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RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION  
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

9:00 A.M.

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Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Michael Sabitoni, Chair and Ad-Hoc on all Subcommittees  
Geoffrey Kirkman, Vice Chair and Recycling Subcommittee Chair  
Jeanne Boyle, Treasurer and Finance Subcommittee Chair  
Judith Kawa, Recycling Subcommittee Member  
Jared Rhodes (on behalf of Commissioner DiBiase)

Absent

Geri-Ann DiPaolo, Governance Subcommittee Member  
Charles Lombardi, Finance Subcommittee Member  
Lori Ann Pezzullo, Recycling Subcommittee Member  
Joseph White, Governance Subcommittee Chair

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director  
Christine Jocelyn, Human Resources Director  
Nancy Minson, Human Resources Coordinator  
Russell Amato, Security Officer  
Dean Huff, Chief Financial Officer  
Lori Perron, Purchasing Director  
Sarah Reeves, Director of Public Policy, Programs, and Planning  
Michael McGonagle, Director of Information Systems and Business Analysis  
Kristin Littlefield, Municipal Coordinator  
Krystal Noiseux, Education and Outreach Manager  
Joe Rotella, Special Waste Manager  
Jim Walsh, Controller  
Inga Lermontov-Hoit, Senior Engineer  
Robert Lough, Safety Coordinator and Security Officer

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporter  
Kelly Carpenter, Senate Fiscal

**Call to Order**

Chair Sabitoni called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. Roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Boyle, Kirkman, Kawa, and Rhodes present.

## Agenda Items

### 1. Good and Welfare for the Audience

None.

### 2. Board Subcommittee Reports

None.

### 3. Executive Director Report

None.

### 4. Consent Agenda

Minutes were amended to reflect a typo under item number 8 showing that there would be a Finance Subcommittee on May 25, 2016 to a Recycling Subcommittee. Motion to approve the amended regular meeting minutes from 04/27/16 made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Passed 5-0.

### 5. New Contracts

#### a. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services

**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 operations and disposal RFQ/RFP No. 728, between RI Resource Recovery Corporation and Cleanharbors Environmental Services, Inc. of Braintree, MA for an amount not to exceed \$650,000, commencing July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 with the option to renew the contract, under the same terms and conditions with mutual consent, for one additional two-year period. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Passed 5-0.

#### b. Fuel Deliveries

**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.155 between Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and the following firms: Superior Plus Energy Services, Inc. of Aston, PA and Peterson Oil Service, Inc. of Worcester, MA for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to be split between the firms as necessary. The contract will commence on or about July 1, 2016 and continue until June 30, 2017 with the Corporation's option to renew, under the same terms and conditions, for two additional one year periods. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Passed 5-0.

#### c. MRF Concrete Floor Replacement

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Maron Construction Co., Inc. of Providence, RI to perform the project at the Corporation's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) as outlined in Maron Construction's proposal dated May 1, 2016 in response to RFP No. 7239 for an amount not to exceed \$209,900 for the base bid and \$20,000 for a contingency

amount, for a total approved amount of \$229,000. The contingency amount shall only be used with prior written approval by the Executive Director. The contract will commence on or about June 27, 2016 and continue through October 31, 2016. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Passed 5-0.

**6. Contract Increases or Extensions**

None.

**7. Other Business**

**a. FY17 Budget**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners approve the fiscal year 2017 budget as recommended by the Finance subcommittee and presented that the May 25, 2016 board meeting, including the fiscal year 2017 price sheet as contained therein. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Passed 5-0.

**b. Municipal Grants**

**Resolution:** Whereas, support for initiatives by municipalities that enhance and promote recycling, environmental education, and diversion of the 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 the support environmental education and waste diversion to the following cities and towns and in the following amounts: Town of Barrington, \$2,500.00; City of East Providence, \$5,000.00; Town of Portsmouth, \$5,000.00; Town of Smithfield, \$667.50; City of Warwick, \$5,000.00; City of Woonsocket, \$5,000.00; Town of Westerly, \$5,000.00. Payment of grants shall be as a reimbursement of approved expenditures as set forth in the applications, and consideration for future grants will be contingent on the completion of grant objectives as set forth in the proposal submitted by the grantees. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Passed 5-0.

**c. Park Benches**

Michael OConnell received a request from the Mayor of Johnston for RI Resource Recovery Corporation to consider donating two park benches to be placed at a dog park in Johnston with an estimated cost of \$2,100.00. OConnell stated that we currently have a zero tolerance policy for donations; however, he wanted to open it up to the board for feedback and guidance on how to determine if the donation should be granted, since Johnston is our host community.

Chair Sabitoni stated he was neutral on the topic as he is mindful of the relationship with the Mayor and the fact that the dog park is within close proximity of the landfill but also acknowledges not following current policy of donations may reflect poorly on the Corporation.

Commissioner Boyle stated that she would like to abide by the zero tolerance policy and does not feel that there is a strong enough connection to RI Resource Recovery's mission to donate the benches worth \$2,100. Boyle recommended that perhaps the Town of Johnston apply for a municipal grant next year and use that towards recycling at the dog park instead, which would be a more direct connection to Resource Recovery. Commissioners Rhodes and Kirkman echoed Commissioner Boyle's statements.

Per Chair Sabitoni, this topic will be added to the next board meeting agenda for further discussion with the rest of the board members to give proper consideration if the donation should be granted.

#### **8. Next Regular Meeting Date**

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. with Governance Subcommittee meeting starting at 8:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Passed 5-0.

Adjourned at 9:42 A.M.