

approved 5/30/12

RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

9:00 A.M.

65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Michael Quinn, Chair
Michael Sabitoni, Vice Chair
Geri-Ann DiPaolo
Fred Stolle

Absent

Jared Rhodes
Charles Lombardi
Geoffrey Kirkman, Treasurer
Sheila Dormody

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director
Nancy Minson, HR Coordinator
Gary Maddocks, Chief of Security
Pat Cerbo, Purchasing Director
Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering
Sarah Kite, Director of Recycling Services
Mike McGonagle, Director of IT and Planning
Bill Anderson, Engineering Manager
Inga Hoit, Sr. Environmental Engineer

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporter
Joe Rodio, Sr. Rodio & Ursillo
David Ursillo, Rodio & Ursillo
Richard Licht
Harsha Kasinath, Broadrock
Tim Faulkner, EcoRI
Ray Choiniere, House Policy Office
Kelly Carpenter, Senate Fiscal Office
Jerry Petros, Hinckley, Allen & Snyder
Tom Holt, K & L Gates
Charles Dyer, K& L Gates

Call to Order

Chairman Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call. Commissioners Sabitoni and DiPaolo present.

Agenda Items

1. Executive Session

Motion to move to Executive Session under 42-46-5(2) made by Chairman Quinn and seconded by Commissioner Sabitoni. Passed 3-0.

Motion to approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes from 3/28/12 made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Sabitoni. Passed 3-0.

Motion to return to regular session made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 3-0.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 03/28/12

Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner DiPaolo. Seconded by Commissioner Sabitoni. Passed 3-0.

3. Executive Director Update

Michael OConnell presented the Board with some upcoming events. We have a Finance Pension Board meeting on May 2nd at 8:30a.m. and following that there will be a Finance Subcommittee meeting at 9:30, which will primarily consisted of the Budget.

There will be a Waste Management meeting at 10:30a.m. on May 3, 2012 at Resource Recovery and it will be necessary for each attendee to sign a disclaimer and a non-disclosure.

The Single Stream ribbon cutting will be at 10:00a.m. on June 7, 2012. Mayors, senators, local representatives, the Governor, and other dignitaries are among those who are invited and will be present. Materials will be given to the Board in advance.

In the Governance Subcommittee we talked about ethics training for the Commissioners. It will be set up for the September 26th Board Meeting. Jason Grammitt will be here at 7:45 a.m. before the board meeting starts at 9a.m.

Sarah Kite reported on progress with (add)Ventures and the plan to reach out with the media. We have a media plan and we are reaching out to reporters to make sure they can get things in advance in order to focus on the ceremony. Reporters already have their materials. Resource Recovery needs and wants a lot of coverage. It's important to get the proper information out to the public.

Commissioner Sabitoni asked if there was a slogan. Sarah says there is but it will be released at the ribbon cutting.

4. New Contracts

a. Backyard Compost Bins

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director To enter into a contractual agreement for the supply and delivery of 1,000 backyard composters for an amount not to exceed twenty six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$26,730.00) between the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and Orbis Corporation, of Oconomowoc, WI. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 3-0.

5. Contract Renewals

NONE.

6. Contract Increases

a. Analytical Testing

A revised permit required a change in effluent sampling frequency from once a month to daily. This requirement added a considerable cost to the analytical testing contract. After four months of complying, Rhode Island Resource formally requested a modification to the permit to go from daily to weekly. The City of Cranston has denied our request and verbally indicated that we may reapply in June for a sampling frequency modification. We have also been required to investigate a violation of the sewer standard for total toxic organics. Our investigation required monthly sampling from October 2011 through April 2012. As a result of all of these requirements a request to increase the contact is being made.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to increase the Contractual Amount for Analytical Testing Services (IFB No. 910), with Mitkem Laboratories (a division of Spectrum Analytical, Inc.) of Warwick, RI, for an increase of \$54,500.00, for a total amended contract price of \$158,800.00. Motion to accept made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Sabitoni. Passed 3-0.

7. Other Business

a. Gas Systems Flows Update

This will be discussed in the next Board meeting. However, Michael OConnell did state that the flows are still continuing to steadily drop and is concerned about what it will bring for the summer. We still have no answers from Broadrock.

b. BGS Transition Plan/New Plant Status/Information request Status/Joe Mauer Intro

Moved to next Board meeting.

c. Board of Commissioners Subcommittee Appointments

Commissioner Quinn says we will move this again in the absence of Commissioners Dormody and Kirkman and we are still waiting on the Senate approval to take on a new board member. It's best to wait until that is done before proceeding the subcommittee appointments.

d. Communications to Municipalities re Solid Waste Caps

This rule is to establish more fair and consistent procedures for calculating the amount of solid waste that each municipality is allowed to dispose at the reduced, legislatively-determined fee, or "municipal solid waste cap". In order to accommodate differing seasonal assumptions across municipalities, the procedure was revised to reallocate the prior year's waste and recycling generation.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners adopts the attached municipal cap calculation procedure dated January 12, 2012 as a rule and hereby directs the Executive Director to file said rule with the Secretary of State no later than 30 days from today. Motion to accept made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Sabitoni. Passed 3-0.

e. Legislation Update/Process Recommendation

Sarah Kite provided the Board with an update on the Legislation. She provided an updated chart of the 2012 Legislative Positions which shows which bills Rhode Island Resource Recovery supports and which RIRRC is against. Senator Ruggerio is working on the substitute language to his bill, which is one of the things we are waiting for. Kite is not sure if anything is going to happen in this session, but is hopeful. Mike OConnell had a very good meeting with Senator Lombardo on the outside air monitoring system bill. We are waiting for a response on that. Most of the other items are being held for further study. Commissioner Licht says the Department of Administration is with Resource Recovery in opposing the House Bill 7808. Commissioner Licht also asks Kite to change the title to "2012 Recommended Legislative Positions" and in the third column "Resource Recovery Recommended Positions" before they are brought to the board. As Mike continues with this process, the board will finalize it as they proceed.

Commissioners Sabitoni and Licht left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

8. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 30, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Quinn and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 2-0. Adjourned at 11:03 A.M.