

Approved on  
5/27/15.

RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015  
9:00 A.M.  
65 Shun Pike  
Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Geoffrey Kirkman, Vice Chair  
Joseph White  
Jeanne Boyle  
Jared Rhodes  
Geri-Ann DiPaolo  
Judith Kawa  
Charles Lombardi  
Lori Ann Pezzullo

Absent

Michael Sabitoni

Staff Present

Mike OConnell, Executive Director  
Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering  
Russell Amato, Security Officer  
Sarah Kite-Reeves, Director of Recycling  
Christine Jocelyn, HR Director  
Dean Huff, Chief Financial Officer  
Lori Perron, Director of Purchasing  
Mike McGonagle, Director Information and Analysis  
Kristin Littlefield, Municipal Program Coordinator  
Marcel Lussier, MRF Business Manager  
Joe Brennan, Environmental Scientist

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporters  
Jerry Petros, Hinckley Allen  
Joe Rodio, Jr. (Departed at 9:25 A.M.)  
Joe McGair, Broadrock

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Kirkman called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Executive Session**

Motion to move into executive session made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Lombardi. Passed 8-0.

Motion to seal executive session minutes made by Commissioner Pezzullo and seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Passed 8-0.

Motion to move to regular session made by Commissioner Lombardi and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Passed 8-0.

### **2. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve regular session meeting minutes from 3/25/15 made by Commissioner Pezzullo and seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Passed 8-0.

### **3. Executive Director's Update**

The Leachate Pretreatment plant is operational. We began to seed it in March and it is doing very well. We met with NBC and DEM this past Monday to review the treatment process. We are well within permit limits right now.

There are a number of meetings coming up relative to our 20-year plan. We have a meeting with the technical committee on May 1<sup>st</sup>. On May 14th, we have a meeting with the planning committee for their adoption. We are hosting an environmental business community here on May 7<sup>th</sup> along with a presentation made by Resource Recovery. We will also host Leadership Rhode Island for a tour of the facilities with a presentation on May 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an article in the Providence Business News in late May about our 20-year plan.

A Pension Board Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 8:30 A.M. and then we will review the preliminary budget. It will be given to the full board at the May meeting.

The Phase VI construction project is moving along. We expect to put the first soft trash from municipalities in there either late this year or early next year.

We are conducting a waste study as to what impact it has to the landfill and we are about halfway through the study. It is interesting confirming what is in the trash and what we thought was in it. About 30 percent of the waste consists of basic organics including, food waste and compostable paper. There are two more quarters left of the study and the final results will be out in the fall.

Resource Recovery is currently running ads on the radio and TV about contamination of recyclables. Contamination is a nationwide issue but we need to educate people before they

put trash in their recycling bin. It is a big education effort to inform them what can and cannot go in there.

**4. New Contracts**

**a. Water Meter Backflow Upgrade**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for IFB No. 130 – Water Meter and Backflow Prevention Upgrades with DiGregorio, Inc. of Smithfield, RI for an amount not to exceed \$169,650. This award shall also include a contingency in the amount of \$16,965 (10%) and shall only be used with prior written approval by the Executive Director. The total amount requested for approval is \$186,615. This contract will commence on or about May 1, 2015 and continue until August 31, 2015. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Commissioner Sabitoni recused himself. Passed 8-0.

**5. Contract Increases or Extensions**

**a. OU-1 Well Drilling**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to increase the contractual amount of IFB Number 129, OU1 extraction well and location project by an amount of \$128,766, bringing the new contract value to \$228,766. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner DiPalo. Passed 8-0.

**b. Other Business**

**a. Municipal Matching Recycling Grants**

**Resolution:** 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: City of Providence, 5,000; Town of Coventry, \$5,000; Town of Burrillville, \$5,000; Town of Westerly, \$5,000; City of Newport, \$5,000. Payment of grants shall be as a reimbursement of approved expenditures as set forth in the applications, and considerations for future grants will be contingent on the completion of grant objectives as set forth in the proposals submitted by the grantees. Motion to approved made by Commissioner Pezzullo and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Passed 8-0.

**c. Next Regular Meeting Date**

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Lombardi. Passed 8-0.

Adjourned at 9:56 A.M.