There will be a break in the summer and outreach will continue in the fall. It is a staggered media outreach.

### **b. Deputy Director Discussion**

It was decided to table this discussion for the next regular meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 3-0.

### **c. 2012 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule**

Commissioner made a motion to set the meeting schedule as the second Wednesday of every month. Commissioner DiPaolo seconded the motion. Passed 3-0. However, this item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to be reviewed and confirmed or changed as needed when all commissioners are present.

## **8. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, February 20, 2012, at 9:00 A.M. subject to availability of other commissioners.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo.  
Passed 3-0.

Adjourned at 1:35 P.M.