

RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

9:00 A.M.

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Johnston, RI 02919

Approved
4/29/15

In Attendance

Michael Sabitoni, Chair

Geoffrey Kirkman

Joseph White

Jeanne Boyle

Michael DiBiase (Arrived at 9:02 A.M.)

Geri-Ann DiPaolo

Judith Kawa

Charles Lombardi (Arrived at 9:13 A.M.)

Lori Ann Pezzullo

Absent

Kirkman, Geoffrey

Staff Present

Mike OConnell, Executive Director

Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering

Gary Maddocks, Chief of Security

Sarah Kite-Reeves, Director of Recycling

Christine Jocelyn, HR Director

Nancy Minson, HR Coordinator

Dean Huff, Chief Financial Officer

Lori Perron, Director of Purchasing

Mike McGonagle, Director Information and Analysis

Others Present

Joe Rodio, Jr., Rodio & Ursillo

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporters

Michael Hogan, Office of House Policy

Jared Rhodes, Department of Administration

Joe McGair, Broadrock

Call to Order

Chairman Sabitoni called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Items

1. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve regular session meeting minutes from 2/25/15 made by Commissioner Kawa and seconded by Commissioner White. Passed 6-0.

2. Executive Director's Update

On March 13th we had a Financial Subcommittee meeting. Unfortunately, the commissioners were able to attend. However, the meeting was very productive. We were able to explore the notion of investing in equities in our landfill trust funds. Those funds are supposed to take care of the landfill for 30 years after the landfill closes. Our goal is to receive a 5% return on our investments. In order to achieve this we need to invest in 30% equities. Meketa will come to the June board meeting with a formal proposal for the Board on that option.

On March 11th we began seeding the Pre-Treatment Plant with bacteria that knocks out the nitrogen to the level we need to send to NBC. So far it is working well. We are sending partially treated loads to NBC now and we should be at permit limits soon with NBC.

A class action suit was served to Resource Recovery and Broadrock by a Detroit Law Firm. There are no details on that yet but Jerry Petros will come to the April board meeting with information.

We are working on a budget that will be reviewed with the Finance Subcommittee in April and then given to the board in May.

The Governor's budget is in. They have included a scoop of \$1.5M from Resource Recovery but they have also authorized us to proceed with our tip fee increase.

We have a meeting with the joint senate committee this afternoon in regards to our solid waste plan.

3. New Contracts

a. Central Avenue Pump Relocation

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for the IFB No. 110- Central Avenue Water Pump Station Relocation with Boyle & Fogarty Construction Co., Inc. of Smithfield, RI for an amount not to exceed \$1,537,690 including a contingency of \$139,790 (10%) that shall only be used with prior written approval by the Executive Director. This contract will commence on or about April 1, 2015 and continue until September 30, 2015. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Commissioner Sabitoni recused himself. Passed 6-0.

4. Contract Increases or Extensions

None.

5. Other Business

a. Review and discussion of Transparency Act Compliance, including establishment of Executive Compensation Committee

Resolution: To approve and adopt the policies in the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Transparency Act Handbook, as presented, in the interest of good governance and in discharge of the obligations of the Quasi-Public Corporations Accountability and Transparency Act, including the establishment of a Committee on Executive Compensation which shall be composed of, and the duties discharged by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation Governance sub-committee. Motion to approved made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 8-0.

b. Revised Solid Waste Management Plan

It was agreed at the last board meeting that the best option for Resource Recovery is to proceed with raising the tip fee to \$65 with an opt-out provision for municipalities to adopt their own PAYT program or become part of an RIRRC-administered PAYT program. The Solid Waste Management Plan documents have been revised to reflect this.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners adopts the Solid Waste Management Plan dated February 2015 including the financial recommendations to increase the Municipal Tip Fee effective 07/01/17; support municipalities choosing to implement local PAYT program; and to make available a RI Resource Recovery managed and administered PAYT program as an option for municipalities. Motion made to approve by Commissioner Pezzullo and seconded by Commissioner Lombardi. Passed 8-0.

c. Tip Fees-Out of State Recyclables

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to implement a Ten Dollar (\$10.00) per ton Tip Fee on recyclables delivered to the Materials Recycling Facility and which originated out of state. This tip fee shall take effect on July 1, 2015. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Kawa and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed 8-0.

6. Next Regular Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

There will also be a Governance Subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Pezzullo and seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Passed 8-0.

Adjourned at 10:06 A.M.