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RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

9:00 A.M.

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Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Michael Quinn, Chair

Michael Sabitoni, Vice Chair

Geri-Ann DiPaolo

Sheila Dormody

Geoffrey Kirkman, Treasurer (Arrived at 9:18 A.M.)

Lori Ann Pezzullo

Jared Rhodes

Absent

Charles Lombardi

Staff Present

Mike OConnell, Executive Director

Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering

Gary Maddocks, Chief of Security & Maintenance

Chris Jocelyn, Human Resources Director

Nancy Minson, HR Coordinator

Mike McGonagle, Director of IT and Planning

Tim McCormick, Chief Financial Officer

Lori Perron, Purchasing Director

Joe Rotella, Eco-Depot Manager

Others Present

Ron Ronzio Allied Court Reporters

Michael Hogan, House Policy Office

Kelly Carpenter, Senate Fiscal

Joseph McGair, Attorney for Broadrock

Fred Stolle, Dept. of Legal Services

Tim Faulkner, ecoRI News

Call to Order

Chairman Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:03A.M. Pledge of Allegiance followed by roll call. Commissioner's Dormody, DiPaolo, Sabitoni, Pezzullo, and Rhodes present.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/25/13

Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 5-0.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5/13/13

Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Sabitoni. Seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Passed 5-0.

3. Executive Director's Update

In early May, OConnell and Brian Card gave a tour of the landfill to Representative Ucci. It was very productive and we have agreed to set up another meeting with all Representatives from the State House toward the end of the summer. In addition to the tour, we can have a Q and A session so we answer all their questions.

A couple years ago we entertained the notion of putting solar panels on the landfill by using a solid rigid cap and were given approval from DEM to do that. However the company we were using went bankrupt. We recently have been in contact with FRI Energy, who wants to own the solar cap and lease it back to us rather than Resource Recovery owning it. Contractual issues like that will have to be resolved before we move ahead and DEM has to approve it before anything can be done. We may issue an RFP and see what that generates.

Resource Recovery had a preliminary closing on the \$40 million bond, on May 29th. On Friday, May 31st we will receive the proceeds of that bond. The rate is going to be up a few basis points since what was reported last time. It is now at 2.75 percent, which is a good rate for us. The former 2002 series bond that was borrowed to pay off that bond will also be paid off on Friday.

The Landfill trust fund investment strategies that was approved was sent to the Treasurer's office. We are waiting for her review and comments on the strategy. Chairman Quinn requested that if a meeting is necessary he would like Commissioners Kirkman and DiPaolo to be involved.

The employees of Local 57 have provided the RI Labor Board signatures requesting decertification at Resource Recovery. The hearing was set for late May but was delayed for various reasons. It is now set for June 5th at the RI Labor Board to determine what happens next.

The statewide plan is a 20-year plan we are required to update. Commissioners Rhodes is on the committee and is working with us on that as well as DEM. There is an 18 month timeframe so we are beginning to start that now. The Board will have to endorse it and we will keep you up to date which will be done through the Recycling Committee. A presentation was given to the Board later in the Agenda.

The Governor has nominated a new board member, Joseph White. There is also a bill to add two voting members. One is a DOA Representative and one will be added as another voting member to our board.

4. New Contracts

a. Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for the household hazardous waste collection facility operation and disposal PFQ/RFP No. 714, between Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. of Braintree, MA for an amount not to exceed \$770,000.00, commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 with the Corporation's option to renew the contract, under the same terms and conditions for two additional one-year periods. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Passed 6-0.

b. GPS Engineering Equipment

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for the RFQ/RFP No. 715 Landfill Engineering GPS Equipment and Management System with Sitech Northeast of Syracuse, NY for an amount not to exceed \$146,059.00. This contract will commence upon execution and continue for a one year period. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Passed 6-0.

c. GPS Compaction Management System

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for the RFQ/RFP No. 711 Landfill GPS Equipment and Compaction Management System with Southworth-Milton, Inc. of Milford, MA for an amount not to exceed \$391,757.00. This contract will commence upon execution and continue for a one year period. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Dormody and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 6-0.

d. Fuel (Diesel, Gasoline, #2 Heating)

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for the purchase of fuel IFB No. 982 between Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and Peterson Oil Service, Inc. of Worcester, MA for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. The contract will commence on or about July 1, 2013 and continue until June 30, 2014 with the Corporations option to renew under the same terms and conditions, for two additional one year periods. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner Dormody. Passed 6-0.

Commissioner Kirkman asked that Resource Recovery staff look into Biodiesel as an option. Resource Recovery will research and present details to the Board. Resource Recovery has already looked at biodiesel as a winter blend.

5. Contract Renewals

None.

6. Contract Increases or Extension

a. Rock Crushing

This is a unit price contract as Resource Recovery pays only for what is processed through the crusher.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for IFB No. 967 Rock Crushing Services with J.R. Vinagro Corporation of Johnston, by \$250,000, bringing the new contract amount to \$499,205, with includes the original contingency amount, and to extend the contract end date to May 31, 2014. Motion to accept made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Pezzullo. Passed 5-0. Commissioner Sabitoni recused himself.

7. Other Business

a. Statewide Solid Waste Plan Update

OConnell presented an overview of what was presented to the Advisory Committee, which consists of 16 members. We will be meeting with those committee members five or six times over the course of 18 months to provide updates and get input and show where the group is headed.

The presentation provided the Board with background information and overview of the regional solid waste market and the recycling trends, review of strategies that optimize RI's solid waste facilities and financial resources in the best long term interest of Rhode Islanders, and to examine the environmental opportunities available to RI as we transition to the next stage of solid management; which is our vision.

Our objectives are to work with stakeholders to increase recycling and diversion to make RI a greener and healthier place to live; continue to increase the life of the landfill in order to provide long term significantly reduced waste disposal costs versus the market for all municipalities; and to remain financially self-sufficient funding all operational and capital requirements from fees.

8. Executive Session

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/25/13

Executive Session

Motion to move to Executive Session under 42-46-4 and 42-46-5. Roll call taken. Passed 6-0.

Motion to approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes from 4/25/13 made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 6-0.

Motion to return to regular session made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Passed 6-0.

Motion to seal the Executive Session made by Commissioner Sabitoni and seconded by Commissioners Kirkman. Passed 6-0.

9. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Motion Passed 6-0. Adjourned at 10:34 A.M.